

# The Apostle Paul's 5 Keys to Powerful Prayer

My parents taught me the importance of one particular prayer each day.

Every morning, when I hop into my car, if I haven't declared a version of this passage, I do so right then and there. Can you guess what it might be?

Maybe you thought of the Lord's model prayer from Matthew 6:9-13? That's a good choice too, but the one that I daily abide in comes from Ephesians 6:10-20.

My armor of God gets a good polish as I visualize each element. The belt of truth is tightly wrapped around my middle to strengthen and align me with God's truth; the helmet of salvation is firmly on to cover my thoughts, reminding me of my identity in Christ. The breastplate of righteousness is positioned over my heart, guarding it from any self or unrighteousness that might try to set up shop. I lift my shield of faith and keep my sword of the Spirit close at hand, ready to defeat fear and declare victory.

The imagery that the apostle Paul used in this passage is spectacular, so much so that we can almost overlook one of the most vital lines in the entire passage. It is sitting there at the end, humbly, nondescript, yet in verse 18, we find the tactical instructions that ensures the success of the soldier-prayer!

Paul says: "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people" (Eph. 6:18, NIV). Paul is finishing his persuasive imagery of the Roman soldier with this powerful imperative-prayer. The rest of the armor needs prayer for it to be successful.

What is the type of prayer that Paul is teaching us to pray? It must be powerful prayer, prayer that befits a soldier, a warrior.

There are five keys we can find in this verse that help us to understand Paul's purpose.

**1. Learn to stand firm by training and equipping yourself.** In verses 10, 13 and 14, Paul repeatedly tells us that posture is purposeful. He reiterates the phrase "stand firm," giving the image of a soldier who plants his feet as he faces an enemy. A soldier is trained in warfare so that they can defeat their enemy. Likewise, we can learn to stand firm in the face of our enemy by training ourselves in spiritual warfare.

**2. Listen more than you speak.** Prayer is not a monologue; it is a dialogue, and we are not the smartest one in the conversation! We need to listen to the Holy Spirit and let Him teach us what and how to pray.

**3. Discern Kairos moments.** Learning to pray a "now" or *rhema* word helps us to pray in season. This means that we are praying targeted strategic prayers that get to the heart of the matter.

**4. Be aware, alert and persistent.** Being alert to what is happening around us is essential for survival. Understand the signs of warfare and learn to deal with them quickly. Be persistent until you sense the breakthrough come.

**5. Be grounded in His love.** It is God's love for us that enables us to fight and have the victory. Remember His faithfulness in every prayer that you speak.

When we apply these five keys from Paul to our prayer lives, we will find that our prayers will begin to prevail where they may have failed in the past.

To find out more about *Power Prayer*, listen to Episode 9 of

*Abiding Matters* on the Charisma Podcast Network.

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## **Do You Know the Most-Quoted Psalm in Scripture?**

The book of Psalms is quoted over 100 times in the New Testament, and the one quoted the most is Psalm 110. Jesus quoted this prophetic psalm to stump the Pharisees, and the writer of Hebrews devoted an entire chapter to one of its verses.

Psalm 110 was written by King David and opens up with a conversation taking place in heaven in which God is speaking to David's "lord" and tells him to sit at His right hand "until I make your enemies your footstool." A few verses later, God proclaims, "you are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek" (Psalm 110:4b). These few verses are

explained in the New Testament as proclaiming Jesus as both priest and king forever.

In Matthew 22, Jesus used this psalm when He confronted the scribes and Pharisees. He asked them whose son is the Messiah? "The son of David," they replied. Jesus then asked, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord,'" and then he quoted the entire verse of Psalm 110:1. Matthew tells us that "No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on, no one dared to ask him any more questions" (Matt. 22:45, NIV). They could not explain how David could call his son "Lord."

Jesus quoted another psalm of David when hanging on the cross—in fact, the words of this psalm were the last Jesus would utter before His death. Psalm 22:1 (MEV) says, "My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?" Jesus did not utter those words because He was questioning God but because He was quoting the prophetic psalm that described in detail His excruciating death by crucifixion.

