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This is the prophetic challenge, God is saying to us in Haggai 2:3: 'Who is left among you that saw this House in its first glory – and how do you see it now?!!' This is the challenge to the Church and to our nations: something HAS to happen to dramatically CHANGE us.

There have been times in my own life when I have had to experience this dramatic change and transformation. It was never a change of direction. My staff will tell you that what I wrote when I was fifteen in my magazine 'The Evangelist', is EXACTLY what I say now. What God put in my heart then, is EXACTLY what God is fulfilling in my life now. So the direction has never changed – but I have had to have the renewing. Without those times when God has stopped me, put me in a prison, laid me aside, cancer, or any other thing – there has had to be that dramatic realisation in my life of the need of change.

God is today saying to the Church EXACTLY what He was saying here to Israel through the prophet Haggai! I want to challenge you, every one of you – who is there still here in Britain (or wherever you are) who saw the Glory of God in this land, who saw the Power of God in the churches, who saw the repentance, who saw the demonstration of the Holy Spirit? I would say to you, what do you see now? Desolation. You don't hear a call to repentance, you don't see the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. I would say to you – the Glory has gone. And God is saying in this Scripture in Haggai, the Glory has departed from the House of God! WE are the House of God. And the Glory has gone! We have got to bring back the Glory and the Power into the House of God!

In verse 5, God says to us, '...according to the Word which I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit remained among you!' God made a covenant with YOU, every man, woman and child, from the youngest to the oldest, He made a covenant with YOU when you came out of 'Egypt', when He delivered you from sin, when salvation came, when you were born again – God entered into a holy, salt covenant with YOU, that His Glory will not depart from the House! But what do we see? Destruction. The House of God has been destroyed. The challenge is this in verse 6 – 'Thus says the Lord, in a little while I will shake the Heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land, and I will shake the nations. And the Desired of all nations SHALL come and I WILL FILL THIS HOUSE WITH GLORY!'

God is going to come back in Power and Glory, but the shaking begins in the House! Before He can shake your nation, before He can change your nation – He has to change YOU! Before God can send the Power, He's going to send the Fire, the Power – on YOU! There will be no conviction of sin in the world until there is conviction in the Church. We pray for our nation, we weep over our nation because of its godlessness and wickedness, its sin and corruption – because our governments legalise sin. But there will be no conviction and no repentance until it begins in the House of God! If you want the nation to be rebuilt, rebuild the House of God! This is what God wants us to do!

God never does anything without purpose, without plan! If God is going to pour out His Spirit – and He is – there has to be a reaction, there has to be a result, there has to be change – in us! Until we are prepared to accept that change and that reaction, and put off the old, get rid of the old ideas of religion, get rid of the add-ons to our faith, get rid of the comfort we are living in – God won't do anything! God is waiting – to change US! Then God will send His Fire and change our communities.

My father was a boy in the Welsh Revival, he ministered in the first Pentecostal Church in Britain, in Bournemouth, and then built up the Elim Churches with George Jeffreys, the greatest healing evangelist Britain has ever known. As a baby I was dedicated to the Lord by Jeffreys. And now I say this with tears in my eyes, I remember as a boy of seven, in the war years, standing in the aisle in the Elim Church in Clapham where my father was pastor, and something happened: I remember waves of Power rolling over me like an ocean. I knew it was the Holy Spirit. The Power of God was in the House! – And I remember the times in the House of God when I came under conviction, the times when I saw the Glory, I saw the Power... In all my life, as an evangelist, I have seen the miracles, the thousands, the tens of thousands...

But I have also seen that the Glory has left the House! How many times today, when you go in a church does the Glory of God roll over you? How many times do you go there and you feel that Holy Ghost conviction in your life – that God is talking to you and challenging you?! I have been so shocked in some churches… if I listened to this preaching I would stop being an evangelist, I would just die... times I just can't go into a church... because the Spirit has gone... because the Holy Spirit has left the church. Until the Spirit comes back into the church, God will never save this nation! But it has got to begin with you and me! Where else?!!

There are some of you reading this who remember the Glory in the House, and who also saw the Glory of God depart. But God hasn't given up on us. We've got to bring the Glory back!

What God is saying is this, 'Once more I will shake the Heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land, I will shake ALL nations!' God is going to shake the nations, but He's going to do it through us and set us on fire! Be ready for change! God help us if we do not change!

