

## THE TRAP OF GOOD INTENTIONS

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We are already half way through 2025. God like started out this year really speaking to us. Today we want to take some time to look at how it started and how it's going. Sometimes we just have to stop and look at **where were we** and **where are we now**—to check that we're ON TRACK for where we're going.

At the Kingdom Economic Forum, Chris Mitchell had a Word for the House and Pastor Dennis played it when he was speaking to us about the *Calling to Go All In* (>Replay 2025-02-02)

REPLAY #1 (Kingdom Economic Forum) - Word for CLM as a House

#### **Prophetic Word for 2025**

Chris Mitchell

This is what the Lord spoke to me about 2025. He said, What you felt like you were in "Neutral" the past 4 years—and in many respects you felt like you were in "Reverse", going backwards.

Is there anybody in here? Either it was "neutral", you pushed the gas and a bunch of noise got made, but you felt like you want nowhere. How many of you know that when you put your car in "neutral", slam your foot on the gas and you ain't move an inch.

And the Lord said to me, He said, *In this year I AM releasing GRACE over My people that,* what they felt like they went backwards, so they made no movement into My purpose, the Lord said, *There is Grace in this year to make up for what did not happen in the* previous four! In one year! I am telling you, By the Word of the Lord: In one year you will make the ground that you felt and anticipated the Lord, you will make it in ONE YEAR by the hand of the Lord. which will come upon us, come on! We're going to gird up our loins, Elijah! And outrun the chariots of Ahab! Come on!

So I want to invite you. LET'S GO ALL IN THIS YEAR!

#### Dr. Faisal Malick

No you are not on rough terrain anymore. You can push the accelerator down! You can GO ALL IN! You can go into the Kingdom of God! And you can say, If Your word says it, it settles it! It's done! I'm going in!—That's what you do. THIS IS A TIME TO TO ALL IN!

#### IT IS TIME TO GO ALL IN

What Chris was saying is ,that in 2025, GOD was releasing GRACE to us to take us into in one year to begin to make the ground that we were not able to make in the last four years. And we got really excited. There was excitement because we knew that there was a sense that God was doing something. And we moved into this year and God has been continuing to speak to us very clearly this year. —And at *The Rise of Al Summit*, God has been very intentional and purposeful about guiding us in the way we need to go—because as we heard, God's intention this year was that we should make up the ground that we've not been able to make up in the last four years because we have been stagnant or not been able to move forward, something like that.

Now, here we are almost 8 months into this year and we've got to stop and ask ourselves..

How is it going? Are we feeling that? Do we still feel a little stuck? Do we feel stagnant? Do we feel that we're moving forward and taking up the ground?

We have to sometimes stop and ask ourselves these thing. And it's really good to do that.

Today I will take a little bit of time to help us to be able to LOOK AT WHERE WE ARE, consider where we are, so that if we need to make any course adjustments, now's the time to do them. Because we're halfway through this year. There's still another 5 months of this year where—if we need to make some adjustments, NOW'S THE TIME! Because then we can MOVE INTO THE FULLNESS OF WHAT GOD HAS FOR US.

God has a plan and a purpose for each of you and for us together. He said He wants us to take territory that which we couldn't take in the last four years.

This year He was pouring out GRACE of for us TO STEP 👣 INTO IT.

So God has GOOD THINGS for you—God has VICTORY for you. Now, you may not feel like that today, but that's the TRUTH. It's what He has done for us. And God is being VERY INTENTIONAL about helping us to get there—because WE NEED HELP along the way.

I asked God, it's the middle of the year...

- Where are we, God?
- Nhat needs to adjust?—What do I need to adjust?—Where am I?

Because I always want to keep walking where GOD IS GOING. And if I've gone off the path a bit, or I've stepped off a bit, I want to get back on now so that I can—because you can still make it.

But there are TIMES IN GOD where God wants to do something IN A CERTAIN TIME FRAME. And

IN THAT TIME FRAME, THERE'S GRACE to get in and do it.

We might make mistakes or adjust, but there's GRACE for it!

