

Prophetic Dream: Defeating the Strongholds of Racism and Politicism

As believers are rising up to take a stand for truth and confronting divisive issues in the nation, it is not merely what we do that will determine the outcome, but *how* we do it that can unite the church in breaking through.

My young adult daughter rarely dreams and doesn't consider herself "political" by any stretch. Yet she had a dream last week that was both political and racial in nature. It revealed a major shift that must take place if we are to break through these familiar walls of division.

In the dream she said our family—we have three young adult children—disembarked from a large boat on our way to new territory. She said, "It was divided, though, between Republicans and Democrats."

We walked along with a group of Republicans up to a "human wall" of Democrats, who were mostly Black men and women. She noted that the "room" we were in had low ceilings (*limited vision and perception*). Not only was there this wall of Democrats, but there was a wall of Republicans that also blocked our way to this new territory.

Then, she and her two brothers followed my husband and me up to the line (*note how they follow us throughout this dream*). I tried to go through first but was blocked. I then decided to try and appeal to them, convincing them that we were not their enemies. While I was doing this, she looked over to her dad and oldest brother, who had gone to an older Black gentleman in line. She said that no words were exchanged between the two men—only looks—and then the Black man opened up the line for her Dad and brother to walk through. After that, the rest of

the family followed, and we headed to our next destination.

Finally, she said, "When we turned around, all the people on the Democrat side waved us goodbye, as if saying, 'Thank you for coming through the right way.'" Then she woke up.

In reflecting on this and processing it with some trusted prophets and intercessors, I believe there is a potent message here for the body of Christ. As we are trying to find our way through the divisive issues in the church and in this nation, we need to adjust our perception and our approach. We will probably never totally agree on our political perspectives or fully understand the inequities between races. Heaven is calling attention to an even greater cause that will help us break through these walls blocking our unity.

Words Alone Will Not Win

In our efforts to speak out about the growing corruption and deception that is rampant, Holy Spirit is showing that words alone will not win the day. In the dream, I believe I represent many prophetic voices who have risen up, unafraid of confronting the issues head-on. But we find ourselves blocked at times and unable to get through. In the dream, I decided to make an appeal instead, hoping the other side would see us differently and not as enemies. However, even persuasive words did not bring the needed breakthrough.

Prophetic and Apostolic Grace

Even as I played a prophetic role in the dream, I believe my husband (who is a pastor) demonstrated the apostolic role in this hour. Prophets can break through in the spiritual realm, but apostles can break through in the natural. It's a divine partnership that has immense weight in the spirit when they work together. I believe that even though the prophet's charge is critical for this year, it is those who carry apostolic grace that must step forward to break through these issues that divide us. There is a supernatural mantle that true

apostles carry that is felt in the spirit, and it has power to break yokes and open doors. Where prophetic voices can shift the atmosphere, apostolic authority can move mountains.

But even as this is an important reminder for leaders, there is an even greater message here for all believers. We cannot afford to get stuck on our differences or keep building walls of self-defense. We must look deeper into that which truly makes us one.

A Father's Heart for the Sons

When my husband approached the older Black gentleman, no words were needed. He did not approach him to win an argument. Rather, there was an exchange of the heart and of the spirit. When these two men looked into each other's eyes, there was a recognition that needed no explanation and no interpretation. It was a meeting of hearts between two mature believers—between two spiritual fathers.

In the dream, my husband was not only standing as a believer, but as a father (with his son standing right behind him). This somehow connected with his Black brother, and something shifted in the spirit.

Political affiliations and skin color were no longer issues, for there was a stronger bond through the fellowship of the Spirit.

“With all humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another in love, be eager to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, even as you were called in one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all” (Eph. 4:2-6).

If we are to defeat the demonic strongholds over this nation, we must do so for a higher cause than a political party or racial injustice. We are fighting for our sons and daughters

and those who follow us. In the dream, it was clear that we were going through this as a family. Our sons and daughters are watching us! They are following our example and trusting us to show them the way through.

I want to note that my oldest son in this dream, who followed his dad to the line, is not even following the Lord right now. He is in a personal crisis of faith. Even so, he has a great relationship with his father and often seeks his counsel.

How many prodigals across the nation are looking to fathers and mothers for direction? What are they seeing when they watch us trying to work through these divisive issues?

When I shared this dream with my son, his response was very revealing: “Mom, we don’t need more words; we need a demonstration.” I believe this is the heart cry of many Millennials who have been given hearts of mercy. They’ve had enough of our dialogues and debates. They want to see our righteous talk in action, and I believe we can demonstrate it with both grace and power.

In this prophesied “year of the mouth,” we cannot trust in our words alone. Even as we challenge one another to take a stand for religious freedom and speak out about biblical values, we must remember that the government of God is built on the spiritual family. I believe even our current political system is soon to give way for a new wineskin of government that is based on kingdom principles and not party preferences. Our unity is a bond of the Spirit, not politics or ethnicity.

The fact that my daughter had this dream and not me—a lifelong prophetic dreamer—illustrates a major shift that is taking place. We are leaving familiar territory and heading into something new. How we steward this transition will determine the example we set and the legacy we leave.

If we are to “come through the right way” we must see each other the way the Spirit does. We must shed the cultural

labels that have defined us temporarily and embrace our bond in the Spirit, which lasts for eternity. {eoa}

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