

2023 New Year's Day CLM Experience

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Raising a MEMORIAL

Remembering every good thing that God did this year for us!

When asking the LORD: What do you want to say for 2023?

He said: 2022 IS OVER!

God has turned a page.

A WHOLE NEW CHAPTER IS OPENING UP IN WHAT GOD IS DOING

2022 is finished. It is done! Because something new is here today.

As we are crossing over into 2022 we want to remember the good things the LORD has been doing for us. In the Bible this is called "Building a Memorial". We want to remember: Thus far has the LORD brought us and He has been with us.

Think of one thing the LORD has done for you and speak your thanks out to the LORD.

But now 2022 is over. We have to shift into 2023. And that REQUIRES A SHIFT.

The Lord said: You have to put on a NEW PAIR OF GLASSES in 2023!

We are all getting ready for 2023. We are going to look through a completely different lens.

It is like nothing you ever saw before!

Are you ready for something NEW in 2023?

As we come into 2023 IT IS NEW! We are not in 2022. We are in 2023!

2022 is over. It is in the past. God is taking us forward.

Then God said

2023 IS GOING TO BE A SIGNIFICANT YEAR IN THE KINGDOM

Meaning of significance

important -- having influence or impact

And if something is significant, it is not by chance, it is being intentionally done.

God is saying: This is going to be a significant year.

It is going to be significant, because each and every one of you is significant in the Kingdom.

YOU ARE IMPORTANT - No matter where you are, which nation you're in. No matter what city.

Not matter what job you do. - You are significant and important!

And you are not here by chance, GOD DREW YOU BY HIS SPIRIT.

And all that God was doing in 2022- moving you, shifting things, catapulting you - all to get you where you are today!

Because He knows what He's about to do in the Kingdom.

And YOU ARE A SIGNIFICANT PART.

Intentionally, you are here today -in this House, listening to what we are saying - by God's design. Because you are important; and you are part of the influence and the impact that from this House, we're going to effect into the world!

Because God is building in His Kingdom.

As we move into 2023, God is doing something significant in the Kingdom. And it is going to take you, and you, and you... It is going to take all of you!

It is going to take ALL OF US TOGETHER.

Because we learned that we are *living stones build into a house*. We got to be *BUILT TOGETHER*. We got *to be JOINED TOGETHER*. To be joined together you have to be joined to something *, to* someone else and to something *at some place*.

GOD BROUGHT YOU HERE

He drew you here to be part of His House in this place!

God is building us together

Ephesians 2:19-22

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but **fellow citizens with God's people** and also **members of his household,** 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 **In him** the whole building is **joined together** and rises to **become a holy temple** in the Lord. 22 And **in him** you too are **being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.**

IN 2023 THERE IS A FITTING TOGETHER COMING

In being fit together we grow into the holy temple of the Lord.

In this year, in the Kingdom there is a BUILDING that is happening - of LIVING STONES that are

God is looking to sit in the midst of His House - THE SEATED GLORY

being build together for a DWELLING PLACE OF GOD in the Spirit.

And all of us have been longing and searching for that.

And God has drawn us together. He has put us together by His Spirit And now He is saying: It is time to build together!

To be FITTED TOGETHER. To grow up into the temple.

AND 2023 IS THE STARTING POINT

We have been doing a lot of work. There's been shakings. God has done a lot of tearing down, and sifting out, and shifting us around, up and down. And sometimes we didn't know where we were.

But what He did is: HE IS RIGHT ON TIME TO BRING US TOGETHER.

Right on the beginning of 2023 so that we can STAY ON TRACK with His KINGDOM PURPOSES.

And the last thing that God said about 2023 to me - as I said: <u>Lord, how on earth is this going to happen!?</u> I believe you but <u>how</u> is this going to happen?

1 Corinthians 1:21, 25-29 (TPT)

21 For in his wisdom, God designed that all the world's wisdom would be insufficient to lead people to the discovery of himself. He took great delight in baffling the wisdom of the world by using the simplicity of preaching the story of the cross in order to save those who believe it.

25 For the "foolish" things of God have proven to be wiser than human wisdom. And the "feeble" things of God have proven to be far more powerful than any human ability.

26 Brothers and sisters, **consider who you were when God called you to salvation**. <u>Not many of you were wise scholars</u> by human standards, nor were many of you in <u>positions of power</u>. Not many of you were <u>considered the elite</u> when you answered God's call.