But in God there are also TIMES—when that TIME comes to an end and you haven't been able to flow with Him, it's very sad, but He says, "Okay, that's ended now. Now you have to go around a mountain till we can come back again to this time." Does that sound familiar? The Israelites, there was GRACE for them because God was working with them and God was leading them. God said, "Adjust this, adjust that" and whey were trying to and they got it wrong. And then they came to a place where God said, "Okay, you know that season is over now. Now you all are going to die in the wilderness and the next generation are going to take over."

Now that's a scary thing to me. I don't want to go around mountains. I'm a kind of person who doesn't like to look at the same view twice. If I've seen it, I've seen it. I don't ever need to go back and see it again. I don't like going around and around the same place with the same scenery.

So we want to be those people who are **MOVING WITH GOD**, ADJUSTING with Him—so that we MOVE WITH HIM in the season that He's moving.

I don't know when this season ends, where God said "but". **But God was very clear** with Chris (Mitchell) > | IN ONE YEAR—Chris said, he held up his finger like this, he said...

In ONE YEAR , you're going to make up the ground that you couldn't in the last four years.

So that tells me that...

- GOD WANTS TO GIVE US GROUND
- He wants to give us TERRITORY
- ► He wants to EXPAND US The square 2025 !!

That is GOD'S PLAN and PURPOSE—And He is ALL IN on the plan! He's ALL IN on the plan. He keeps telling us about it. He keeps speaking to us about <u>things that need to be adjusted</u> in our lives—<u>Things that need to be sorted out in our lives</u>— Because **He wants us to HAVE EVERYTHING** that **HE HAS FOR US**.

... And we want EVERYTHING that He has for us ...

We don't want to get to heaven one day and we're standing before God and He says,

(E) "You know, 2025 I had all of this for you and you only took this much."

And there is a place of REGRET in there. Because we regret. We look at it and we go, "Wow, I wish I'd known back then what I know now.—I wish I'd gone ALL IN back then, because I didn't know. It didn't feel like it. It didn't look like it. So, I didn't know."—Anybody ever experienced REGRET about something?—You know, you regret things you do—And research has shown that...

The things WE REGRET THE MOST when we look back on our life are the things WE DIDN'T DO. Those are the greatest regrets. And some of us are older. We can look back and have regrets. "Why didn't I take that opportunity when I had it? when that door opened? When God opened that door, I just was like, I didn't feel like doing it that day. It didn't feel right. And we REGRET it.

There are many types of REGRET. We regret the things we don't do.

• The word "Regret", in the Hebrew it's actually a word that means like a sigh. And the picture is in Genesis 6:6 where God talks about where He regretted that He made mankind.

<u>Genesis 6:6</u>—And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and **He was** grieved in **His heart**.

That word "regret" doesn't mean He was angry. It means that there was a SADNESS and a COMPASSION in Him because **He knew what He made mankind for. He knew what He had in His heart for them**—and then He saw where they are at—and He regretted.

And God does <u>not</u> want us to live with REGRET. God doesn't want you to look at your life and look back in 5 years with REGRET at these days. He wants you TO MOVE FORWARD and go, "I'm so glad I went with God—I'm so glad we moved with what HE had—Because we moved into what HE HAD.—He wants you to look back and say, "Man, God has been so good to me. He helped me when I didn't know I needed help. He directed me." That's what He wants for us.

## ! STRATEGY of the enemy !

As we are here in the middle of 2025, realizing that God has a PURPOSE and He has somewhere that He's actually taking us, I want to take a moment for us to stop and have a look WHERE WE ARE—Because the enemy does not want you to ADVANCE—The enemy does not want us as a House to take that territory—he does not want us to EXPAND—he definitely doesn't. So he has a strategy to keep us stagnant and in the same place—his strategy is to keep us in the same patterns as the last four years—stagnant, pushing the accelerator, but just a whole lot of noice being made,

but just NO MOVEMENT, just standing still. 1 That's his strategy—he wants to just keep us in the same place when GOD has said, "IT'S TIME TO MOVE."

And the enemy uses this strategy all over the world on everybody—he doesn't only use it on Christians, he uses it on everybody. Because the enemy does <u>not</u> want anybody to come to know the God—he doesn't want anybody to e stirred by God or follow after the things of God. So, he actually employs the same kind of strategy. And the best way to see it is in a <u>Casino</u>.