King David had amazing prophetic insight, and these two psalms not only help us to understand events in the life of Jesus, but our Lord also found comfort in them.

If you would like to learn more about Jesus' use of the psalms, join me for this week's *Out of Zion* podcast episode on Charisma Podcast Network called *The Most-Quoted Psalm. Walk Thru the Bible* with me each week by downloading our Bible reading plan, and get started reading right away! Invite your friends and family to join us! I can't wait to *Walk Thru the Bible* with you! {eoa}

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# Hallelujah!                      Prophetic Scripture of Considerable Significance

The Hebrew word hallelujah means “Praise the Lord” and appears numerous times throughout the Psalms—notably Psalms 113-118, known as the *Hallel* or “Praise.” This series of psalms was sung at all of the great feasts of Israel and expresses praise to the Lord for His mercy and His mighty acts of deliverance for Israel.

The final psalm in the *Hallel*, Psalm 118, contains prophetic verses of considerable significance in the last week of Jesus’ life. All the pilgrims gathering in Jerusalem for Passover would have been reciting this psalm. It is no consequence; therefore, it was referenced several times in the interactions around Jesus as recorded in the Gospels.

When Jesus entered Jerusalem on what is now known as Palm Sunday, the crowd met Him with cries of “Hosanna” and “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,” right out of Psalm 118. *Hosanna* is Greek for the Hebrew term for “save us,” which is what subjects would ask of their king. “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord” was a greeting and welcoming of the king—the one anointed by God to rule over them and provide their safety and prosperity. The disciples knew the crowds were proclaiming Jesus as their King with these verses and thought Jesus should rebuke them for it. He disagreed.

Later that week Jesus confronted the Pharisees for their rejection of Him, “the chief cornerstone,” by reciting Psalm 118:22-23. Jesus also quoted this psalm when He later stood on

the Mount of Olives and looked out over Jerusalem, lamenting the fact they had rejected Him. He then spoke these prophetic words over the city: “You will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord’” (Matt. 23:39, NIV).

Jesus did not just mean they would welcome Him back one day, but they would welcome Him back as King. What a glorious day that will be when the whole earth will proclaim “Hosanna, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord”—welcome, oh King!

If you would like to learn more about the original meaning of the psalms so they come alive, join me for this week’s *Out of Zion* podcast on *Hallelujah. Walk Thru the Bible* with me each week by downloading our Bible reading plan, and get started reading right away! Invite your friends and family to join us! I can’t wait to *Walk Thru the Bible* with you! {eoa}

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## Jesus Called This Weed Farmer

# to Reap a Different Harvest

The number of leaders speaking of a coming harvest seems to be increasing. We are also starting to hear reports of blow-your-mind salvation stories among young people. One of the latests stories comes from Pastor Brandon Naramore, Rock of Roseville, California, who recently shared with Adam Narciso on *Jesus Movement Now* on the Charisma Podcast Network. He gives a first-person account of the salvation story of one of his new believers.

“I’m on a mushroom trip, hoping to never wake up again. And I meet Jesus on this mushroom trip. He invites me to be a farmer in his harvest.”

Naramore laughs, “In the vision, he’s thinking, ‘Man, bro. I already farm weed, so it’s going to be easy, right?’ He’s thinking this is a literal farming job that Jesus is inviting him into. This is how Jesus called him to be part of his kingdom!”

So, Jesus appears to this young man during his drug trip and invites him to be a farmer in his harvest. No big deal, right?

It gets better.

“He accepts Jesus in this vision on a mushroom trip. Wakes up sober. He hears this voice tell him to go outside with a piece of bread and a bottle of water. This guy approaches him; it’s a neighbor who is intoxicated. He [the young man newly saved] gives him [the drunk neighbor] the water and the bread and leads him to the Lord. He literally got saved out of a mushroom trip and leads someone to the Lord!”

It was at this point in hearing the story for the first time that Naramore thought, “Lord, someone needs to mentor this kid. Someone needs to disciple him.”