God did something when I was preaching to the Vietnamese, Summer 2015, something EXPLODED in me! Solomon said in Proverbs 29:18, 'Where there is no VISION the people DIE!' Only the King James Version is so clear, so blunt. In other languages, in other versions, it's watered down. But without that VISION of who God really is, you are spiritually DEAD! The Power and the Authority that I have only come through the VISION of KNOWING who God is! David says in Psalm 63:1, 'O God, You are my God, early will I SEEK You, my soul THIRSTS for You, my flesh LONGS for You, in a dry and weary land where there is no water!' He says, "I'm so hungry, I'm so thirsty that I will DIE!" – He was in a wilderness, no water, no food, and he's crying out, "My soul is like that! Spiritually. I HUNGER for You! Unless I FEED upon You and DRAW upon You, spiritually, I DIE!" I challenge you, unless you DRAW on God, unless you FEAST on God, unless there is a HUNGER and a THIRST in your soul, you will never, ever be satisfied! Only those who HUNGER, only those who THIRST, who SEARCH for the water and the food!

I know what hunger is, I know what thirst is! But do you begin to understand David's HEART? What kind of a man was he? He was illegitimate; he says himself, "In sin did my mother conceive me." When Samuel was looking among

Jesse's sons for the man to anoint as king, Jesse didn't bring David. He wasn't fit. He didn't live in the family household as a son, he lived as a servant, as a slave, illegitimate! His brothers rejected him. And yet the anointing came on David! Why? Not because he was big or strong or good looking. No! It was because of the heart that he had! And God is searching YOUR heart right now. If your heart is empty, you are DEAD spiritually – UNLESS there is a desire in your heart, a hunger, a thirst for God, UNLESS you cry out to God like David did, "I'm in a dry and thirsty land, I'm desperate, without You I die, without You I cannot live!"

It has taken so many years, but I have gone through that experience, crying out to God, "Without You I die, I hunger, I thirst after You!" But do you know when this verse from Psalm 63 first became so precious to me? Not as an evangelist, not in my older years – I lived this verse as a boy, as a teenager, this was the one verse above all others! I hungered, I longed, I thirsted for God as in a dry and thirsty land. But it's only now that I understand the real depth of what David was saying. He continued in v2, **"I want to see Your Power and Your Glory as I have seen You in the sanctuary!"** We have got first to experience God in the sanctuary, you have to have the deep experience and knowledge of who God is! The world doesn't know who God is, the Church doesn't know. Our God is a God of Power, of Authority, of Deliverance, of Victory, who defeats every enemy, breaks every curse, sets every man free! The greatest Power, the greatest Authority – is GOD! The Church doesn't know that kind of God anymore, the Church has become emasculated.

The power in Psalm 63:1-2 is this: David is saying, "I'm hungry and thirsty, I'm in a dry land, and UNLESS I SEE Your Power and Your Glory I will die! As I SAW Your Power in the sanctuary, so I want to SEE it on the battlefield of my life!"

David had had such a POWERFUL revelation of God, that the New Testament says of him (and of no other man), that he was a 'man after God's own Heart'! He had been exposed to the Heart of God! He had had a 'heart transplant'! God's own Heart! O that God would rip open our chests, give us a heart transplant! I tell you, your old heart is corrupt and weak and powerless! Come alive! Can you SEE what's going to happen when you have the Heart of God?!!

I've heard, I've seen the real Power and Glory of God, I've tasted all that there is in the sanctuary! And like David, I want to see THAT on the battlefield in my life! YOU must TAKE the Glory! Take the Glory back with you into your home, into your church, into your life – INTO YOUR BATTLEFIELD! I've seen the Power of God, in that prison cell; I've seen the Power of God so many times in my life; I was there when revival broke out in Bulgaria, when it started, at the moment when the FIRE came and swept the whole nation even under communism! The Spirit of God came down in such POWER!

BUT NOW I WANT TO BRING YOU TO SOMETHING EXPLOSIVE! If you study physics and chemistry, you know you can put two separate chemicals together – alone they are inactive, powerless – but when you put the two together – POW – they EXPLODE! In Summer 2015, when I was speaking to Vietnamese refugees in Europe, God brought together two chemicals in my life, two scriptures – and suddenly it was like an EXPLOSION! It's changed my life! I was not the man I was even a few weeks before!

From my boyhood, Psalm 63:1-2 has been in my heart; I long for God, I thirst for Him, and no, I will not see His Face, but I have seen His Power, I have seen Him in action! I have seen Him in the Sanctuary, in the Holy Place. I grew up with this burning longing for the Power of God! But suddenly now I understand, in a new way, I will see that Power ON THE BATTLEFIELD – THIS YEAR!!! I will not see His Face, but I will see His Hand, I will see His Power, in evangelism, in my ministry, in action, ON THE BATTLEFIELD!

