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Foreword

God chooses to communicate with His people through dreams and visions. This form of communication can be misunderstood, dismissed or ignored. Dreams can seem foolish or strange. That is why we need books like *Understanding Your Dreams* by Sandie Freed. This book is awesome!

In both Old and New Covenants, we find many dream scenes and interpretations. The Bible actually has more than fifty references to messages being sent by God through dreams and visions, to the righteous and unrighteous alike. The Lord used dreams and visions in Scripture to guide, warn, direct, help—to communicate His heart.

God has not stopped communicating to humanity by these means. In fact, He often uses dreams and visions to reach unsaved individuals with the Gospel, particularly in closed parts of the world. We hear scores of testimonies of dreams and visions being used by God to draw individuals, families and entire communities to Himself. Similarly, the Lord uses this method of revelation in the lives of most, if not all, believers.

A dream is a release of revelation (whether natural or spiritual) that comes at a time when your body is at peace and

you are settled. Sometimes this is the only way God can communicate with you, because your soul is quiet enough for the Lord to speak deeply into your “spirit man.” A dream is like a photograph in movie form of something you are able to relate to. Ecclesiastes 5:3 tells us that “a dream comes when there are many cares.”

Dreams are formed in a person’s subconscious mind. They are based on the imagery and secret symbolic language that are exclusive and strategic to that person’s particular life and destiny. Dreams can be either a subconscious response to the circumstances of our lives or the Holy Spirit communicating His plans, ways and purposes to us. Dreams enable us to tap into the superior ways of the divine Spirit. Dreams enable us to glance into the imperceptible realms of wisdom, counsel, knowledge and might.

The dreams and visions God gives birth to in us bring revelation, illumination and inspiration. When we accept delivery of His dream letters of love, God releases the strategic power to change every life event into something wonderful. He turns negative happenings to our advantage and improvement.

In the ancient Eastern world, dreams were treated as reality. Dreams were the world of the divine or the demonic. They often revealed the future. Dreams could be filled with revelation that would cause the dreamer to make the right decision for his or her future.

Once, I was in prayer over a trip to Israel. Barbara Byerly and I were going to be leading prayer for a meeting facilitated by Dr. Peter Wagner that would reconcile Arab Christian leaders and Messianic leaders. Much warfare surrounded this meeting. I became very anxious and called Barbara and told her we should pray and fast for three days before going. Barbara was having the same burden and agreed immediately.

In the second day of the fast I fell asleep and had the following dream. Barbara Wentroble, a well-known prophet, was in the

dream and asked me a question: “So, you are going to Israel. There are two ways. Which way are you taking?”

I told her the way we were going. In the dream it was as if I was showing her a map and we were wandering through the Arab desert to get to Israel.

“You may go that way,” she replied, “but if you do, you will experience much warfare. There is a better way for you to take.”

“Oh,” I said, “what is that way?”

“Go straight to Israel,” she said, “and meet with the leadership you know. Then have your meeting with everyone else.”

I woke up and knew that God had spoken to me to give me direction for Dr. Wagner as he proceeded to pull together this meeting. I encouraged him to meet first with the leaders in Israel we knew. Then we could have the overall meeting and reconciliation time.

This proved to be straight revelation from God that affected the overall outcome of our mission.

In the Bible, Israel was forbidden to use many of the same divining practices used by Egypt and other neighboring countries and peoples. Instead, God would visit them in the night to communicate His will and way to them. This continued into the New Covenant. In the first two chapters of the New Testament, God gave direction through prophetic dreams five times.

Sandie Freed is a master of communication, not only with God but also with us. *Understanding Your Dreams* will help you communicate with God about your dreams.

Exercising discernment is very important in determining the source of dreams and visions. We should not ignore what a dream may reveal about our emotions, and we can always ask God to clarify puzzling or disturbing dreams so that He can bring His comfort and healing to our mind, will and emotions. If we discern that a dream is demonic in nature, it might indicate how the enemy is working to thwart us, or it could be a call to a new level of spiritual warfare. All dreams of spiritual origin

have some level of significance in our lives, and it is important to invite the Lord into the process of determining the level of significance of each dream. This is why the book you are holding in your hands is so valuable.

