

TONE SETTERS – *Will You Fight To Live?*

Tone Setters – *what is the report of the Lord?* Did you dare to press your way through the seemingly unfavorable conditions around you and activate your faith to launch your preferred vision into your reality? Or have you put your dreams, God’s purpose for you, and your life on pause? For those who dared to accept the Lord’s decree that **“we set the conditions”** for the year, you have found Him to be faithful - bringing promotion in times of recession and scarcity, restoration in times of destruction/decay, and resurrection (life) in times of depression and death. The Lord continues to remind us **“to be careful of the words from our mouths for the wind will [and waits eagerly to] catch them.”** Let your speaking bring life and give wings to the work of your feet.

Even as we witnessed turbulent events that rocked our legal/justice system, as well as our governmental, healthcare, and economic institutions, the Lord showed Himself to be steadfast - a place of calm in the midst of the storms. We witnessed the faith and unity of the body of Christ tested, as church doors closed, and the light of world events exposed the heart and preparedness of churches throughout our local, national, and global communities. We have witnessed the birth of new ministries, as various skill sets were activated and launched to support the cause of the Kingdom. My sensing is that that the Lord is pleased with our shift into this new frontier and that He will cause its impact to reverberate through the age to come.

Even as new and creative ways to foster a spirit of connection & togetherness were initiated, there are those who find themselves in a place of isolation and weariness. My sensing is of danger and an urgent need to reconnect. I hear an echo of an inquiry previously received from the Lord, “how long will you wither on a nutritious vine?” The Lord has impressed upon me a deep-abiding concern for those dry bones that Pastor Lois spoke of in her 2019 word to the church “State of the Union” and that she brought back to our remembrance last year with the urging: **“Where do we go from here? The Lord said, Life will return only when my oracles [my prophets] prophesy life to the bones and command them to hear the word of the Lord!”**

The Lord speaks life to us this day, as He has over these many weeks with the repeated urging from Prophetess Lois Robinson to “stay connected” and to “stay plugged in.” The Lord calls to us to mend our areas of disconnectedness. This individual work must be initiated and completed if we are to answer the call that the Lord has delivered through Apostle Leander Robinson who, by the leading of the Lord, has established the theme for this year, **“IT’S TIME TO LIVE!!!”**

Dry bones, you don't have to stay in the state that you're in. The Lord desires an abundant life for you. He calls you to a state of wholeness and connection.

Tone Setters – *what will be your report of the Lord for this year?*

On December 9, 2020, during our time of intercessory prayer, the Lord spoke to me that in the coming year we would encounter an “Open Spirit of Rebellion.” At the time of this hearing, my immediate sensing was of dismay, rejection, and acceptance. As I set myself to prepare this word of the Lord, it was not surprising to me to find that, when I researched the biblical meaning of the number 21, according to BibleStudy.org, the Number 21 “symbolizes the great wickedness of rebellion and sin.” When the Number 21 is reviewed as a combination of the numbers 13 and 8, it is a “number that represents beginning a new level or effort that is sinful and disobedient against God.” While my spirit man accepts this information, there is still an immediate rejection that this is the expected outcome of this year for us. Further study on the topic led me to angelnumber.org where the number is discussed through the representation of the numbers 2 and 1. According to the information on this site, “Number 2 is known as the number of relationships, co-operation, diplomacy, and trust, while number 1 usually represents new beginnings and positive attitude.” It is through this understanding that the biblical symbolism of number 21 is conveyed as a reminder that we should “take care of our own beliefs and thoughts because they will be responsible for creating” our own reality. It will give fuel to the law of attraction to draw positive things to us. To this, my spirit man says, Selah.

We are in a season where our fight is to resist the spirit of rebellion that will cause us to stray and remain in a place of opposition to the Lord and His desire for our lives. The Lord reminds us that we set the tone; this is our individual work – will the makeup of our reality be rebellion or co-operation and positivity? Will we resist or embrace the call to Live? Let us not forget the Mental Laws of “What We Think Upon Grows” and “The Law of Attraction.” The Lord has equipped us with the means and the authority to effect change in our life and in the lives of our families, church body, and communities. Choose to Live and Speak Life.

Tone Setters – *what shall you speak?*

As I set myself to hear from the Lord, the Lord impressed upon me a mental image and reminded me of a song of affirmation.

First, the Lord gave me a mental impression of a Potter taking a clay vessel out of a kiln and placing it on a display counter. The vessel was not ornate, but it was distinctive – though plain

in appearance. My sensing of the vessel was of intricate craftsmanship, polish, and refined strength. Though the appearance of the vessel was in many ways unremarkable, it still commanded attention. Even as the Lord showed me the room in which the vessel sat, changing in appearance and conditions (sometimes favorable, many times not) – the vessel was never out of place or out of focus.

Kiln – a thermally insulated chamber, a type of oven that produces temperatures sufficient to complete some processes, such as hardening, drying, or chemical changes. (Wikipedia.com)

As I sought the Lord on what was being conveyed through the scene that He played before me, I was reminded of the powerful words of affirmative declaration that Kathy Taylor sings in “The Corinthian Song”:

I’m a Vessel Full of Power, With A Treasure None Can Compare...

I’m a Vessel Full of Holy Ghost Power, I’ve Got A Treasure in Me...

Thank You Father For Your Power, You Have Resurrected Me.

Saints, my sensing of what the Lord would convey to us through this mental image/vision and the scriptural affirmation derived from 2 Corinthians. 4:7-18 is that we are powerful vessels in whom the Lord has invested much time and attention. We have been placed in the oven through the workings of those “hard processes” and circumstances that we have withstood. The Lord has placed into our keeping, treasures (talents and giftings) that are ours and ours alone. He has equipped us with the strength to maintain and endure, while He elevates us into positions and placements where we are on display. The Lord calls us to Life and has already provided that which we need to Live. It is time to get about the business of living. The renewing of dreams and recommitment to accomplishing goals bring with them the benefit of resurrective life to the pursuer.

While I would love to say that my sensing is that we are in a time of smoother sailings, I cannot. Uncertain seas and turbulent waves are still in our forecast, though there remain calm skies ahead; remember, we continue to set the tone. We remain in a time where adapting to ever-changing conditions is the order of the day. Our fight is to remain positive and faithful in times of uncertainty. When darkness is around us, Speak Light. If depression threatens to overtake you, Speak Life. Do not allow the Enemy to entrap you in a place of isolation and defeat. Reconnect yourself to the body and live. Rebellion lurks at the door, seeking a foothold and the command of the Lord is “RESIST.”

The Lord will continue to show Himself strong on our behalf. Even as we have adapted to a new sense of normal, there is a change in the tide on the horizon; however, there is still a push to not wait for what we deem to be favorable conditions. God is moving now, and He calls us to action.

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