BUT WHAT IS THE EXPLOSIVE PART? It's quite amazing, it's two scriptures together! Suddenly I realised that down through these years I've been praying over another verse, Jeremiah 33:1-3: 'Thus says the Lord, the Maker thereof, the Lord that formed it and established it, **"CALL unto Me and I will ANSWER you!"' For 10 years I have been CALLING on God to fulfil certain powerful things! Suddenly when I link that with Psalm 63, I know that the ANSWER to my longing is that I will SEE His Power and Glory on the BATTLEFIELD in a new way! Suddenly when I put those two scriptures together, I realise what God is going to do THIS YEAR, what He is going to do in my life – He's going to fulfil EVERYTHING HE HAS SAID!**

The challenge to the Church is to FILL GOD'S HOUSE, to RESTORE GOD'S HOUSE TO IT'S FORMER GLORY! Haggai 2:3. If we do, God's says, Haggai 2:6, I WILL SHAKE THE HEAVENS AND CHRIST WILL COME! – Get a vision of what God can do!

The whole of my life now has to be a determination to see that the world will SEE THE POWER AND GLORY OF GOD!

THE GOSPEL IS FOR SINNERS!

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The Gospel is not complicated! I want to remind you of what the Lord said. He said, "Preach the Gospel, heal the sick – and raise the dead." That's all I try to do in my ministry. Because I try to do what the disciples were told to do!

What higher aim or ambition can we have, than simply doing what Jesus said?! It was a challenge to the first disciples. It remains a challenge to pastors and leaders today. When I took 400 evangelists with me to Siberia in 1994 for 3 months, I simply told them: They've lived without the Gospel for 70 years, they don't know about Jesus, just preach the Gospel, heal the sick, raise the dead! That's what we did, everywhere we went!

I think we tend to complicate the Gospel. I've had to decide to be very simple in my ministry. In May this year I was in Poland to evangelise. My audience was not made up of good ordinary people. No. The organising churches went to orphanages and homes for the disabled, to shelters for the homeless and drug addicts, they even went to a mental health clinic, and brought the people in – unsaved people, rejects, outcasts – they bussed them in! Those are the people Jesus told us to reach, come on! Jesus didn't say, go to the wealthy and the ones who can fill the offering basket in your church! He said go into the highways and byways, fetch them off the street! That's what they did in Poland in May this year.

So I had to preach a simple Gospel, and I chose a very simple story from Matthew 9 that I'm going to share with you here, you know it, but pay attention to it:

Jesus entered His own city, and they brought Him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed. He was obviously dying. Seeing the faith of those who brought him, Jesus said to the sick man, "Cheer up, your sin is forgiven!" But the men hadn't brought him for words of comfort, they brought him to be healed! And Jesus didn't do that. He just told him rejoice, your sin is forgiven! Why? Because this is the very essence of the Gospel we preach: this man, even if he died, would now go into the Kingdom of God, into Heaven! But without Christ, without forgiveness, he goes to hell. Because when you die, you either go into Heaven or hell. There's no intermediate place, no purgatory.

Even as a teenager at school, I was a 'hellfire' preacher. But it's the truth, come on! When you die, you either go to Heaven or hell. The decision isn't made when you get up there, the decision has to be made down here first! That why the importance of preaching Christ and the forgiveness of sins.

But the religious leaders, the Scribes and the Pharisees complained amongst themselves, Matthew 9:3, "This man Jesus is blaspheming, because only God can forgive sin, and if He says He's 'forgiving sin' then he's acting like God – and He can't!" Jesus however knew their thoughts and said, v4, "Why do you think evil in your hearts?" It's very easy for religious leaders – even today – to be critical. They're often critical of me! But Jesus KNEW their thoughts, it wasn't what they said to Him, it's what they THOUGHT about Him. He KNEW their unspoken thoughts!

I am challenging you, Jesus knows YOUR thoughts! It's not just what you say, He knows what you're thinking!

So now in Matthew 9:5, He asks the question, "Which is the easiest: to say your sin is forgiven, or to say, be healed, get up and walk?!" When I'm preaching the Gospel as I did in Poland, I find this quite a challenge, and I want to present it as a challenge to YOU. Is it easier to say your sin is forgiven, or to say, sick man, don't die – get up and walk?! For that man lying paralysed on his bed to get up and walk was going to take an impossible miracle!!!

The Pharisees did not recognise who Jesus was, to them He was a blasphemous imposter.

So to demonstrate who He really was, Jesus now did the impossible and raised the paralysed man from his bed – and confirmed what He had already said and done in forgiving the man's sin! Only Jesus could do both of these things! The religious leaders could neither forgive sin nor heal the man!

So which was the easiest?! This is a serious question. The answer is only God can do either. And God can do both! Only God can forgive sin, and only God can heal the sick: so, Jesus IS God. Jesus gave the religious leaders an answer they didn't expect. He said, in v. 6, "So that you can know that the Son of Man – He's referring to Himself – has Power on earth to forgive sin, He turns to the sick man and says, "Get up, pick up your bed and go home!" And the sick man got up! Totally healed.

The demonstration of the healing miracle was the incontrovertible evidence to the religious leaders that Jesus HAS POWER ON EARTH! POWER TO HEAL THE SICK. HENCE, POWER TO FORGIVE SIN.