? How do Casinos get people to come in and spent all their money? They use a psychology called "Losses disguised as wins."... You got to feel as if you are winning, but you didn't win. They applied that psychology to these machines. What they do, you win a bit. You got 10 of your 20 dollars back, but in reality you lost 10 dollars...People play on hours and hours but in average you only win 3% of the time, which means 97 times you have to put money in to get a little bit out. How can they get it that in a casino they can get people to just keep on and keep on?

They use a psychology. They actually ave an acronym for it. They call it LDW = "Losses disguised as wins." They create LOSSES DISGUISED AS WINS—because they've studied psychology. They call it the "gamification of your attention" That's you got to feel like you're winning. Because if you feel like you're winning, you're going to keep doing it even though you Aren't winning anything. It's a loss, you're losing your time, you're losing fresh air, you're losing a whole lot of things—but it feels like you're winningAnd when you get very close to winning, because you got a little extra, you got the gold coin etc. So you feel and then you're levelling up. So they applied that psychology to slot machines. What they do is, that every time you intermittently have to win something. Like you put in 20\$ and you "win" 10\$. And everyone is, "Woo! Woo!" And you're, "Yay, I won!" But you didn't! You lost \$10, but you feel" like you won.—And it tricked your human brain into thinking you won because the lights went off. And you heard that clinging ch-ing, ch-ing. And you're like "Yay!"

# LOSS DESCRIBED AS A WIN 🔔

What they also realized that in the human mind, for the most people, not everybody, but for most people, a close win, when you just don't win, is as good as a win for you psychologically. You get the same dopamine hit as if you win. (Okay, let's go again). And people are sucked in. And you never know if it is day of night. There's no clock. And somebody is winning somewhere all the time. It's not really, it's just sounds. They put you into an atmosphere where you get pulled in and then you just sit there—for hours, just putting money in.

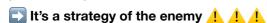
LOSSES DISGUISED AS A WIN—That is a strategy of the enemy—he wants you to feel like you're winning while you're actually losing.

Now, he uses the same strategy in the CHURCH—he has his LDWs in the church.

Here is how it works in the Church: You hear a message, "We're going to take territory this year. This is the year that what you couldn't do in 4 years, this is the year We're going to take it this year." And you're, "Yes, Jesus." Because the anointing is here. And you're excited, "We're going to go all in" And when you're sitting here in this moment, the Holy Spirit's speaking to you and you're like, "Yes, God. I'm going to do this." On the inside you go, "Yes, I'm in. I'm going to do that."—And what you do is that you create an intention inside of of you. And it's a good intention. "God, I'm going to go all in this year. God, I'm going to go to prayer every week. God, I'm going to sow that seed. That what I felt when...I'm going to do it"—And you feel good in that moment

But then you get up and leave church, and you get home, and you got do do all of those things. And then the Holy Spirit might remind you and say, "Okay, now you're going to do this." Now the FEELING is not there anymore. Yes, I said it, but I don't really feel like that right now, but okay, I'm going to do that... But then the next days, before you know it, it's Friday and nothing was happening. "Next week I'm on it."

And you see, we begin to have all these GOOD INTENTIONS. And the challenge with a good intention is that, when you make it, you get that dopamine hit in the moment. And <u>you feel good.</u> And you feel <u>like you did it</u>. **It was just an INTENTION, but you feel like you did it already** 



So when the time comes to actually do it, now we're struggling a little bit because I don't feel like in that moment when I got it. I'm not having that good feeling and actually it's not fitting in with my life right now. And then we start figuring out how we're not going to do it.

That's not a new strategy. It's a strategy that's always been operational. And Jesus actually spoke a parable about this. And He spoke this parable to the Pharisees in the last week of the passion, he was in the temple. And we know that the Pharisees were all trying to catch Him out. And Jesus shares this parable.

<u>Matthew 21:28-31</u>—"But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.' 29 He answered and said, 'I will not,' but afterward he regretted it and went. 30 Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said to Him, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you.

Jesus was talking to the Pharisees and He is bringing out the strategy of the enemy—because both of these were sons of the father. And the father says, "Go, work in my vineyard today."