Fittingly, the Lord replied, "You do it."

"I don't have time! I'm mentoring leaders and running this church," Naramore argued.

Right then Naramore heard a specific word from the Lord, "Did Dan Mohler have time for Todd White?"

At that moment, Naramore entered into a mentorship relationship with this young man. He's now deeply invested in his spiritual growth, and he continually marvels at the impact of this young man's faith.

"Everywhere this kid goes, people get saved, healed and delivered," Naramore says.

This young man has led his former drug dealer, former gang partner and their wives to the Lord.

"Recently they were all baptized as a family," Naramore celebrates.

These stories of the harvest don't come as a surprise to Naramore, who received a prophetic dream some weeks ago about an unusual harvest as well as an accompanying prophetic message to the church, "Get the house ready!" He believes this harvest is a first-fruits of a great harvest coming for America. Still, there's a challenging question Naramore asks, "Is the church ready?"

Tune in to *Get the House Ready! (Ep. 39) of Jesus Movement Now* to hear a dynamic word for the church today and get equipped to play your part in today's Jesus-movement! {eoa}

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# Prophecy: God Is Leading His People on an Ascent

Greetings and blessings to you in the matchless name of our Lord Jesus. I want to share the word of the Lord with you for this tremendous season of transition that we are in.

Many in England and all over the world are able to testify that over the last few months we have seen tremendous breakthroughs and breakouts of the Holy Spirit. What is happening is truly incredible. What I felt as I was praying, however, is that strategic action is needed to sustain the momentum that is building.

I want to share with you some keys with you that will help you to address the sticking points that could hinder the speed of the ascent that is taking place in your life and enable you to stay aligned with the Spirit and to avoid acting on your own strength.

## **Wisdom for the Ascent**

In this season, God has been leading His people on an ascent, closer to Him and deeper into His presence and purposes. As many have climbed, the Holy Spirit has led them to shed the heavy loads and burdens they have carried for far too long and which have previously held them down.

As you climb and the weights are lifted from you, you will feel lighter within yourself. However, because you carried a sense of being burdened for so long, and it became so familiar to you, you may also feel unusual and somehow empty as this happens. The danger for some is that they then rush into finding something else to be burdened with, for the sake of

restoring a sense of the familiar. This is a subtle trap. Don't allow yourself to fall into this temptation or let yourself be drawn into the first issue that presents itself to you, but instead wait carefully on the Holy Spirit, who will direct you to the causes that He wants you to pay attention to.

Don't try to preempt the Holy Spirit or decide for Him where your focus ought to be. Practice the spiritual disciplines of self-control and patience, and allow Him to give you clear guidance on how to launch out into the new things to come. Keep shedding the loads and keep climbing higher. After John encountered Jesus in the book of Revelation, he heard a voice saying to him "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this" (Rev. 4:1b). John didn't assume what the future held but allowed God to show him. Don't look back to what you've left behind but look upwards and forwards to God. Abraham left his father's house to go to a land that God was yet to show him. But when he did, God blessed him and increased him (Isaiah 51:2).

### **Wisdom for the Summit**

As you ascend and shed the burdens of prior seasons, you will also find yourself gaining greater clarity and perspective as your mind and heart become more free. Eventually your ascension will bring you to a summit, a place of perspective from which you can see clearly and take a full survey of your environment and circumstances.

From here you will be able to perceive what your potential is and the fruitfulness that can flow from your life. You will be able to see how God used the ascension process to soften and prepare your heart for harvest, just as He prepares the land according to Psalm 65:9-11 (NIV):

"You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people

with grain, for so you have ordained it. You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops. You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.”

Seeing the potential, however, is not the same as fulfilling it. Although you have reached a summit, there is further to climb, and the greater harvest is yet to come. This is where strategic prayer is key. The view from the summit is not simply about looking at how far you have come, but also about where you need to now go.