27 But **God chose those whom the world considers foolish** to shame those who think they are wise, and **God chose the puny and powerless** to shame the high and mighty.
28 **He chose the lowly, the laughable** in the world's eyes—nobodies—so that he would shame the somebodies. For he chose what is regarded as insignificant in order to supersede what is regarded as prominent,

29 so that there would be **no place for prideful boasting in God's presence**.

This year is significant. Because God brought us together to build us together, so that His House so that His Glory may begin to be seen in the nations.

AND WE WILL KNOW THAT IT WAS NOT US BUT IT WAS ALL HIM

BECAUSE THERE IS NO OTHER ONE THAN OUR GOD AND OUR KING

Now Pastor Faisal will share on **How to align with God in 2023** - with *what HE is doing*, so that we can see *where He is going* and *see His Purposes come to path*. So that at the end of the year, we can all share testimonies of all that God did in this significant year in the Kingdom. (TC 20:21)

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HOW TO ALIGN WITH GOD IN 2023 WITH WHAT HE IS DOING

It is going to be an epic 2023 for everyone!

God wants to take ordinary people and do extraordinary things - so that <u>HE</u> GETS ALL THE GLORY!

That's what we want to see Him do.

Now I will share some wisdom and insight on how to walk out what God has prepared for us and the significance of all of that.

It is one thing to HAVE A PROPHETIC WORD

But it is another thing to actually

WALK IN THE REALITY of that WORD

Many of you have heard words for you in years past, but are you walking in them today? We pray that you realise the prophetic potential of God's heart for your life.

There are things that God has written into a book about you before you were born.

God wants to see you experience those realities.

Those are GOD-THOUGHTS concerning your life, concerning your future.

We've lived in interesting times. We've come out of a "pandemic". And following the "pandemic", there has been a "shadow pandemic" taking place in people's minds where <u>people are not able to see the way God wants them to see.</u>

Maybe you haven't seen the way God wants you to see. Maybe your perspective needs to change.

So if you want a SIGNIFICANT year, if you want this to be a YEAR OF SIGNIFICANCE, if you want this to be an extraordinary year, then YOU NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK.

That is key #1 that we need to grab

TRANSFORMATION BY RENEWING YOUR MIND

Romans 12:2

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,

that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

YOU HAVE A CHOICE IN 2023 TO BE CONFORMED OR TRANSFORMED.

You can be <u>conformed to the world</u>, its thoughts, its ideas, its way of thinking, its culture. Have you noticed how the world is infiltrating your life?

Social Media for example. How often are you scrolling on Social Media? How much time do you spend looking on Media on your smart phone?

If you count the hours in the week, you will notice several hours of the week often are just wasted mindless as you are scrolling. - And yes, there are posts that can be funny. Yes, they can be distracting.

But HOW are you being transformed, if you are competing with the <u>conformation of thought</u>, <u>attitudes</u>, <u>behaviours and mind-sets of the world</u>, constantly entering your mind?

If you are going to RENEW YOUR MIND, that means that you have to RENOVATE YOUR MIND.

- · We have to change how we are looking at things
- · We have to CHANGE certain MIND-SETS
- We have to STOP the world's spirit_flow, <u>attitude</u> and <u>thoughts</u>, and <u>ideas</u>, and <u>ideals</u> from entering into our minds
- And we have to CHANGE what we are feeding on

What are we looking at? What are we listening to? What are we meditating on in our hearts?

- · We have to begin to ABSORB what HEAVEN IS SAYING
- · We have to begin to THINK DIFFERENTLY

And I would recommend that we think on GOD-THOUGHTS. And GOD-THOUGHTS are available in the WORD of God.

And the Holy Spirit, who is the AUTHOR of the WORD, wants to teach you and guide you into all truth in scripture.

God wants us to feed you the THOUGHTS and the WISDOM OF GOD.

That you can feed on the Spirit of wisdom and REVELATION.

So that you can INTERPRET THE TIMES you're in and THE SEASON that you're walking in right now.

Romans 12:2 (TPT)

Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you, but **be inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit** through **a total reformation of how you think**. This will empower you to **discern God's will** as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in his eyes.

God does have a plan for you and I. And He wants to help us to walk this plan out.

There are significant things, extraordinary things, that God wants to do in your life. However, we need to CHANGE THE WAY WE THINK!

