

Hidden Blueprint for Power-Filled Christianity—Now Revealed

In our pursuit of spiritual growth, it's easy to fall into the trap of thinking that our own efforts can get us there. The Christian life can subtly shift from dependence on God to striving in our own strength, even while doing what appear to be good, godly things.

In a recent message, Rabbi Schneider shares a timely reminder rooted in Psalm 127 that offers both encouragement and correction for believers.

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“Unless the Lord builds the House, the laborer builds in vain.” This foundational Scripture sets the tone. Many of us are working hard – in ministry, in our families, in personal spiritual disciplines – but the question remains: is the Lord the one building, or are we laboring in our own strength?

Schneider warns, “Sometimes we can be deceived into trying to perfect ourselves merely through our own efforts. It's important to put forth effort in our walk with God. Maintaining a walk with God takes effort. But sometimes we can be deceived into thinking that doing, ‘works of holiness’” is what causes us to expand spiritually. In reality, what causes us to expand spiritually is dependency upon the Lord.”

He emphasizes the truth that “God's power is perfected in our weakness.”

When we recognize our limitations and lean fully on the Lord, something powerful happens: “As we depend on the Lord through life, this is what enlarges our soul and our capacity to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.”

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How often are you trying to do things out of your own strength instead of depending upon God? How often do those things sometimes end up being our focus instead of the One who made heaven and earth?

That’s why Rabbi Schneider reaffirms the full truth of Psalm 127:1 – “Unless the Lord is the one that’s building you up, everything that you’re doing is in vain,” and “Unless the Lord guards the city, the watchman is watching in vain.”

So what’s the solution Schneider gives for believers? Return to full dependence on God. “Continue to depend on God for everything in life, whether it’s your business, whether it’s your relationships, whether it’s your work, depend on God, because as you depend on Him, you know what’s going to happen.”

The promise is sure: “He is going to build your house. He’s going to build your life.”

When we shift from striving to surrender, we unlock a deeper, more authentic walk with God—one not built on appearances or personal effort, but on the unshakable foundation of His presence and power. True spiritual growth doesn’t come from doing more, but from trusting more.

As we lay down our need to control and invite Him to take the lead, we find that everything we truly need begins to fall into place. Let go of the burden to build your life alone. God is ready—not just to help—but to carry the full weight and

bring lasting fruit from what once felt like empty labor.

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From Prison to Pastor: You Won't Believe This Redemption Story

From violent gang member to transformed minister, Alexander Pagani's testimony is nothing short of miraculous. Raised in the Bronx amidst drugs and crime, Pagani was arrested by age 11 and entrenched in gang life by his teens. Soon, he was facing 20 years for robbery, burglary and kidnapping—and made a brutal statement by stabbing inmates his first day at Riker's Island. But it was in solitary confinement that God began to reach him.

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Through the persistent love of his Christian aunt and a prison guard whose peace intrigued him, Alexander began to wonder if there was more to life. Then, in a supernatural moment in the courtroom, he heard God speak and saw a vision that changed everything. He accepted a reduced sentence and surrendered his life to Jesus.

The transformation was instant and total—cursing, violence and addiction fell away. Alexander began to study the Bible and discovered the love of God as Father. Today, he’s a pastor, author, and spiritual father to the very community he once terrorized.

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This powerful story proves that no one is too far gone for God’s grace. Watch the full video below and be inspired by what only Jesus can do.

Were the major shake-ups at the Vatican foretold through prophetic words?

In a recent prophetic message, Amanda Grace shared profound insights regarding the Pope’s death and the future of the Vatican, the World Economic Forum and what God is revealing for this season.

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The Dream That Unveiled the Darkness

On July 12, 2022, Grace had a vivid prophetic dream. In it, she saw a massive, demonic, jackal-headed figure perched atop the dome of St. Peter’s Basilica—a dome that also symbolized the U.S. capitol. This terrifying figure represented bribery, greed, temptation and the blood of the innocent. The dream was a direct warning of a shift in leadership in both the United States and the Vatican. It revealed that the spiritual forces behind global corruption were being exposed and judged.

“...it had to do with the shedding of innocent blood, but it also had to do with the change of leadership,” Grace wrote in 2022. “That is set to occur both in the capitol and the Vatican.”

The Lightning Strikes: A Sign From Heaven

The next thing that happened was the unthinkable. Lightning struck the statue of Saint Peter in Buenos Aires on Dec. 17, 2023—the birthday of Pope Francis. The lightning blew the halo off Peter’s head and knocked the keys from his hand. This was not coincidence. It was a direct sign of the Pope’s loss of authority and heaven’s declaration of a spiritual shift. The halo and keys—symbols of divine authority—were removed, signaling God’s judgment on unfaithfulness to biblical truth.

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Grace warned that Pope Francis had departed from holiness. The loss of the statue’s halo and keys pointed to a spiritual removal of covering and authority from the Pope himself. Just as Saul lost the kingdom, so too Francis faced the stripping away of spiritual power.

A Prophetic Collision: The Vatican, the WEF and a Global Changing of the Guard

Grace emphasized that this judgment isn’t isolated to the Vatican. A broader reckoning is coming. The Lord is targeting corrupt systems—governments, global organizations and leaders who have aligned with darkness. This is a season of sifting, where only what is rooted in holiness will remain. The lightning strikes serve as a prophetic signal: God is intervening suddenly and powerfully.

