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A WARNING AND A NEW TV PROGRAM

Dear Believers,

A SPECIAL WORD

This is a special word I feel compelled to share with you. Sometimes I receive a word from God, a revelation, and it's clearly for me. Sometimes it becomes a basis for a talk or a writing. But this I am just going to pass on for your own prayer and meditation.

Take a deep breath, put yourself in God's hands, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you read.

To begin I share a definition and a bit of background:

Vision - an experience in which something – a person, place, thing, scene, event - appears fully real, alive, and credible to the mind. It is as if the person receiving the vision is actually present standing before it or in it.

I'm not speaking of visions brought about by a pharmaceutical source or an evil spirit. No, the vision we are talking about here is a vision which is brought by God. Something to remember, to meditate on, to pray over for understanding, perhaps more.

Let me give an example. Once some years ago I was sitting on a sofa in my house. I had been reading the Bible and praying, but at this point I seem to remember I was just sitting and being quiet. Suddenly right there I was in another scene. I was standing across the street from a church in the middle of a crowd of people. I kept looking at the church, and I clearly knew at least one, maybe more of the people standing beside me. We were there to pray over this old church, to free it from any evil spirits that had taken residence in past years when different people and different church groups had met there. As I looked forward, I warned the other people to protect themselves. The sun warmed my face. A breeze fluttered the leaves nearby and blew through my hair. To this day I still remember the breeze blowing through my hair. It was real. I was there. That was a vision. I know what I saw. And then I was back in the room on the sofa. I don't think I actually left the room physically. But certainly I was before that church, as only God knows how.

We have guidance in Acts 2:17 and in Joel 2:28 that in the last days more people will dream dreams and see visions. We are of course in those last days, the days after the first coming of Christ and before he returns.

And I say all this as background to lead up to a vision I had recently, one very relevant to all of us. This was something like a dream vision. I was in bed but awake, in a dreamy state, and suddenly there I was, looking over a scene clearly not in my bedroom. The scene was one of a small town. It seemed to be night or late afternoon. Snow was on the ground. It reminded me of

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those beautiful little New England towns – if you haven't been there you have seen them on Currier and Ives Christmas cards.

So all I saw – my whole world before me in this vision – was this town. Suddenly in the upper right area of the scene fire broke out. This fire burned up about two-thirds, maybe more, of the scene, leaving only the lower left of the town intact.

As I pondered what I had seen, way back in the scene some things began moving. Slowly they moved forward. They were numbers in strong modern design, metallic numbers. They came closer and closer, and became larger and larger until they filled the scene in front of me.

These were the numbers: **2007**

That was the end of the vision.

I would say this is a clear warning of something bad happening in 2007. And happening in the US – this was a small American village. I don't know specifically when or where, but just be warned. I know we have all of the wonderful promises of God in the Bible, and blessings galore are received by believers. The ability of Cathy and me to continue in this ministry is an amazing blessing. Nothing stops believers from being blessed in 2007. But at the same time, just be warned that something more is to be expected in the physical world. How should we respond to such a vision? Pray, intercede for the country, for people, for areas. Seek to turn this around. Remember how the leader and citizens of Nineveh changed their future after being warned by Jonah?

This is a good time for a follow-up lesson. Whenever you receive a prophecy yourself – or listen to one from someone – first seek to discern whether you believe the prophecy is from God. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you. Is it a real prophecy? And then pray about it – pray for it to come true, perhaps, or pray against its coming true. Prayer is powerful.

Many people have received guidance from God in some way indicating their future. These personal prophecies may or may not necessarily come true. Perhaps you are to follow a particular course but you choose not to. Always, pray after receiving divine guidance. Pray as the Holy Spirit leads.

I felt a need to pass this vision on to you. Sometime perhaps I'll share more on the subject of visions. Visions and dreams are just another tool God uses to communicate.

You all know that about two years ago Jesus began pressing me with a serious sense of urgency to tell people he is coming soon. I have noticed that some well known national ministers have recently been giving their prophecies for 2007. At least one has had some dire words to say. I think the vision I just had is both real and dire.

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Again, believers can be receiving countless blessings at the same time bad things are happening in this largely lost world. But we need to be prepared and alert, ready always for what happens. And along the way hopefully we can always be ready to testify to the lost, to help others find the truth.

MINISTRY TELEVISION SERIES - *Dare to Believe!*

We will in the next two weeks be in production for the first four programs of our new television series *Dare to Believe!* I would ask you all to be in prayer for that program, prayer for protection and guidance for all involved, prayer that we truly present the truths God has shown us, and prayer for the proper television outlets for this program.

Currently we have good opportunities for broadcast in some attractive markets, but we must be sure we are free to present the gospel uncluttered and unfiltered. This is a difficult world we live in today, as surely some of you must recognize now. We must speak the truths of God into this world. Pray for that.

The funding requirement for television broadcasts is great, and this entire effort is a step out in faith that funds will be forthcoming. If I cut through all the many words God has given me in recent years, his overall guidance for me is to “Have a prayer, preaching, and healing ministry with my wife. Tell people who I (Jesus) am. Tell people I am coming soon.” There are others, such as “write, give your testimony, and feed my sheep,” but I think overall most fit under these few sentences. We are stepping out in efforts to reach larger numbers of people with the truth of who Jesus really is and who we really are in him. The mass of the people, even those who say they are Christians, just do not know.

Please be in prayer for all involved in the ministry, for all these efforts, and for God’s provision. As always, we thank you for your support in prayer, contributions, volunteer work, and more. Always, always, keep your eyes on Jesus. That is your only hope in this increasingly confusing and lost world and country. Always, always seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in any situation, and pray in the spirit on all occasions.

May God bless you all always.

John

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