And when the multitude saw the miracle they marvelled and glorified God who had given such Power to men!

Now Jesus had not yet chosen the Twelve, that happens in Chapter 10. Here, in Ch 9, we see Him calling Matthew a tax collector, who got up and followed Him. And the Pharisees, seeing him enter a house, in v11 again begin to criticise Jesus – this time for eating with sinners. They took every opportunity to criticise! When Jesus healed that paralysed man, they criticised Him because only God can forgive sin – but the miracle demonstrated Jesus WAS the Son of God! That's the point! And now the criticism is, why was Jesus eating with sinners? It's so easy to look down on and disregard the sinner, but when Jesus heard what they were saying, He said to these religious leaders, v12, "Those who are whole don't need a doctor, it's those who are sick who need healing!" Hmmm. And Jesus is not referring here to just physical healing, but to spiritual healing – His ministry was to sinners! The criticism here is not, why are You healing the sick, but why are You so friendly with sinners?!!

Jesus IS a friend of sinners. It doesn't say Jesus is a friend of the rich, the wealthy and the powerful, does it?! Jesus says, v12, "The whole don't need a doctor, the sick do. I haven't come to call the 'righteous', but the sinners to repent. Mercy! Go and learn what this means!" What a challenge to the religious leaders! It's the same today, I would challenge you the same way Jesus did, learn what Jesus really meant: we should be a friend of sinners, we should encourage the sinner to respond to the Gospel. That's why He told the parable of the Wedding Feast (which is about the Kingdom of God). When the invited guests don't turn up, He says, "My House isn't full – there's room for more – go out and FILL IT! Go into the highways and the byways!"

Our JOB today is to go out and FILL GOD'S HOUSE WITH PEOPLE! Jesus said, "I've not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." And healing is integral to this Gospel. In Poland earlier this year as I was telling you, I was preaching the Gospel to people who'd been brought off the street, unbelievers, sinners! I followed the same pattern that Jesus did in Matthew 9, where He preached the Gospel BEFORE He healed the sick. That's what I generally do. I preach the Gospel, then call people to repentance, and then pray for the sick. It's not a hard and fast rule, Jesus Himself didn't always follow that pattern, because when the sick came to Him – like the woman with the issue of blood later in Ch 9 – He just healed the sick, and I do too. But the miracles are the proof of the truth of the Gospel that I preach about Jesus. Miracles convince the people of the truth of God's Word.

In all my 75 years in ministry, I've tried to do what Jesus did, I've tried to live like the disciples did. Church, why not?!! I think that's what we're supposed to do! I believe in the importance of the healing ministry. In my heart I've always wanted to do what Jesus told us to do. You know the verses where Jesus commissions His disciples to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature – let's do it! That's what I've been doing for 75 years! When I took 400 people with me to Siberia in 1994 – *the Russian Far East borders China and the Artic and is close to Japan* – I struggled to get enough money even to buy one-way tickets! People of the team challenged me, where are the return tickets? I couldn't tell them I didn't have any money for return tickets, not even for myself! I had to ask the Lord, help, what do I say? And Jesus told me. So I said to them, "Jesus said, go into all the world and preach the Gospel, start where you are, then go to the ends of the earth. Siberia is the end of the world – believe me, it is! But Jesus said, GO, He never said come back!" The people trusted me, and we went by faith!

People say they want to live like Jesus. Well, all I'm trying to do is follow the command Jesus gave to His disciples. That's why I preach the Gospel and heal the sick – it's what He said. Our job – yours and mine – is to FILL HIS HOUSE WITH THE SINNER!

RAIN IS COMING – RE

In June I was invited as the key speaker to the all-Kazakh inter-confessional Pastors 'Kurultai' or spiritual council. Pastors came from as far as 3500 km away and brought their people with them. I spent 3 days ministering to Kazakh Pastors and Leaders from this vast country – over-lapping with 2 days ministering to their Kazakh Youth – 4 nights in total, with evangelism each evening advertised on the internet, bringing in more people! There was great joy in the cultural worship in the first 2 days, and the youth meetings were literally bursting with energy!

From my life's experience I preached the reality of Christ, and the realities of a life lived serving Him. It seemed that hundreds, half the hall came forward to respond to the call to repentance each night, and there were many special healings. Some testified through the microphone from the platform, whilst many more simply told their leaders who had brought them.