- And the first one's no. But then he goes. "Maybe I should do that."
   He REGRETTED what he did—He CHANGED HIS MIND—And he WENT and DID IT
- The second one said: Yes, Sir." But he didn't do it

And Jesus is talking to the Pharisees because they're trying to trick Him and trap Him. And He's trying to say to them, "You're like the second son—You're saying YES to Me. Yes, I will do what You want me to. Yes, I'll work in Your vineyard. But you're not actually doing it. And you actually think you're okay because you said Yes. You're standing here, asking Me things and questioning Me. You think you are okay because you said Yes. But Jesus is saying: You're not!

Because SAYING YES IS NOT THE SAME AS DOING IT. !!

Because the one who said, "I won't do it" he's the one who actually did what the Lord asked him to do. —You see, Good intentions, or when we mean to do something,,, "God I'm going to do it as soon as I am through with this thing...Lots of good INTENTIONS.—The path of regret is paved with good intentions. We can have all the good intentions in the world, but if we don't ever do anything, we have NOT DONE THE WILL OF THE FATHER.

#### GOOD INTENTIONS ARE NOT ENOUGH-YOU HAVE TO DO IT!

Self check

And sometimes we just have to do a check on ourselves and go, "What's doing on with me?"

Am I living in GOOD INTENTIONS?—or **am I actually doing what He asked us to do?** 

James 2:26—For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

If we're in GOOD INTENTIONS, we might <u>feel like we're alive.</u> we might <u>feel like</u> we're doing stuff—<u>but we're actually dying</u>. We're actually <u>losing</u>. Where actually <u>life is drained out of us</u>—but we actually <u>think we're okay</u>.

#### LOSSES DISGUISED AS A WINNING

Today Holy Spirit like said, "I just want to kind of rip the veil off of this thing. Because **we need to at times stop and look at ourselves** and allow Holy Spirit to deal with our own heart. Because this thing is so deceptive.

- Why is it that we don't follow through?
- Why is it that we have these GOOD INTENTIONS, but we actually don't?
- What is it? What is it about? What is it that makes us do that?

#### REASONS WHY WE DON'T FOLLOW THROUGH

Reason #1 why we do not follow through

THINKING EQUALS DOING—TRICKING ourselves that LISTENING is doing.

Example: When you hear a message, and we talk about it, we actually trick ourselves into thinking we've done what the message said—just because we talked about it or we listened to it.—We listen to podcasts and things, and then we think we're growing because we're listening to all these things

But we're not doing anything with what we listen to. We're just listening

Or you're posting a scripture on Social Media, like "Well, I#m reaching out, God, I'm showing who You are to the world."—No! You're just posting on Social Media. You're tricking yourself into thinking you're serving, or you're inviting someone to church. No! You're posting on Social Media.

Let's be honest about these things.

You see, the enemy is always trying to deceive us into losing while we **think** we're winning. But JESUS is real clear...THE SON WHO DID what the Father asked was the one WHO DID HIS WILL—So the enemy wants to lull us into stuff that if we just <u>THINK</u> about it, that we've <u>done it</u>. And we haven't!!

## JUST **THINKING** ABOUT IT DOES <u>NOT</u> MEAN THAT YOU **ACTUALLY GOT IT** IN YOUR LIFE

Just because you LISTENED to it—Just because you HEARD it—

Just because you REPOSTED itJust because you said something about it to someone,

DOESN'T mean it's actually done in your life.

DOESN'T mean you've PROCESSED it,

DOESN'T mean you've WRESTLED THROUGH IT,

DOESN'T mean you've GOT VICTORY OVER IT.

It means you shared it. It means you talked about it. And that's good. But you can't stop there!



Reason #2 why we do not follow through

## PAST PERFORMANCE LICENSING

That is when our PAST OBEDIENCE becomes like our <u>bank account</u>—"Lord, I've been really faithful in past years. God, I was at every prayer meeting, at everything. So it's okay if I don't do it now. God, you know, when I was young, I was on fire for you. I was here. I was there. So, it's okay now. There's some others that need to do that. Let them kind of do those things."