Because we won't recognise that God is talking to us, we won't recognise when God is leading us, we won't able to tell a GOD-THOUGHT apart from a <u>worldly</u> thought.

You can only do that if you're interested in BEING TRANSFORMED.

"Transform" in Greek: Metamorphosis

Like a caterpillar going through that process called metamorphosis, and it comes out as a butterfly. That process is called "Metamorphosis" Your life becomes beautiful. But you only can have a metamorphosis of mind, or a reformation of thought, if you choose to no longer be conformed to the world.

YOU HAVE TO CHOOSE TO SAY NO TO THE WAY THE WORLD THINKS

Because as you are scrolling, and as you are spending your time in the ways of the world, you don't know it's affecting you. It's getting on you.

That's why we are getting ready to start a 21-day fast with our CLM Family. Encouragement: Fast as much as you can from the world's media! The News Media. Entertainment Media. Social Media. —I think this is key.

Because in the fast we put ALL OUR ATTENTION ON GOD - His intentions, His ideas, His thoughts and His Spirit. - How could you do that <u>if</u> you are constantly feeding on the world? You see it is <u>counter-productive</u>.

I want to encourage you

- STOP FEEDING THE FLESH!
- STOP FEEDING THE OLD NATURE, THE OLD MAN
- START FEEDING THE NEW NATURE
- Start living out of an INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP with the HOLY SPIRIT.

That's going to become very important in this season!

KEY #1

RENOVATE THE WAY YOU THINK-REFORM YOUR THINKING-CHANGE YOUR MINDSETS

Be diligent about it.

- BE INTENTIONAL about CHANGING THE WAY YOU THINK
- Be conscious of what's going on in your head.
- Have an <u>immigration policy</u> where you whet the thoughts that are coming into your mind.
 And say: That thought is not a God-Thought. That thought contradicts God's thoughts.
 That thought is going to exalt itself above the knowledge of God.

But you <u>need</u> the KNOWLEDGE OF GOD in order to even know how to do that. That knowledge comes from the WORD of GOD.

So begin to FEED ON GOD'S WORD.

Jesus said: "These Words that I speak to you, they are SPIRIT and LIFE." (John 6:63)

JESUS IS THE LIVING WORD

And He says: these words, the scripture, they testify of Me.

He says: "You err, you don't know the scriptures and you don't know the power of God" - to the religious people - because you don't know that they reveal me, they testify of Me.

As we, you and I, FEED ON the WORD of GOD, we get GREATER REVELATION of WHO JESUS IS, in and through the Holy Spirit.

John 6:63

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing.

The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

So TRANSFORMATION of LIFE, where you discern God's will is a sweet place to be. That's where the extraordinary begins to take place in our life.

This is <u>Jesus</u> speaking:

John 14:16

And I will pray the Father, and **He will give you another Helper**, that He may abide with you forever 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

He will give us the SPIRIT OF TRUTH. The world cannot receive him.

This is now Jesus is talking to his disciples. In that day - what day? When the Holy Spirit was given to us, post-Resurrection, the day of Pentecost, when the SPIRIT OF GOD came down, from that time forth, meaning even now, He says...

John 14:20

At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

GENUINE INTIMACY WITH THE FATHER AND WITH JESUS

The first thing God wants you to understand in 2023, as you begin to RENOVATE YOUR THINKING, is that you will experience

- · GENUINE INTIMACY WITH THE FATHER
- GENUINE INTIMACY WITH JESUS

Intimacy is where you are VULNERABLE and TRANSPARENT WITH GOD, where God is transparent with you

- · Where you see Him AS HE REALLY IS
- Where you become transformed to the image of His Son.

INTIMACY AND VULNERABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY CAUSES YOU TO TRULY CHANGE

- You change the way you LOOK
- You change the way you THINK
- · You change the way you ACT
- You begin to become the VISIBLE EXPRESSION OF CHRIST on earth
 In other words: That's what an IMAGE is, it is an expression of something you can touch
 and feel that reveals someone invisible.

JESUS IS THE VISIBLE EXPRESSION OF THE FATHER

His church, His bride, you and I, His body ought to be the VISIBLE EXPRESSION OF THE SON who is the VISIBLE EXPRESSION OF THE FATHER.

So the first thing that's going to happen, when we allow the Spirit of Truth to guide us into all truth, through the changing of our mind, is, that our hearts begin to transform...