From the platform, a woman with a broken back, wearing a back brace, said she was healed – and next night returned without the brace to confirm her healing! A tall man with a terminal genetic lung condition, on the list for a lung transplant, travelled more than 1000 km for healing; on the last night he testified from the platform that he could now breathe freely! A young woman, who had had 9 surgeries in the last year and could only read with a very thick magnify-

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On this visit, we met with several people who were powerfully healed in David's ministry here 23 years ago. First was Doug Boyle, who flew in from Australia specially to meet with David. An effective and much-loved missionary who laboured here in Kazakhstan in the 1990s, in 2002, riddled with cancer, he lay dying, without hope, in the local hospital. But when David prayed, Doug received a gift of faith, and the Lord raised him up totally. He serves God to this day. Next was a radiant middle-aged Mum, whose beautiful daughter spoke to us as her interpreter; 23 years ago, this woman was unable to have children, but after David's prayer, the Lord gave her this now grown-up daughter! Then, the Youth Pastor, on the opening night of the Youth Meetings, told from the platform how 23 years ago, a Kazakh woman brought her 8-year-old daughter to David's meeting with an untreatable head injury, so severe, she couldn't attend full-time school. She hadn't wanted to ask the Jesus of the Bible to heal her daughter, but she was desperate. Today the mother serves in ministry in the church, and that young girl is now the Youth Pastor's wife! He says the reason he's in ministry is because of her!

In Kazakhstan we are witnessing a move of God built on the courage, perseverance and faithfulness of men and women who saw the great revival of the 1990s and early 2000s (when communism first collapsed), and who have survived 20 years of persecution since – lies, libels, confiscation of church properties, arrests and court cases. But we all sense, this new move of God will be greater than that first great revival! The leadership told us, "A second wave of revival is coming. It cannot now be stopped. David, your renewed investment in ministry here in recent years is a sign for us! Last time you came, we saw a 'cloud the size of a man's hand'. Now we know, HEAVY RAIN IS COMING! Like Elijah, we must get up and run with it!"

VIVAL IS COMING!

ing glass, was able to read the song lyrics on the screen – with her own eyes, unaided! Two more women with broken vertebrae were healed. A mother whose baby was plagued with epileptic fits testified there had been no more fits since the first night she brought the child for prayer. A woman aged 63 came with her doctors' notes documenting that in childhood, her eardrum and all the 3 bones needed for hearing had been surgically removed – but after the prayer, it's now confirmed, she has 40% hearing in an ear that physically cannot hear!

HEALED! HEALED! HEALED! HEALED!

HEALED 20 YEARS AGO!

O GOD! STOP PUTIN! SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT ON UKRAINE!

David wrote: "We arrived in Kyiv late on the night of 3 July. An air alarm was in place. As we went to bed after midnight the biggest Russian air assault yet – Kyiv the main target – rained down on us: 539 Shahed drones, 1 Kinzhal missile, 6 ballistic missiles, 4 cruise missiles. Our house shook. Kyiv woke to smoke and debris. I was glad I was there to experience with the people of Ukraine what it is like when Putin tries to bring down hell on an innocent nation.

"Regardless of this, on Saturday 5 July we went ahead with our annual prayer for Ukraine to call on God to bring an end to the war. The October Palace, situated in the Government District of Kyiv, was filled to the rafters, 3000, and more in the overflow hall, not a spare seat anywhere. But only 30 minutes into the prayer Vadim our organiser was told the air alarm had sounded, two hypersonic missiles were on their way, and he must close the event. If he did not, if anything happened, he, Vadim, would be criminally accountable. He saw the fear in the eyes of the head of the venue administration. But by the grace of God, both missiles were intercepted and the prayer continued without a break."

"I spoke from 1 John 4:3-4, **'The spirit of antichrist has come against you, but you in Ukraine are of God, you have overcome, and HE that is in YOU in Ukraine is greater than the spirit of antichrist attacking you. God cannot be defeated. God will not fail you. Every Russian soldier will leave Ukraine – GOD will drive them out. HE that is in you – the Spirit of the Living Christ – is greater than the spirit in Russia! Devil, in Jesus' Name I command you to leave Ukraine.'** Putin MUST. God WILL remove Putin, stop the war and drive every Russian soldier out of the country. Otherwise, we will have a 3rd world war now!"

The day after the air attack and the day before the national prayer, David held a packed meeting to empower Ukrainian evangelists, especially young evangelists, to reach their nation for Christ – in the midst of war and in preparation for the Victory. As he came to the end of his message, David cried with authority from his heart, **"O God, stop Putin! Send the Holy Spirit on Ukraine!"** And, as he stepped down from the platform to pray for the people individually, it was if a wave swept over the whole auditorium, touching every person present.

To get to Kyiv during wartime is a long journey for us: first we must fly to Poland where we are met by a 'fixer' and taken by car through the border to Lviv in West Ukraine. Because our train to Kyiv was late afternoon next day and to fill the time usefully, our fixer took us to the now famous rehabilitation centre, 'Superhumans' – not an 'AI dream', but a very human reality. We spent some hours in this purpose-built facility with military and civilians, adults and children, who have lost limbs; here they are not only fitted with individually crafted prostheses, but cared for, heart and soul. We expected to be saddened, but we were struck by such positive energy here! Before we left, we witnessed a joyful passing-out event for several men on completion of their rehabilitation programme.

