

The following prophetic word was given during a World Prayer Centre retreat.
It is given here in its full and unedited version.

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"You do well to stand in the gap in this area of marriage. For I would say to you, 'The reason you are standing here this morning, on this territory, in relation to marriage is because I have moved you here, I have moved you here; even in your conversation at breakfast I was already moving you towards this ground'.

And I would say to you that this ground is critically important in this nation, for it is one of the last barricades and if this barricade falls then judgment will be swift and wide spread across this land. And I am calling you, not only you but others also, to stand at this barricade and to resist and having done everything to resist, and not with the weapons of this world but with weapons of spiritual warfare to expose and defeat the works of darkness.

For I would say to you that this onslaught has not just come about by the will of men it is come about through the strategies of hell. And it is not just an attack on marriage, it is an attack on the relationship between Christ and His Church. I would say to you this is a direct attack upon the Body of Christ and its relationship to Jesus, and you must understand that: that the enemy is seeking to remove and destroy that heart relationship between the Son and His bride. And this is a major barricade, which if it falls, I will say to you unequivocally: judgment will be swift and widespread. But I would say to you, 'the battle is not over, it is only just begun over this issue'.

And I am saying to you, 'You must raise your game in this area and at every opportunity to stand and to pray and to seek My face and to resist with all that you have this onslaught of the enemy. For though flesh and blood is at the front of it, that is not the root of it; for it is demonic forces from the prince of darkness himself that is at work behind this. For he knows full well that the Bridegroom and the Bride are drawing towards that marriage supper which is the fulfilment of history and, therefore, he is already setting his cap against that relationship and that culmination of historical time.

For if he can destroy marriage in this nation, he will foundationally undermine the gospel and My Church and there will be, then, a tumbling of many, many things which I have instituted in this land for its blessing and good but they will cascade down and tumble like ninepins'.

Therefore, I would say to you, 'The significance of this attack is much greater than even you understand, for it is not an attack just on marriage on a human level but it is a direct assault upon Christ and His church to erase the memory and the hope of that eternal future'.

It feels as if the Lord is saying:

"Therefore gird up your loins, gird up your minds, for this is an appointed place where I am calling My Church, such as know Me, to stand and having done everything to stand."

I saw the Lord, and, like a chemist, He has a little crucible dish in which you can mix chemicals and He was like a chemist. He was measuring out exact measurements of different substances into this crucible and what happens is that when these elements and chemicals mix in the right proportions there is a *controlled* explosion and I feel the Lord is saying:

"There are ingredients in this that I am calling you to, which I need to measure to you in their appropriate amount; and if you just mix and throw all the chemicals together in a haphazard way you will have an *uncontrolled* explosion which will damage you and there will be collateral damage. And I feel the Lord saying that He needs to measure it out, and we need to allow Him to measure out the chemicals in their exact amounts and then we will have a *controlled* explosion which will achieve what He wants.

It's to do with where we stand in prayer and so on, and I feel the Lord is giving like a caution, a gentle warning, but not a retreat. But actually He wants things to be done - not exactly decently and in order - but appropriately and things need to be measured properly in their right amounts. It's not a question of just throwing all the chemicals together, because actually if you get the wrong chemicals together lots of things can kick off that you did not foresee.

I just feel strongly in My spirit the Lord saying:

"You need to walk carefully; you do need to walk carefully".

I feel it so strongly.

I feel the Lord is saying that through this thing He is going to build some 'standing in the gap relationships'; that actually in His economy He is going to use it, not only against the marriage thing, but actually underneath that He's going to actually begin to build some, almost like, 'standing in the gap' networks. I don't mean a programmed network I mean a spiritual one, a bit like a dynamic connecting of His people to a 'standing in the gap' reality. He's going to forge and build something through this that is in relation to the future; not just in relation to the here and now of this issue, of this particular barricade.

The other thing that comes to mind: I remember John Mulinde (from Uganda) prophesying about the heavy smoke cover over Europe and then the prayers in England breaking through, like shafts of light breaking through. Also we had a picture in WPC about punching holes through the cloud cover as it came lower. It feels like - I wonder whether this is part of the cloud cover coming lower and lower - but actually we are going to punch holes through the cloud cover in prayer. There is sunshine beyond the clouds and the tipping point between cloud cover and the break-up of cloud and the sun breaking through can be very sudden and quick.

I just felt the encouragement of the Father that there is a prehistory of prophetic words in relation to this sort of reality. I do feel the 'standing in the gap' dimension is related to the punching of the holes, not just a petition prayer thing, but an intercessory dimension.