- · We begin to SEE THE SON AS HE REALLY IS
- · We begin to TAKE ON THE IMAGE OF THE SON

Paul said...

1 Corinthians 15:49

And as we have borne the image of the man of dust {=Adam} we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man

WE ARE CALLED TO BE IMAGE-BEARERS OF THE SON OF GOD

We're called to be representations of the brightness, of the Glory of the Son while on the earth.

Can we do that if we are conforming to the world? If we are caught up in the world?- And, if you don't know if you are <u>conformed to the world</u>, you already are! If you can't tell apart the world from God's Kingdom and God's thinking, God's knowledge, and God's Spirit.

• If you are not SENSITIVE to the LEADING and the DIRECTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, you're already too far into the world.

It is okay, though, because you can come right out. The Holy Spirit will never stop wooing you away from the world. The Holy Spirit will never stop bringing you out of the world.

Because He wants you to BECOME AWARE OF THE GODHEAD.

First thing that begins to happen, when you respond to the Holy Spirit, is, that...

YOU BEGIN TO EXPERIENCE YOUR RELATIONSHIP BECOME MORE INTIMATE WITH GOD

- You become MORE AWARE OF HIM
- You become MORE CONSCIOUS OF HIM
- · Your DESIRES begin to CHANGE
- Your APPETITE begins to CHANGE
- You DESIRE the culture of the KINGDOM
- · You DESIRE the PRESENCE OF GOD.
- · You begin to desire who God is to you
- You begin to say: I WANT TO KNOW YOU -I don't understand your ways.
 SHOW ME YOUR WAYS that I can WALK WITH YOU
- Your ATTITUDE CHANGES
- You become RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT OF YOUR MIND.
- · CHANGE begins to occur.
- TRANSFORMATION begins to occur.
- A METAMORPHOSIS begins to occur in your life IN AND THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT

That is a very important Key

WE NEED THE HOLY SPIRIT IN 2023

John 16:13-15

13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

The Greek says: He will *declare it* and *reveal it to you by declaration*. That's why we need the Holy Spirit.

- · He is the AUTHOR OF THE WORD
- · He lives on the INSIDE OF US
- · You are the TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

I want to encourage you this year to..

- · GUARD THE DWELLING PLACE OF THE SPIRIT IN YOU
- Guard the temple
- · You are exclusively the TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
- You have been purchased with precious blood, more valuable than silver and gold, Peter says
- YOUR BODY AND YOUR SPIRIT BELONGS TO THE LORD

INTENTIONALLY GUARD THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

If you renew your mind, and change the way you think, that will become a reality for you in 2023. God doesn't want to share His house with anyone (that means "you"). He doesn't want to share your temple with the world. He doesn't want to share His temple (your body) with anyone else.

YOUR BODY BELONGS TO THE HOLY SPIRIT. And you need your body to live out 2023! I want to encourage you to BE MINDFUL of GOD's SPIRIT

James 4:4 (TPT)

4 You have become spiritual adulterers who are having an affair, an unholy relationship with the world. Don't you know that flirting with the world's values places you at odds with God? Whoever chooses to be the world's friend makes himself God's enemy!

<u>5</u>Does the Scripture mean nothing to you that says, "The Spirit that God breathed into our hearts is <u>a jealous Lover</u> who intensely <u>desires to have more and more of us</u>"?

What is God saying?

The Holy Spirit, whose temple we are - your body and spirit is

- · The TEMPLE
- The DWELLING PLACE
- The HOUSE
- The RESIDENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

You have someone who has taken up RESIDENCE on the INSIDE OF YOU - and that is the third person of the Godhead, God Himself.

And, in the Spirit, Christ also lives in you.

CHRIST IN YOU is the hope and positive expectation of the GLORY OF GOD.

And the FATHER in the Son and through the Spirit also has access to you.

And you are a living, breathing TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD.

That's why_you become <u>de-sensitised</u> to the Holy Spirit, when you are more sensitive to the world's culture, and the way the world thinks. Make no mistake!

The world is trying to compete for REAL ESTATE IN YOUR MIND...

- Compete for the AFFECTIONS IN YOUR HEART
- Compete for the VALUES IN YOUR FAMILY
- The world wants to dictate how your children are going to think, through entertainment, through education, through the values, through laws that they are implementing.
- The world is after YOUR FUTURE!