In everyone we met that day we saw their joy in being alive, of having a second chance - their tragedy turned to triumph! Such life, love and kindness in their eyes, words, body language of staff and those who, one would expect to have been irreversibly brutalised by Putin's unjustified and criminal war. **GOD is at work to heal Ukraine!**

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

HUNGRY TO

'SOZO' (*Greek, meaning to save, deliver and make whole*) is a Central Asian initiative to set young converts on fire for Jesus and to raise up the next generation of leaders. 1500 young people registered to attend this year's conference, primarily from the Central Asian 'Stan' countries – buses were organised to bring them in and cheap accommodation arranged. In total delegates came from 356 churches, 89 cities – and 22 countries worldwide were represented. During the conference, 100 young people dedicated themselves to the Lord as evangelists. In all the years of SOZO, they have never seen such hunger for God – to receive from Him and to serve Him.

It is an amazing breakthrough in a region that was formerly part of the atheist Soviet Union and is culturally Moslem. In Kazakhstan today *(where the conference was being held),* Bibles can now be legally imported, but in the other Central Asian countries, by law, you can only bring in a personal Bible for yourself. Printing Bibles in these regions is extremely difficult, and possession or distribution of Christian materials can be risky. It is in this context that we saw, during the conference, the launch of the Alpha Course in Central Asia, having been driven out of Putin's Russia.

What affected me is that in Central Asia, out of 100 people, only 2 will have had fathers who were actively present in their lives; but to break with Islam and become a Christian brings the ire of both relatives and the community – with severe beatings to 'save the soul' lost from Islam because of Christ. In any Kazakh congregation, 50% are secret Christians for fear of their families.

And it was in this context that the Conference began with a message on the 'Forgotten Commandment' – Exodus 20:12 – honour your father and mother that it may go well with you. The speaker (and host of the conference) came from such a dysfunctional family and such a community and has learnt the power of forgiveness. He then shared photos of the Christian leaders who have come alongside him and fathered him in the faith.

In the words of my editor, this was followed by a '*powerful message from David, how he has known God as Father throughout his 93 years of life, not just in the good times, but in difficulty, trouble and trials, especially in that communist prison where he experienced first the depths of despair under interrogation and torture, then the Glory of God as he has never ever experienced in any church. He shared the price he – and his family – have had to pay, and his desire to be as a father to this young generation in Central Asia. This message set the whole conference alight with the Fire and the Power of God, until they said, they had never experienced God's Glory as they did during these few days together this summer.*'

Yes, 6-7 representatives from the KGB/ security services attended throughout, but God is unstoppable. For 20 years public witness and worship in Kazakhstan have been prohibited, even on their own church territory. But on the closing night, loudspeakers were set up and 1500 young people filled the open outdoor space to worship and sing the Glory of God!

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SERVE GOD

SOZO – All-Central Asia Youth Conference, August 2025

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WHAT ABOUT 'OTHER PEOPLE'?

Recently my car broke down while I was taking it to a garage for repair. I called my roadside rescue service who told me they were very busy, I'd have to wait 4-5 hours for help!!! And in any case, being on a major dual carriageway it was too dangerous unless the police first closed the road. But I had already called the police, who came fairly quickly. Then, within only a few minutes, a passing breakdown truck, seeing my difficulty, pulled in and offered to move my car off the road to safety, which is what the police wanted. As we loaded the car, the truck driver asked where I lived and, as it was near, offered to take my car home; but I said I was on my way to a specific garage where they were waiting to do a job on the car anyway. To my amazement, the truck driver replied, "Your garage is exactly where I'm going to collect another broken-down vehicle, so, as I'm already on this other job, this won't cost you anything! Of course, I did give him something in appreciation.

So God had made a most unusual way of escape for me, a way of deliverance! And it didn't just impact me, when I arrived at my garage, they said in amazement, "There's 'Somebody-Up-There' looking after you!"

It was only afterwards that I realised I had just learnt a simple lesson – in fact a phenomenal spiritual lesson, as I had a whole heap of other problems and complications pressing in on me at that time! So often in life, God doesn't stop bad things happening to us. I've had cancer twice; God didn't stop me having it. I was put in a communist prison; God could have prevented that. But what happens is this, so often God has already prepared a way of escape – and in it all, we learn to trust Him! He allowed me to have throat cancer in 1964, lung cancer in 2002 – in order that I might learn to trust Him. I didn't have any medical treatment, God healed me. In my prison, again I learnt to trust Him – and He got me out. No, we're NOT going to live in this world without trouble, without problems – BUT TRUST HIM – PUT YOUR LIFE IN GOD'S HANDS!