Be clear about what you don't yet have that you need for the journey ahead. Focus your prayers on the road ahead and the help you need to get there. Pray for the right people, alignments and provision. The ascension process and the perspective from the summit will give you the authority you need to legislate in prayer for these things. To legislate effectively, keep in mind the following three elements. First, state your case to God in prayer, accounting for where you have come from and where you need to go, why and what your motives are. Second, be clear about what you don't have and what you need and present your case to the Lord as to why He should provide. Third, wait for Him to respond with strategy and direction so that you do not move presumptuously.

### **The Wisdom to Separate**

The perspective from the summit also gives you a view on what it is that you need to fix. If you are not feeling the anointing and presence of God as you used to, then this is the place for you take stock with the Lord to see what you missed along the way, what act of disobedience may have caused you to misalign or what mistake caused the anointing to hemorrhage.

Be careful to recognize that these are not things that can be fixed simply by gathering anointed people around you. This is personal. No membership of any group or cartel can make up for

right standing with God. Trying to bring together something that looks like God is in it when He is not will really only hinder what He is doing and where He wants His church to go. Remember that those who stand at the summit are crucial for what is to come and for those who are to follow. The Lord is looking for elders at the gate that will permit transformation because they themselves are rightly aligned with Him.

If necessary, separate yourself for a time so you can recover your own anointing and connection with the Holy Spirit. When you have done this, then you will be able to partner authentically with those who also carry the anointing and God's authority, whether old or young. Standing at a summit does not excuse you from the need to set things right in the Spirit. Rather, it should make the need clearer. The fear of God remains the principal thing, however high you have climbed. As Psalm 76:12b says, "He is feared by the kings of the earth."

Whatever the situation, now is the time to put things right.

### **Bringing About the Change**

In Numbers 27, the daughters of Zelophehad brought a petition to Moses concerning their futures and inheritances. Being daughters rather than sons, and given the death of their father, it had seemed that circumstances were against them and that without intervention they would never possess land among their fathers' relatives. When we operate from a certain sense of identity, the promises of God can seem far off, but yet in Jesus Christ all things are possible.

Each of the daughters' names meant something different, and each would have had her own particular character and ways about her, but they came together as one to contend for their inheritance. They didn't fight or compete among themselves but stood in unity and petitioned successfully for an act of legislation that secured their own inheritances and those of

many in Israel for years to come. This is a picture of what the Holy Spirit is stirring up in believers right now across the body of Christ. His plan is that believers will not fight against each other but stand together at the summit to make petitions that bring about true change. This means recognizing the value and strengths of one another, and not just your own strength and value.

At the summit, we demand and ask for the inheritance that comes with dominion. The harvest is real, and the task of the church in this season is to ask aright and not amiss.

Free yourself from every entanglement that is hindering you from climbing. If you know that you've been stuck in a particular place for a while, you must really declare that you're looking for freedom and get up. Whatever it is, rise up by faith, face it, cut its cords off and trust God.

In John 14:26, Jesus declared that the Holy Spirit would teach us all things and remind us of what He has said to us. I pray for you that He will activate the insight, wisdom and courage you need to recover all that has been lost, to learn new things and to birth fresh ideas that will bring about change. In Jesus' mighty name. Amen. {eoa}

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# ISIS Captured a Yazidi Daughter, Demanding Funds for Her Freedom

He leaned against the wall of the cinder block shelter, exhausted by tragedy, as he sipped boiling hot tea through his thick mustache. He wore a red and white checkered head wrap and had deep wrinkles in his face from years in the hot Iraqi sun. There was an inconsolable look in his eyes, as if he had seen a thousand deaths ... and he had.

Only six months earlier, ISIS troops invaded his home in Sinjar, the central location of his people—the Yazidi. Fueled by an obsession to make radical converts of Islam and a belief that Yazidis were “devil-worshipping infidels,” the ISIS militants had forced thousands of Yazidi women and girls into sexual slavery and killed more than 5,000 others.

The Yazidi man was now living in a makeshift refugee camp with 16 other grief-stricken families who had all lost loved ones in the hellish invasion by ISIS.

As our team of Americans unloaded crates of tomatoes in the camp, the man motioned for us to come into his unfinished living quarters to drink tea. His eyes pleaded as he began to speak.

