

# This Is the Most Overlooked Weapon of Spiritual Warfare

Pastor Jack Hibbs delivered a powerful reminder to every believer: you have a spiritual gift, and God intends for you to use it.

“The Bible says that every believer, every true child of God has at least one spiritual gift,” Hibbs said. He emphasized that these gifts aren’t confined to pastors or evangelists. “What God has given you is unique, and it’s uniquely used by God the Holy Spirit through your life.”

Speaking directly to both Christians and nonbelievers, Hibbs addressed the evidence of faith in action. “Out of their lives should be convincing evidence that they love you. Oh, I know they bother you... The reason why they drive you nuts is because they love you actually more than you love yourself.”

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For the believer, Hibbs challenged the audience to get involved in their local church—not just attend sporadically. “Stop being little bees that go from church to church and think you’ve gone to church. You ain’t going to church until you find a church and get involved in that church.”

He also cautioned against seeking shortcuts for spiritual discovery. “I encourage you not to go online to fill out a questionnaire to find out what your gift of the Holy Spirit is. That’s not only cheating. You’re going to get the wrong answer... Get on your knees and say, ‘Lord, show me.’”

Hibbs pointed to the necessity of stepping outside one's comfort zone to activate God's work through them. "God will bring us to that moment where... you're terrified and this will never work and God says you're exactly correct... but God."

He stressed that real revival begins with obedience: "When you step out in obedience... you are exhibiting the love of God and your love for God. Because listen, it's for Him."

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In addressing the body of Christ, Hibbs reminded the audience of their role in the church community. "We are to be falling over one another to love one another... A healthy church that's experiencing revival... they know their place and they function in the beautiful apparatus of their calling."

"You want to walk into that gift. You want to live that gift... Seek Him. Ask Him. And you must commune with Him," he encouraged.

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According to Hibbs, this isn't extra credit Christianity, "This is Christianity 101 that changes the world."

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## **Prophecy Unfolding: Dr. David**

# Jeremiah Reveals What's Coming

In a recent emotional episode of Hey It's the Luskos, music legend TobyMac sat down with Levi and Jennie Lusko to talk not about charts or accolades, but about something far more personal: grief.

The interview took listeners through the painful journey of losing his 21-year-old son Truett in 2019, followed more recently by the death of his longtime friend and bandmate, Gabe Patillo. Through the loss, TobyMac's testimony emerged not just as a story of survival, but as one of faith refined by fire.

"I just remember lying there and just zipping that bag to the top and my heart was just pounding," Toby said, describing the night he gave his life to Christ at age 13. Decades later, that same faith would be tested in unimaginable ways.

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Grief, for TobyMac, has not been a past-tense struggle. It's a daily walk. "I saw a parent with a little boy that looked like Truett in his arms yesterday... and it just messed me up, man," he admitted. "It just messed me up because it was right down there where we used to live."

He described the moment of losing his son as a fork in the road – a place where he had to choose whether to run from God or run toward Him. "It's a faith-defining thing like nothing I've ever experienced," he said. "You decide then, do I believe this or not? I'm either going to walk away or I'm going all the way in. Full trust."

Toby didn't sugarcoat the sorrow. "It's like it's right there always," he said of the pain. "The only way I make it is to believe that God loves me and he loves Truett. And I know Truett had an intimate relationship with God."

He shared a deeply personal detail – one of the last messages his son ever sent. "Truett's last text to Amanda... he said, 'Mom, is God tickling me?'" Toby said, overcome by the intimacy of the phrase. "You don't think about someone tickling you unless you're tight. That's intimacy."

When asked how he continues on after suffering multiple devastating losses, he gave a picture few could forget: "I feel like I've been a little compressed... I don't know if I'll ever go as low as I was when I lost Truett. And I don't know if I'll ever be as high as I've been in my past." He paused. "That doesn't mean my faith is lacking. It just means I don't know if I'll ever be as happy as I once was."

Yet out of that compression – that pressing of the soul – came oil. "Joy is a serious thing. It's our strength," Toby said, referencing Nehemiah. "I've learned how important it is to read the Bible. That is how God talks to us... and the way we talk to Him is prayer."