I've had to learn how to do this. Don't think because of my age and long service in ministry that I'm free from problems! At this moment I've got more serious problems than I've had in a long time, critical issues that will affect me. But the lesson I learnt with that breakdown is that, whilst God doesn't always stop the problems coming, He has made a way of escape, provision, deliverance – in advance – so that we learn to trust Him!

How important it is for us to put our whole lives, everything, into God's Hands and trust Him! Just as children trust their parents. My favourite memory is of watching a little girl trying to cross a busy street with her father. She stopped at the side of the road bewildered by the traffic, but putting her hand into her father's hand, she stepped out without fear, looking trustingly at her father, not the traffic.

As Christians, we need to see, not only how great our God is, but also our great need is of Him. We've got to sense our own weakness, our own fallibility, because God's Strength is made perfect in our weakness. It's not when we're strong, it's when we're at our weakest that God's Power is made the strongest in our lives.

And it's not just about us. We need to understand that the WORLD needs our God! That's why as a boy, I wanted to be an evangelist. I can remember discussing these things with my father. I was always asking him questions, and in fact, I learnt to pray to my Heavenly Father in the same way I talked with my earthly father, asking him questions, why, why? I was searching to find answers, and I still do. I remember with my father, we talked about Heaven and hell. That when you die, you either go to Heaven – or hell. That there's only one way into Heaven, through Jesus Christ when you repent of your sins and are born again. No, we're NOT born 'good'. The Bible says we've all sinned and come short of the Glory of God, there is none righteous, no not one! Not even you, or me! I remember asking my father, **"What about people who've never heard about Jesus, what happens to them when they die?"** My father simply said, "David, that's your responsibility, you must tell them!" I grew up, long before I ever entered the ministry, with that ringing in my ears: it's OUR responsibility to tell them!

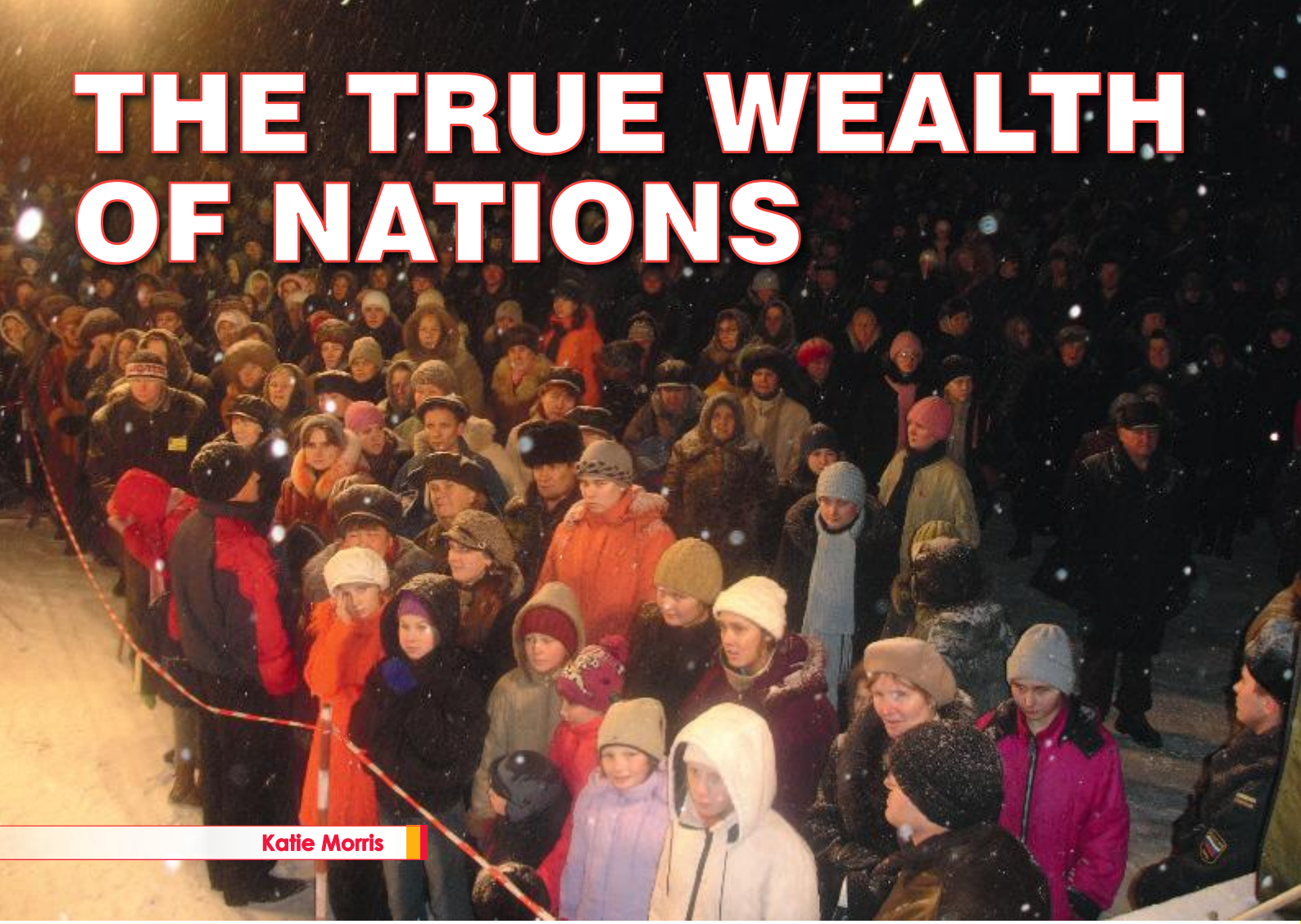
Ezekiel says, if we tell others the Gospel and they reject it, that's their responsibility. But if we don't tell them, then their blood is on us! Ezekiel 3:18. That's what my father was teaching me, long before I came into the ministry!