I want to tell you—WE NEVER REACH A PLACE EVER IN THE KINGDOM where we go, "It's okay, I don't have to do that anymore.—"I don't have to serve so much anymore. I don't have to pray anymore. I don't have to give anymore"—We never ever, and it's scary because the enemy wants to

put that into our thinking that when you reach a certain level, when you've been a Christian x amount of time, or you become a group leader, or you become this, then you don't need to do certain things.

! That's a lie of the enemy!

WE ARE CALLED TO DO ALL OF IT—because we're sons and daughters in the Kingdom.

We never ever get too old to serve, to sweep a floor, to do anything. We just never get too old to do it. We're never too young actually on some levels, but we're never too old. So we don't want to fall into that trap.

And here's one of the things. When you find yourself constantly talking about all the things you did, instead of the things you're doing, just take a moment. Take a moment and think. Think about it.

#### God wants all of us to go in.

HE HAS GOOD THINGS FOR ALL OF US AND US TOGETHER.

II But we want to get there. II We don't want to get stuck in GOOD INTENTIONS\_II—going through this year THINKING we're winning—THINKING we're growing—THINKING we're doing good—when we're actually just treading water in the same place. This is why we're doing this.

#### Reason #3 why we do not follow through

#### **MISPLACED URGENCY**

When it comes to the things of God, we never move it to urgency.

■ When our King is speaking to us, do we respond and go all in?

We have to ask ourselves the question...

Why are the things of God not as urgent as everything else?

When last did you move your whole life around because God told you to do something?—We'll do it for work. We'll do it for friends, when friends have emergencies, all kinds of things.—""I can skip church over here because it's really important—I got to go there and do this with you now."

But what when the God of the universe, our FATHER, our KING, when He's speaking to us, and we're kind of like, "Thank you. I'm so excited, God. I'll fit You in. I hope it works out this week. I hope my boss doesn't call me. I hope there's no emergencies."...

#### I call this MISPLACED URGENCY

We have to attend to those things. But you see, when you decide you're GOING TO MOVE IN LINE WITH GOD, or you're going to MOVE FORWARD WITH GOD, I'm going to tell you, the enemy is going to come at you. Emergencies—this, that, the next thing. Because why?... he doesn't want you going all in.

So the issue is: It can't just be an INTENTION! If we decide...

I AM IN THIS THING, you got to set it! I'M IN IT—IT'S NOT MOVING—I'M DOING THIS THING
 ─It doesn't matter what else goes on around here. I AM IN THIS THING.

That's what we actually have to do.

And we have to ask ourselves the QUESTION...

- Why are the things of God not as urgent to us as everything else?
- Why do we feel comfortable pushing it to the bottom of the list?
- Why are we comfortable fitting God into our life instead of SURRENDERING OUR LIFE TO HIM and LETTING HIM ORDER IT?

#### Reason #4 why we do not follow through

## WE ARE WAITING FOR THE PREFECT CONDITION

"Yes God, I'm going to do this when it's not so busy."—"Lord, I'm going to sow that seed You asked me to sow. I just got to get through this financial thing."—"Lord, when I'm more settled in my life,

I can serve."—"God, when I'm married, I'll be able to serve you."—"God, when my children are bigger, then I can do that."—"God when my children are out of the house, I can do it."—"God, when it's winter, I can do it.—"God, when I feel better, God, when I've rested".... We have an endless supply of things because we want the PERFECT CIRCUMSTANCES, and then we'll do what You want, God.—Do you know how grieving that is to the Lord?... when people make comments like, "Well, I just need God to do this, and then I can do that"...

We have all kind of excuses... ? Didn't God do everything already ?

When you wait for the PERFECT CONDITION, I want you to tell you today...

## There will NEVER be perfect conditions!

And if you're going to wait for the PERFECT CONDITIONS, you will wait your whole life. And at the end of your life, you will realize—THERE WAS NEVER A PERFECT CONDITION. And now you're about to die and you don't have the strength, and you don't have the energy and you don't have what you had before to do the thing that you wanted to do.

When God asks you about a thing, He asks you IN THE SEASON OF YOUR LIFE YOU'RE IN—because HE KNOWS WHAT YOU NEED IN THAT SEASON OF YOUR LIFE.

Our problem is that we think we know better. We think, "Oh, this is more important in this season. And God shouldn't be asking me this now because it's not good for me now—Really, God doesn't know what is good for you in the season you're in?

