Understanding the Times 2019 Word of the Lord Elder Sharlean Briggs January 27, 2019

Early in January, I heard the Lord say the timing of times. I knew this would be the concept, but I did not have all the pieces. Our God is faithful, so of course, He brought all the pieces together. In 1 Chronicles 12:32, the Bible speaks about the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do. Today, Biblical scholars and Theologians call this the Issachar anointing. It is the ability to proclaim the right word to the right people in the right place at the right time! It is the ministry of **knowing the times AND what God's people should do to be prepared.** 

Case in point, in 2016 Covenant Warriors' Theme was Unwavering Faith in Action. If not now, when? It's Time to Build. In 2015, we studied the book, How Faith Works. The Prophetic words for 2016 included things like, All aboard, Pressing towards the goal, Don't stop, Don't give up, Don't quit faith, The urgency of Now, and Go Beyond. There was definitely a knowing that it was time to build, and God knows our faith needed to be built for such an undertaking. Studying How Faith Works is what CWCC needed to do. God has truly blessed CWCC with this anointing and we dare not take it for granted. We are all a part of this ministry right now, because it is the right time and God wants to prepare us.

Many of us made it through by confessing **and** acting on the words, don't quit faith, be encouraged - it ain't over - watch the hand of God, the process is working and we are winning, start now, eyes right, we war, we war, we war, it's time to build, and forward ever forward, just to name a few. Hallelujah goes right there!! God wants to continue to bless us and He has proven that He can be trusted. So let's get after 2019. It's Time! To Focus on the Family!!!

After receiving the direction for this word, I heard a message by Bishop T.D. Jakes entitled, No Room for Distractions. I am not sure when it was delivered, but I received the Podcast on January 20. The scripture reference is Luke 9:51 AMPC, "Now when the time was almost come for Jesus to be received up [to heaven], He steadfastly and determinedly set His face to go to Jerusalem." To set His face meant to focus. Because of what time it was, Jesus had to focus. "The time made Him set His face." What time is it for you; what time is it for CWCC? The Lord says, in order for us to come into what God has for us as individuals and as a Church, we have to set our face.

Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines family as:

- 1The basic **unit** in society traditionally consisting of two parents [Husband & Wife] rearing their children. 2 A group of individuals living under one roof and usually under one head: household.
- 3A group of people united by certain convictions or a common affiliation: fellowship [Church].

The Lord led me to dig deeper to find the meaning of unit. It brought me right back to the Issachar anointing, knowing the times and what God's people should do.

The Oxford Dictionary defines unit as:

1. An individual person regarded as single and complete but which can also form an individual component of a larger or more complex whole. That says to me, the family (be it natural or spiritual) is made up of a bunch of jacked up individuals that come together to make a **complex whole. IT'S TIME!!!--TO FOCUS (set your face) ON THE FAMILY!** 

What is it that God said we should continue to do to prepare, study the book Boundaries, develop and train men, spend fun quality time with family, and add 7-10 families to the Church.