“Fifteen of the girls from my tribe have been captured by ISIS and were forced to become ISIS wives. We’ve heard nothing from 14 of the girls, but we have heard from one. We know where she is, and ... she is my daughter.”

The desperation in the room was thick and tangible. Our team

could barely breathe, but the Yazidi man continued ...

“The terrorists have allowed her to call me. They’ve taken her to Syria, but they say they will sell her back to me for \$12,000 U.S. dollars.”

With these words, he looked into the eyes of our team one by one, pleading for us to do something. The cold room fell silent. Immediately, minds raced with thoughts of how to acquire money to buy this Yazidi daughter back, but the brainstorming came to an abrupt halt when a British man in the room chimed in. With a firm but respectful tone, he addressed the group saying, “American and British policy says that we cannot negotiate with these terrorists. If we pay the money for this one life, ISIS will use it to buy more weapons and kill many more lives!”

To hear the rest of this story and discover the one thing God required us to do in this dire situation, listen to Episode 4 of the *Podcast* on Charisma Podcast Network now.

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family in nature and making jewelry. Connect with Bevin through Instagram or at .

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# You Can Build a Powerful Prayer Life

Prayer is a great force with the potential to move God. Yet, few kingdom-minded leaders admit to having a “strong prayer life.” Jan Hicks, founder and president of Christians United Ministries, recently served as a guest on our show, *Pinnacle Leaders Podcast*, to share how we can plug into the power and peace that can only be found in the presence of God. Jan has built her ministry around the idea of freedom and prayer, teaching how to walk in the fullness of everything God provided for us through Jesus.

On this episode of the *Pinnacle Leaders Podcast* on Charisma Podcast Network, *How to Build a Powerful Prayer Life*, Jan shared some of the foundational elements of building a powerful prayer life including:

- Relationship: Know Jesus and believe that His love is truly ours. Many times we pray and believe for others but not for ourselves because we feel unworthy. We must remove the things that make us feel unworthy of His love and believe for God’s power to manifest in our own lives.
- Knowing the Word: We come to know God’s word by studying and reading Scripture. Matthew 6:33 (NIV) states it simply: “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Your spirit comes alive

with God's Word.

– Pray immediately, instantly and consistently: Prayer becomes who you are. Prayer should be an automatic response, like breathing. Philippians 4:6 (TPT) says, “Don't be pulled in different directions or worried about a thing. Be saturated in prayer throughout each day, offering your faith-filled requests before God with overflowing gratitude. Tell him every detail of your life.”

At Christian Life School of Theology Global, we offer several powerful online courses on the subject of prayer including:

- Prayer: It's Power and Purpose.
- How to Pray the Father's Heart.

The world is always in some form of chaos and upheaval. We get to change our culture and the atmosphere through partnership with God and praying faith-filled prayers. Jan's ministry, Christians United Ministries, is all about engaging in the spiritual warfare of prayer. Her ministry offers counseling, classes and conferences to teach people how to walk in the freedom and fullness of Christ.

Subscribe to the *Pinnacle Leaders Podcast with Dr. Langley* to listen to this episode and others containing biblical wisdom on the areas of lordship, leadership and lifestyle. You can also learn more about the topic of prayer and many others by visiting our website at: . {eoa}

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## **Charisma Media Celebrates Important Anniversary, and I Announce My New Book**

Throughout Scripture, the children of Israel recounted God's goodness by bringing them out of Israel and performing miracles. So bear with me as I recount an important milestone on June 1, thank God for His goodness and announce my newest book, *God and Cancel Culture*, which I just finished.

It was on June 1, 1975, that I started working on the first issue of *Charisma*. I was a 24-year-old newspaper reporter who published the magazine for a large church in Orlando. Six years later we became independent and started what is now Charisma Media, also on June 1, in 1981. That was 40 years ago today.

If you've followed *Charisma* magazine over the years, you know that we have often done something special on our anniversary usually on years divided by five or 10. At different times we've put out special magazine issues, hosted banquets and even once a TV special on TBN. But we're doing none of that this year. Instead, I'm "celebrating" by sharing my thoughts here.