This is challenging. But you see, we got to be FAITHFUL TO GOD no matter the circumstances.

- **Joseph** was faithful in the prison. He didn't say, "Oh god, when I get out of prison, I'll be faithful."
- Daniel was faithful in exile. He didn't say, "Okay, God, You've put me in this terrible place. **When** you bring me back to Jerusalem, then I'll serve you."
- · Paul served and was faithful with a thorn in his side
- **Jesus** went to the cross when His disciples left Him when He was betrayed. Imagine if Jesus said, "I'll go to the cross when I feel a little better, when there's somebody here with me."

All through history, the men and women that we read about, they didn't wait for perfect conditions.

- **Dietrich Bonhoeffer,** he discipled people from the prison cell he was in. He worshiped on the way to the gallows. He wasn't waiting for the right time.
- **Richard Wurmbrandt**, he forgave people who tortured him for 14 years. He didn't wait until they came to say, "Oh, please forgive us." He chose to forgive them. The circumstances weren't great.
- **Hudson Taylor** buried his wife and his children, and he mourned them and then he got up and he continued doing what he was doing.

## THERE WILL NEVER BE PERFECT CIRCUMSTANCES

There will never be a perfect circumstance to say, "Oh, now I'm going to be faithful".

IT'S A LOSS DISGUISED AS A WIN. It's the enemy coming in saying, "Oh, you've got all of these things going on in your life,,, you shouldn't, you don't need to do that right now... Just do this over here right now. That's where you need to grow right now. This is what you need to do right now."

You <u>THINK</u> you're growing. You <u>THINK</u> you're okay—But <u>actually</u>, your spiritual vigor is being sapped out of you—and <u>we don't know it</u> because **The enemy is deceptive!** We have an enemy that who hates us—who doesn't want you to move forward, does not want you to be victorious.

The enemy wants you to, at the end of this year have to listen to that same Word and say, "God, it's been 5 years now. We've stand in the same place—We haven't gone anywhere—God, You said we would move and we didn't move."—But God said to us, THERE'S GRACE AVAILABLE TO YOU THIS YEAR. Did you hear that part of the Word?



If we stop and take stock and say...

God, have I really just been having GOOD INTENTIONS?

Am I in some sense <u>not</u> FULFILLING, <u>not</u> DOING what YOU'VE ASKED ME TO DO?

#### There is three different RESPONSES we can have to that...

First Response

I'm just going to double down, okay!—Every intention I had, this is it. I'm going to do it today.
I'm going to make a list and then I'm just going to do them—That's all you again! I'm going to do it.

You'll make that good intention now and tomorrow will be another day. Okay, so that's because that's depending on you and your strength to do something.

Second Response

You're right, I'm taking on too much. I need to just know my limitations. I have to manage my expectations. I got to stop saying Yes to everything. I've actually got to like bring my boundaries in around me, and I've got to not say Yes to things.

And what we do is <u>we make our life small and manageable</u>. "Yeah, I can do this. God, I can't go all the way out there. So I'm not even going to say Yes to it."—**We make our lives small**.

• <u>Third Response</u> And I think this is a really dangerous one. And it's one of the ones I've fallen into because you feel the weight of what God's calling you to and you feel like "I don't know if I can do this, God. And I don't know how it all works". So you kind of just say, "Okay God, I love you, but I can't do all that. I'm just going to stay here and I'm just going to do the best I can."

Testimony Beverley: God has been gracious to me, but I've had to go around a mountain because God said to me, "Bev, I made you a certain way, I put things on the inside of you and I want you to have everything I have for you. I don't want you in 10 years time to look back and regret that you said actually said No." —Thats why THERE'S GRACE AVAILABLE.

#### THE WAY WE SHOULD RESPOND-RUN TO JESUS

<u>Matthew 11:28-29</u>—**Come to Me**, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

The answer is: COME TO JESUS—We got to run to Jesus. When the Holy Spirit convicts us, when we're in the middle of a time like this, we don't want to lean into our own thinking, our own understanding, or our own strength. We want to run to Him and say, "Lord, I need some rest. I need You to help me." And He will do that for you.

And two weeks ago we talked about yokes coming off of us and God removing yokes where we've been yoked to the wrong things.