Grace began hearing the Lord speak to her specifically about the World Economic Forum, and the potential ties between

France to both the Pope and the WEF. She heard: “I am God, there is no other... I am looking at France. I am looking at Macron.” What followed was a piercing prophecy of scandal, collapse, and the unraveling of socialist foundations. Emmanuel Macron was exposed as a front man for another power—one tied directly to the Vatican and the World Economic Forum.

Now that Klaus Schwab has stepped down from the WEF on the same day as Francis’ death, there is no doubt that what is taking place isn’t accidental; it is prophetic.

Amanda Grace’s prophetic insights reveal that we are living in a time of divine confrontation. The Vatican, the Pope, and global powers are being shaken as God begins a spiritual reordering. The dream, the lightning, and the unraveling of corrupt authority all confirm that heaven is moving. Believers must watch, pray and remain anchored in the Word because the days ahead will mark the rise of new leadership and the fall of the counterfeit.

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Will a ‘Spirit-Filled Pope’ Fulfill this Prophecy?

The prayers of the righteous worked. Donald Trump was re-elected president. However, this is not the time to cease in prayer for the president.

In a recent message, prophetic minister Mike Thompson shared his powerful angelic visitations and divine strategies for intercession concerning President Donald Trump and the future of America.

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Recounting a significant spiritual encounter from Apr. 7, 2016, Thompson explained that during a time of intercessory prayer, he was drawn into the spiritual realm. “An angel appeared to me on my right side, and I heard the angel say, ‘The dogs of hell had been released against the one with the hand of the Lord on him. Speak against the spirits of false witness, hatred and murder.’”

The angel’s message revealed that these spiritual forces—false witness, hatred and murder—were targeting Trump, whose image was “superimposed over the angel so that I could see both the candidate and this messenger from God.” Thompson elaborated, “False witness because they are inventing lies, fabrications, and falsehoods. Hatred... is visceral loathing and contempt. Murder... is character assassination and political death.”

He emphasized that this attack continues today, urging believers to remain firm in prayer and support. “Is Donald Trump still the one with the hand of the Lord on it? Yes, absolutely he is... I’m assuring you that God’s hand is working through him... to bring about this great shift... that’s ushering in a new Christian era.”

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Thompson's message of the power of prayer doesn't end here. He says that believers are also instructed to stand tall and not just pray for God to answer, but to utilize their heavenly authority through powerful decrees. "Stand in authority for your country during these challenging times," the angels told him. They instructed believers to go beyond asking God to intervene and instead "start decreeing over their nation what they believe."

Explaining the difference between prayer and decreeing, Thompson said, "Prayer... is asking Him something. But a decree is when you use your spiritual authority to speak it." He reminded listeners of Jesus before Lazarus's tomb: "He looked up to heaven... that's prayer. Then he looked at the tomb and he decreed, 'Lazarus, come forth.'"

One angelic strategy involved reciting the Lord's Prayer over the nation: "'Your kingdom come, your will be done in the United States of America as it is in heaven.'"

Now, Thompson is calling believers to action: "Pull down false witness, hatred, and murder. Pray for President Trump. Pray for the body of Christ. Pray for yourself... and keep speaking your faith into the atmosphere."

As world leaders converge for the Pope's funeral, this moment in history calls for bold, unwavering intercession. Believers are urged to lift up President Trump and all global decision-makers in prayer, recognizing the spiritual battles waged behind the scenes. In a time of shifting powers and global uncertainty, the church must rise with authority—declaring God's will over nations and covering those in leadership with wisdom, protection and divine guidance. Now more than ever, the prayers of the righteous are vital to shaping the future.

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Amanda Grace Weighs In on Pope Francis: Is This an End Times Warning?

Is the timing of Pope Francis' death the sign of something on the way?

Recently, prophetic voice Amanda Grace chimed in with how she believes the timing of Francis' death during the end of Passover has greater implications in the spiritual realm than we could imagine.

"Pope Francis has died during Passover and the day after Easter and Schwab has stepped down from the Economic Forum," Grace says.

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Grace points out previous predictions of a simultaneous resignation and significant news from the Vatican would come at the same time, paralleling these two events to this prophetic warning. What's more, she sees this as a symbol of leadership changes coming to the European church.

In a previous clip from Feb. 13, 2025, Grace said, "Smoke from the Vatican, a revival in Italy is rumbling."

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Later on Mar. 31, 2025, she shared her prediction that we would soon be hearing large news from the Vatican.

“I believe during Passover we’re going to see some serious resignations and some serious announcements from the Vatican as well. I believe a very old wound is about to be re-opened,” says Grace. “In the Catholic Church, in the Episcopal Church. A wound is about to be uncovered.”

If Amanda Grace’s prophetic insight holds true, then the death of Pope Francis during such the sacred Passover and Easter season may be more than mere coincidence—it may be a divine signal to the church that we are entering a new era.

If revival is rumbling beneath the soil of Italy, it may soon erupt—and the question we must ask ourselves is: are we ready to be a part of what God is doing next?

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Is Elon Musk One of the 10

Kings of the End Times?

Now more than ever it's crucial for families to stay vigilant about what is being introduced to their homes and children. The Word of God calls us to be set apart, and that includes guarding the hearts and minds of the next generation. As Weaver reminds us, not everything that's "normal" is harmless—and not every trend is innocent. It's time to expose the darkness, close the doors and declare our households as places of light, truth and freedom in Christ.

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He Plays Jesus on TV—But What Happened Behind the Scenes Will Leave You Stunned