TobyMac also revealed that grief reshaped how he approached everything – from songwriting to backstage culture. Two of the songs on his newest album *Heaven on My Mind* are tributes to Gabe, the friend who stood beside him for decades and was with him the night Truett died. "Losing him... I feel like I'm missing a limb."

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Still, hope rings out. “I’m counting on what He promised,” he said, voice steady with conviction. “I’m going to go down believing. For Truett and for me.”

One of his most powerful statements came toward the end: “You go from lying there to crawling to somehow walking to standing up to throwing your fist in the air and saying, ‘I absolutely believe.’ Because I can’t not believe. I have to believe.”

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We often look for quick answers or easy comforts in the face of sorrow, but TobyMac offered something much more real – the steadying truth of God’s Word, and a Savior who walks with us even through the shadow of death.

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# **John Bevere: 3 Things That May Be Blocking God’s Call on Your Life**

Is the war in Israel simply political—or is it something far more ancient? Author and researcher Derek Gilbert says the modern conflict is tied to a battle that began in the days of Joshua and the Nephilim.

Speaking with Alan DiDio on Encounter Today, Gilbert explained, “It is our contention—this was the belief by the

way of the Jews of Jesus' day and the early church—that demons were the spirits of those giants, the Nephilim, destroyed in the flood of Noah and that their cult was centered in ancient Bashan.”

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That cult center, according to Gilbert, lies in the northern region of modern-day Israel, around Mount Hermon and the Golan Heights—known in antiquity as Bashan, the territory of King Og, the last of the Rephaim. “That area had been what was known not just to the Jews, but to the neighboring Canaanites as a place dedicated to the gods of the earth,” Gilbert said.

He pointed out the staggering number of megalithic structures in that region, saying, “There are a number of other locations—at least 12 other locations like Gilgal Rephaim. Similar giant rings of stone around a central core.” These sites, Gilbert believes, mark ancient strongholds of demonic influence.

Gilbert believes Jesus Himself deliberately confronted these dark powers. “Jesus basically declared war on these demonic spirits,” he said. “He walks his guys there 30 miles from his base of operations in Capernaum. That’s like a 14-hour hike in sandals across rough terrain. So you got to want to go there to make a specific point.”

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From Jesus' transfiguration on Mount Hermon to His declaration at Caesarea Philippi that “the gates of hell shall not

prevail,” Gilbert says there’s a spiritual geography to Christ’s mission. “Where Jesus did what He did is just as important as what He did when He was there.”

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As tensions escalate in Israel today, Gilbert asks listeners to consider the unseen war that may be raging alongside the one we see in headlines.

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## **Does Pope Leo Fulfill the ‘Prophecy of the Popes’?**

A growing number of professing Christians no longer see God’s commands as essential, instead choosing lifestyles that contradict Scripture.

In a recent message, Christian content creator Nik Keswani directly addressed this trend, warning that many who claim to follow Jesus are deceived about their spiritual condition.

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“My goal as a servant of Jesus Christ is not to please people, but to please God,” Keswani said.

Citing a Barna Research study, he pointed out that “out of the 2.4 billion professing Christians in the world, only 30% of them have said that they’re born again, and only 3% of them

have said that they have an actual biblical worldview.”

His conclusion: “This means that 97% of professing Christians will perish in eternal hellfire.”

Keswani rejects the idea that ongoing sin is compatible with a genuine walk with Christ.

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“No one born of God makes a practice of sinning,” he quoted from 1 John 3:9. He also criticized emotional approaches to faith that ignore Scripture: “Professing Christians nowadays are being led astray by emotionalism rather than biblical truth.”

He challenged believers to take seriously their obedience to Christ. “It’s time Christians stop treating God as their boyfriend and start revering Him as their sovereign master,” he said. “Is your name written in the book of life? And does God really know your name?”

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His message closed with a plea: “Don’t let Satan rob you of your eternal destiny... Enough is enough.”

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# **Why Do So Many Christians Still Feel Spiritually Stuck?**