My vision over the years has been to encourage people to experience the power of the Spirit. First it was only through *Charisma*, but as the Lord opened doors (and as we perceived there was a need in the body of Christ) we've published eight different magazines as well as produced the Modern English Version of the Bible and more than 2,000 books, 17 of which sold enough copies to be on the *New York Times* bestseller list.

Today by God's grace, Charisma Media is thriving. As technology has changed the publishing industry, the company has launched many digital products, including the Charisma Podcast Network, which in mid-2021 had 65 million downloads, and an audio version of *Charisma*. Its newest venture is Charisma Plus, a versatile streaming platform to communicate "the power of the Holy Spirit" in a new way to a new generation.

In the past few years I've written several books myself. In fact, just today I finished the final edit for my newest book, *God and Cancel Culture*. It deals with how dangerous this new tendency on cancel culture is to our very way of life and to our religious freedoms. It's about much more than someone losing their Twitter account. It's about anti-Christian forces trying to cancel the biblical perspective from our national life.

On the day after we celebrated Memorial Day and how millions have given their lives to preserve our freedoms, I am preparing to sound the alarm through my new book on how each of us must take up the battle, not with guns, but by boldly raising our voices to push back against the cancel culture before it's too late. Standing strong for biblical truth is only possible if we are empowered by the Holy Spirit.

My new book, which releases Sept. 7, the day after Labor Day, is about why it is happening and where it may be taking us. *God and Cancel Culture* speaks profoundly and prophetically

about where America is spiritually and culturally—and what the future holds for society, the church and each of us personally. I document how the push toward cancel culture is part of a bigger effort toward shifting our country to accept leftism and eventually communism.

Even your health is at stake. Cancel culture is trying to silence the voices of those warning against blindly taking the COVID vaccine, which some are saying is unsafe. This culture is even attempting to silence those who advocate COVID treatments that are not in line with what Big Pharma is trying to push.

Many Americans, including Christians and other conservatives, barely recognize what's hitting them. I pray my book will help provide answers. In a way, I believe this is the most important book I've written. To get out the word, I've started a new podcast with the same title: *God and Cancel Culture*. The new podcast will include, over time, the 22 *Strang Report* podcasts I used in the book, which were actual interviews with leaders who help me put this problem into perspective. Each podcast includes a great deal of information I was not able to include in the book itself.

This article is my first announcement of the new podcast I'm creating because I believe there is a separate audience beyond those who listen to my daily *Strang Report* podcast.

I hope you'll listen on any podcast platform. I find it easiest to listen on our new Charisma Plus app or directly on .

Even though the book is not out until after Labor Day, you can pre-order it now on . You can search on either for Stephen Strang books or for *God and Cancel Culture*. They will charge you and send the book on its release date, Sept. 7, 2021. You can also find the book at my own website, . Thanks in advance for your pre-order.

The call God has on my life is more than my just selling a few more books, and it's certainly not about me being an important author. However, because I believe strongly in the message of this book, I'm trying to get the word out to my newsletter readers (and now listeners).

Thank you for your help in getting out the word by sharing this article and podcast and doing what you can to stand strong against cancel culture before it's too late. {eoa}

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## **Lauren Daigle Wows Audiences—Again—On ‘The Voice’ Season Finale**

Lauren Daigle wowed audience members with a special performance of “Hold On to Me” in the season finale of hit TV musical competition, *The Voice*.

The 29-year-old singer proclaimed, “There is hope for the world, all you gotta do is hold on,” during an improvised section of her newest single, leaving the crowd and *The Voice* participants saying, “Lauren Daigle never fails to inspire us.”

*Still on cloud 9 after an incredible time back on @NBCTheVoice! ☺ There are so many moving pieces in days like this, and it all happens so fast – but every moment is just so much fun. Very grateful*

– Lauren Daigle (@Lauren\_Daigle) May 27, 2021

Backed by a velvet robe-clad choir, Daigle sang her newest soulful single for the first time on live television. “Hold On to Me” was released in February, and serves as a reminder that reconciliation is possible, and the God of hope is able to restore any situation. The song’s release partnered with four organizations focused on healing “wounds and injustices.”