But I want to show you in Matthew 11:29 what is says, "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart and you will find rest for your souls."—

In the middle of all of this. Sometimes we get so caught up in the "rest" part of it, which is good because Jesus wants you to come to Him and He will give you rest for your soul. But He doesn't stop there. He says, "Now take My yoke upon you." You see, Jesus is saying, "There is a work to do" It's not just about COME TO JESUS, and now I\*m going to rest and I'm not going to do anything. Jesus says, "I'm goign to give you rest for your soul"—because it is in your SOUL that you're struggling—but now take My yoke, Come and co-labor with Me. You got to WORK WITH ME. Go with Me. Because there is a work to do. Did you hear what Chris said? We're going to have to gird up our loins like Elijah. And we're going to run because yes, the hand of the Lord came on Elijah and he ran really fast, but he had to do some girding up of his loins. There was a little bit of work he had to do. And he actually had to run. God accelerated him and God empowered him—BUT HE ACTUALLY HAD TO DO SOMETHING.

### THERE IS A WORK TO DO

The Father comes and says: *TODAY there is work in the fields.*—Jesus is all about TODAY. "TODAY if you hear My Voice...TODAY go and work in My vineyard...TODAY is the day of salvation. Now, the just shall live by Faith.—He is all about NOW and TODAY—And we're all about tomorrow and next week and in the future—because the enemy wants you to keep putting it off, because he knows NOW, TODAY, in this moment is where JESUS is.

The Lord has a work for us in the house. There is a work to do in prayer. Prayer is what makes things possible. Things have to be prayed out in the house. There's serving that has to happen. There's all kinds of things that have to happen in a house. And it happens because **everything that we do must come from the House of God.** 

Dr. Faisal always says: If you're trying to take a mountain, if you're going up a mountain to take a mountain, you're on the wrong mountain. YOU GOT TO COME FROM THE HOUSE OF GOD, the Mountain of the Lord's House, to the mountain. That's God's protocol and that's God's way. That's way the pastors have been talking about let's get in God's House. Let's be rooted in God's House.

That was part of another prophecy that Chris gave at the Kingdom Economic Forum REPLAY #2 (Kingdom Economic Forum)

## **Prophetic Word for 2025**

Dr. Faisal Malick

The Word that is coming forth is **GO ALL IN THIS YEAR**. It's like God's saying, you need **TO GO ALL IN**. EVERYTHING I AM REVEALING TO YOU. JUST **GO ALL IN NOW**.

#### Christ Mitchell

Listen, GOD WENT ALL IN FOR US. And I am telling you, WHEN HE PUTS US IN FAMILY, you know what the expectation is? **GO ALL IN!** Don't sit on the fringes waiting for the next... Do you know that some of the values we've been talking about this weekend—the spirit of the age that pushes us in a certain way where we go. And we look at the HOUSE OF GOD like we're shopping for the next Social Club to belong to who offers the most perks, who gives me the most benefits. No! No! We never stay in a place long enough to actually experience the ROOTING PROCESS that causes us TO BE FRUITFUL and TO BLOOM WHERE GOD HAS PLANTED US. We uproot so quickly and move so quickly—and God said, I was just starting TO FORM THIS THING IN YOU. I was just starting it. And then all of a sudden, we let things come in. And we're shifting SOILS and CLIMATES. And God said, This thing has NEVER HAD ENOUGH TIME TO MATURE. Because it is THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS that I mature you. It is through BEING PLANTED that I grow you up. Come on! But you got to go, we have **TO GO ALL IN**.

And this is a year, guys, **LET'S GO ALL IN** !! —He didn't withhold His Only Son to freely give us access to all things. And then, when we cone in and hedge our bets, we expect to receive the abundance and the fullness of what God has provided—but we're hedging our bets.

God says, No. **GO ALL IN !! – GO ALL IN !!** 

God is saying to us: We are here. We are rooted in. You're here. You've stayed. You've been rooted. —God is forming a thing on the inside of us. GOD IS WORKING US—moulding us—shaping us, even together. And we're going to come into FRUITFULNESS—We are going to move over into these things God has been speaking to us about because we've stayed and we're here.