We need to understand that we are called, as servants, to tell 'other people' about Jesus – and that takes sacrifice on our part! We're not called to be No. 1 – we're servants of God, God is No. 1, we must never rise about that.

Celebrating 75 years in ministry this year, I'm still a boy, I've never really grown up, and I don't claim any titles in ministry. I'm just the same boy I was when I was searching for God, asking my father questions as a teenager all those years ago. We need to understand that the highest level we can ever reach as Christians is to be servants of God, to serve Him! That means sacrifice! Suffering.

When the British Parliament was debating my case when I was in a communist prison for taking Bibles into those godless lands where the people weren't allowed Bibles, the archives record that they said, Hathaway knew what he was doing, Christians are called to suffer, and we're not going to help him! But God Himself made a way of escape for me! He sent British Prime Minister Harold Wilson to bring me out. Wilson told me he didn't know why he'd done it… But I know why. **It was in answer to my prayers, so that I could continue to preach the Gospel to a world that needs a way of escape from sin, from hell. We HAVE to tell them!**

THE TRUE WEALTH OF NATIONS



Katie Morris

For David, 2025 marks 75 years in full-time ministry. Aged just 18, in April 1950 he entered Bible College and within 3 months became the only student to be given a church to pastor at the same time! When it came to the college vacations, he borrowed a tent from a local businessman and held his first 'big' evangelism (not big in numbers, but in effort)! No one from the college wanted to sacrifice precious holiday time to join David in winning souls for Christ. Instead, God sent him two war refugees to help: one born in Russia who survived the Nazi siege of St Petersburg, the other born in Poland, conscripted into the SS – he survived having the back of his head blown off in the war – and had a metal plate to prove it! 75 years ago, it was as if the Lord was signalling to David that his life's ministry would be together with and for such people.

To celebrate 75 years in ministry, David's media team created a video testimonial showing highlights of his ministry, including some old 1990s footage of his evangelism in countries newly liberated from the yoke of the communist USSR. This footage was so real to the audience in London that, listening to David preaching the Gospel on screen, they reacted to his call to repentance and for healing as if he was speaking God's message of Love direct to them, standing when he said stand, repeating the prayer after him when he said pray.

But what moved me, and evidently also moved many present, was the sight of those dear, pain-struck faces of the crowd on the screen – people longing for, hungry for the Love of a God who is a good Father. Unlike most present in London, I have actually seen these people in real life, with my own eyes. For more than 30 years I have been the witness in every meeting David has held in East Europe and the former Soviet Union – countries which were all once under the iron control of Russia.

David says, in the Kingdom he wants to spend time with Peter, with Paul, Moses, Elijah… I understand him, but for me, it's these people on the screen, the people I once witnessed give their lives to Christ, many of whom were healed in front of us all, many more of whom I know were healed on their way home, and some in their beds at night... I want to hug them and to hold them, and ask them, how did they manage to make it all the way through life and so finally enter into the Kingdom? I also want to meet the ones we maybe paid little attention to at the time, the ones who carried our bags and luggage, who drove us around, who loved and cared for us and considered it an honour to do so... Or who pushed humble gifts of gratitude into our hands as we tried to exit crowded venues... I want to look these people in the eye and hold them close.

In the London meeting, following the video footage, we began to sing a song, "Jesus, You are worthy of it all, for from You are all things and to You are all things, You deserve the Glory!"

As we sang, I remembered scriptures that say we will bring the wealth, the glory of nations into God's Kingdom… I understood, it's not material wealth God has in mind, it's not rare earth minerals, oil or gold that He wants. It's people – once defiled by sin – souls won for Christ, cleansed by the Blood of the Lamb – these are the true 'wealth of nations' God is asking us to bring with us when at last we enter the Kingdom!

Read Revelation 21:24-26, cf Isaiah 60:5 and 61:6,11.

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