Though Daigle auditioned for seasons 9 and 11 for *American Idol* and got rejected, the breakout Christian singer has not only gone on to top music charts across the board, but has also made many appearances on *The Voice*. “Hold On to Me” is her first music release since 2018 album, *You Say*. Daigle also holds the longest-running No.1 song on any weekly Billboard Hot Chart with the single of the same name.

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## **Prophetic Word: The Lord Says, ‘Get Ready for a Triumphant Movement’**

I hear the Lord say, “Get ready for a triumphant movement! For those of you who are still standing in this hour—the leaders, pioneers, prophets and forerunners who have been carrying the weight, the heaviness and the pushback ... those who have been mocked and ridiculed—behold, a fresh, new wind and fire are being released upon you now! *Discouragement always comes before the victory!* A movement is being born out of the ashes of despair!”

### **A Preparation and a Separation**

“As it is written in the Prophets: Look, I am sending My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before

You. The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord; make His paths straight "' (Mark 1:2-3).

Before a move of God, there is always a preparation and a separation. Those of you who have struggled with mental clarity, get ready to see the redeeming power of God!

John was seen as the crazy one out in the wilderness; can you imagine how he felt knowing something was coming? A Savior, the Messiah—out of faith, he was prophesying something never seen before. Can you imagine how he felt the moment Jesus walked up to him and asked to be baptized by him?

I hear the Lord say, "There will be a people who will be vindicated for continuing to believe and stand upon what I have shown them. There will be those who are rewarded through the testing and the trials, even though many turned aside and began to ridicule in disbelief. This is a season of a new, triumphant sound!"

### **Like a Tribe of Elephants and a Band of Warriors**

Lately, I have been dreaming about elephants. Biblically, elephants can represent a huge move of God—a great impact! Elephants never leave each other; they link together, and they value family. The older ones will starve before letting the little ones go hungry, and they are truly strong and stable. They represent longevity. I see them as a tribe outlasting the attacks of the enemy; they are thick-skinned and resilient overcomers. I believe this is a representation of what the Lord is saying to the prophetic voices in this hour.

Many of you are sensitive and have been hearing correctly. I want to encourage you to stay standing on the words of the Lord. The enemy has tried to take many of you off the course, but I hear the Lord say that He is making the path strait for you.

I want to encourage you not to isolate but begin to link up

with like-minded friends. The Lord says that for all of the loss, He is bringing kingdom families together at this time who will stand as a band of warriors. They will have each other's backs, and they will stand together through the storms of the enemy. Kingdom family will be emerging over these next few months, and this will be a strand, a cord of strong prophetic voices who will trumpet the sounds of victory!

I heard the Lord say that as a sign, their words will come to pass quickly, right before the eyes of the mockers. Hope is being released even to those of you who have been attacked in your bodies and minds as never before. The storm is lifting; keep your eyes on Jesus. He is faithful, and He will bring you through.

I saw a veil being removed in the Spirit, and I heard the Lord say, "I am removing the blinders from those the enemy has tricked and blindsided." God never loses a battle, even when it looks as though the enemy has won.

### **It's Time to Move Forward**

Psalm 21:8-12 (TPT) says, "Your almighty hands have captured your foes. You uncovered all who hate You and You seized them. When You appear before them, *unveiling the radiance of Your face*, they will be consumed by the fierce fire of Your presence. Yahweh's flames will swallow them up. They and their descendants will be destroyed by an unrelenting fire. We will watch them fail, for these are the ones who plan their evil schemes against the Lord. They will turn and run at the sight of Your judgment-arrows aimed straight at their hearts."

It is a time to look on and move forward. The Lord God almighty will defend His children. It is His promise to us. He is fighting for our victory!

You will come out stronger, more anointed, more thankful, more resilient, more triumphant and hungrier than ever before. What tried to destroy you has only made you a triumphant warrior!

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