And I feel that we are just on the cusp of this thing. But it's like TODAY God's saying...

I want you just to check where you are at

Are there any GOOD INTENTIONS?—Are there things you've been meaning to do?—Things you've been saying, "oh, I'll do this, I'll get around this?"—Or at the beginning you said, "This year, I'm going to do this." And you realize now we're in August and you haven't done it.

We want to encourage you this week...

Take some time out—Carve out time—Push other stuff aside!

This is important! God has an INHERITANCE FOR US. And so we need to make time TO HEAR FROM HIM, and to hear what where is it that He spoke something, and we don't even think about it anymore—because we put it off so long. We've forgotten about it.

Go back to your journals! Ask the Holy Spirit to remind you

because we want to MOVE FORWARD D Into what HE HAS

You see, that first son, he said No to the Lord. He said, "No, I won't do it." And maybe there's some things that we haven't done. And sometimes we just got to be honest about it and say, "No, I didn't do it God. I didn't feel like doing it."

#### But HE says, There is GRACE!

Do you know that when you don't feel like doing something, you can go to God and say, "I don't feel like doing something". You can go to God and say, "I don't feel like doing this, but God, would You pour out YOUR GRACE on me to help me to want to do it and to do it? Lord, give me a WANT TO WANT TO"—Sometimes you got to just go to God to get your WANT TO WANT TO back because life will drain it out of you. And He said, There is GRACE!

You see, because that first son, it says he REGRETTED IT. That word also means HE CHANGED HIS MIND. He regretted. He looked and he was sad and he realized he'd done the wrong thing. **So he turned** and he went **and he did it!** 

He didn't have to run to him and tell him. He just TURNED and he DID IT.

And I just feel like, in this time we want to com before God. We want to make time to find out, say, We want to make time and ask, "HOLY SPIRIT, SHOW ME."

And even right now for some of you, there might be things the Holy Spirit is just reminding you, "Oh, you said you were going to do that. You said you were going to do this. you said you were going to sow this seed. You said you were going to invite that person to church and bring them out. You said you were going to do that."

As Holy Spirit reminds you, let's ask for GRACE TO FLOW to us. Because what is GRACE? **GRACE ENABLES YOU to do what you didn't think you could do.** And it's HIS GRACE. And the Word to us is...

**There is GRACE available in 2025—**God is i pouring out HIS GRACE to us. It's GRACE UPON GRACE this year.—It's here—It's freely available

But we kind of **shake off** the atmosphere of the casino as it were. The enemy has lulled us into not noticing how the time's just passing, **making us THINK we're winning**, making us **THINK we're growing**—while we're actually just STANDING STILL, while we're just feel like we're having fun. But our life is draining out of us and we're NOT MOVING in the TRUE THINGS OF WHAT GOD REALLY WANTS TO GIVE US.

Let's take a moment today to say...

- I WANT TO BE IN THAT, God—I don't want to be stuck in good intentions
- I want to be AT WORK IN THE VINEYARD
- I want to be doing the things that YOU CALLED ME TO DO them in GRACE

#### COMMUNION

We want to remember that Jesus did it all. We want to remember that **HE FOLLOWED THROUGH ON THE MISSION—He went all the way.** We want to remember that because that's why GRACE is available to you. That's why you don't have to stay stuck in good intentions—because Jesus died for you. He died to release GRACE to you. He died at the cross that you can come out of the darkness. I'm using the casino metaphor. He died so you can come out of the darkness and the deception of that environment of this world.—Jesus is saying, "I am here to deliver you out of that darkness, out of that pit, out of that deception If you will turn to me, if you will recognize where you are and decide to turn to Me, and cry out to Jesus He will save you." Because He's here for you.—It's time for some people to come back into the fullness of what God has for them—God is calling you back.

#### PRAYER

- -for conviction for those who need to be convicted today
- —for GRACE to flow to us TODAY that we might be yoked to Jesus and that we might walk in step with Him who is our head. May His GRACE come and enable you to do what you could not do.

WE'RE IN A MOMENT IN TIME WHERE GOD IS DRAWING PEOPLE TO HIM AND WE WANT TO BE LABORERS IN THAT HARVEST TODAY IS THE DAY—Today is the day of Salvation!