BUT GOD WANTS YOU TO HAVE A FUTURE THAT IS SECURE IN JESUS

And He, JESUS, is after you as well!

That's why it is important

- WILL YOU RESPOND IN 2023 TO THE HOLY SPIRIT?
- · WILL YOU TAKE THIS TIME?

That's why we are entering into a corporate fast together.

Not only for your family but corporately for what God is doing in the earth.

Because this is a SIGNIFICANT YEAR!

It is the year of the extraordinary to happen in your life!

THINGS THAT YOU THOUGHT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN GOD IS GOING TO ACCOMPLISH THEM

But you must be WILLING

- To be TRANSFORMED
- Be interested in CHANGE
- Interested in PERSONAL GROWTH

Learn from your mistakes in 2022, or in the past years of your life, and say: This year I'm going to grow because the Holy Spirit will help you grow, help you mature.

Paul, the apostle, said

1 Corinthians 13:11

When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things

Why? Because he changed the way he thought.

This was Step #1 REFORMATION OF THINKING

Step #2 BECOMING SENSITIVE/AWARE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Because ultimately the Holy Spirit will lead you and guide you into all truth.

Romans 8:14

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Greek "huios" = MATURE sons

YOUR MATURITY IS DEFINED BY YOUR ABILITY TO RESPOND TO RECOGNISE THE LEADING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

I am telling you: This year, pay attention to the Spirit of God!

For He will lead you into significance.

He will lead you into the extraordinary.

He will OPEN DOORS for you that you have never seen before.

This is the FRUIT of being led by the HOLY SPIRIT

Revelations 4:1

After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."

- · There is an OPEN DOOR today, this year
- God is inviting us to COME UP HIGHER

First things first!

- · Get yourself up to a HIGHER SPIRITUAL LEVEL
- · Begin to ELEVATE YOUR THINKING
- Begin to change the way you think
- · Begin to RESPOND TO THE SPIRIT OF GOD

Begin to recognise

STEP #3 THAT YOU ARE THE TEMPLE AND THE DWELLING PLACE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

And there is someone that is jealous over you. Your lover. He loves you. He doesn't want you to become adulterous on Him.

He wants you to become CONSCIOUS OF HIM, AWARE OF HIM. That is one of the SIGNS OF TRANSFORMATION.

- You began to fall in love and RECOGNIZE THE SPIRIT OF GOD in your life.
- You began to KNOW when the Spirit of God is leading you
- You began to IDENTIFY with His PEACE
- · You began to RELY ON HIM and TRUST IN HIM

- You began to become SECURE IN THE SPIRIT OF GOD
- And through the Holy Spirit you began to VALUE, HONOR and EXPERIENCE JESUS in your life

Key #3 to make the most of 2023

As the word leaps off the pages, or in a moment of worship, or through a teaching, you are going to EXPERIENCE GOD.

Ask God to become your TEACHER through the HOLY SPIRIT. And ask God for WISDOM

James 1:5-8

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

The Good News is: ASK FOR WISDOM! - Get up in the morning. Ask in FAITH!

WISDOM IS GOD'S PERSPECTIVE

WISDOM LOOKS OUT FROM ETERNITY INTO TIME
Wisdom considers the PAST, considers your PRESENT
and also looks at your FUTURE and then gives you
the BEST INSTRUCTION and GUIDANCE on what you should do today
to ARRIVE in the place that GOD HAS PRESERVED for you tomorrow.

Wisdom has that benefit. That is what wisdom is like.

The SPIRIT OF WISDOM will always begin to guide you into all TRUTH. That is the Holy Spirit.

Ask God for Wisdom this year as you make this year, by COOPERATION with the HOLY SPIRIT a YEAR OF ETERNAL SIGNIFICANCE in the Kingdom of God.

Luke 16:16

The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it.

Everything I just shared with you is A WAY TO PRESS INTO THE KINGDOM.

- To PRESS INTO THE KING AND HIS DOMAIN
- Into the SECRETS and the MYSTERIES of the Kingdom
- To press in into the SIGNIFICANCE OF THE KINGDOM this year

And as you do you, you make the most of every extraordinary moment that God would want you to have this year. As He, no doubt, wants you to experience the Kingdom of God.

PRAYER

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Romans 10:14-15

14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!

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- There is NO GROWTH WITHOUT CHANGE
- So we have to EMBRACE CHANGE THIS YEAR