Dreams awaken our minds to the unlimited possibilities that await us. This book helps us awaken to the way God communicates. Nothing is impossible when we attach ourselves to the power of His love. Because we are created in God's image, we possess the same power to create through our visual images and words. The dreams we envision grant us agreement with heaven to remove any obstacle that would constrain us to be common.

I highly recommend *Understanding Your Dreams*. We will use it in many of our prophetic seminars. As you read it, expect to find yourself walking and living in a faith realm beyond where you have ever been!

Dr. Chuck D. Pierce, president, Global Spheres, Inc.,
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Meet the Master Potter

*I*f I told you that dreams and visions could utterly transform your life, would you take them more seriously? Would you pay more attention to them? What if I shared that a dream that someone else had about *me* literally saved my life? Or how about this: One night I overdosed on drugs. On the way to the hospital, I had a vision in which the Lord spoke to me very clearly and told me to choose life—and I did! In the vision I knew that if I did not choose life and change, I would die. Dear believer, I am alive today due to many diverse dreams and visions. And I want to share what I believe the Lord desires to do for *you* through them.

First, allow me point out that this book is not simply for giving you more head knowledge concerning this topic. God has much more to give you than just knowledge. Trust me—God desires to meet you face-to-face on this journey! You have an opportunity to know the One who desires to transform, deliver, direct, comfort and empower you through your dreams and visions. Allow me to introduce you to Him as the One who spoke

to my young daughter through a dream that saved my life; the One who delivered me through a series of dreams from a virus that almost took my life prematurely; the One who continually speaks to me and gives me godly direction, counsel and confirmation . . . the Master Potter.

You are on a journey to understand the many messages God is sending you—yes, ones that come from your dreams and visions. (I will also refer to them as “spiritual encounters” as we journey together.) You will find that dreams and visions are not unique to us who live today. Spiritual dreams and visions date back centuries and actually have their roots in ancient Judaism. In fact, dreams and visions were the source of major supernatural interventions throughout the history of Judaism and the Church!

Think about that for a moment: God spoke to Abraham through a dream when He established His divine covenant with him and his seed. Eternal covenant promises were given through a dream! A few thousand years later, God did the same thing under the New Covenant: It was through a vision that Peter was instructed to bring the Gospel to the Gentile world. And how about this: God saved the life of His only Son, Jesus Christ, through a series of dreams. Wow! Dreams and visions have their place in history—*His-story!* They have their place in *your story* as well.

It is vitally important for you to have the proper tools to accurately interpret and discern the purpose of your dreams and visions. You now hold a book that will prove helpful on your journey. I have also written chapter 13 to empower you to help your *children* understand their dreams and visions. If you have children of your own or have a ministry to children, you are going to especially love that chapter!

At times on this journey, you will feel as if you are climbing uphill while you are learning the variety of ways to interpret your dreams. Supposedly, climbing uphill is good for us. According to my personal athletic trainer, I *need* to program the

“incline” mode on my treadmill because it is healthy for me. Maybe you are a hill climber by profession; maybe you do it to build endurance or to compete athletically. I do not know about you, but I do know that I personally do not like it—at all! I cannot imagine doing it for fun. I mean, really . . . climbing a mountain—for *fun*?

If you are a mountain climber and love it, please do not toss this book across the room! I am simply stating that going uphill takes work, commitment and dedication. My main point is that understanding your dreams and visions will take some effort—but it is well worth it if you will hang in there. A prize awaits you if you will endure this race. Precious believer, you are about to enter into a new level of training. You are being trained to hear heaven’s voice and understand heaven’s language. As you will read in a bit, heaven’s language contains hidden mysteries, and it will require training, commitment, patience and much dedication to understand it.

God is a talking God, and dreams and visions are one way in which He speaks. He has been speaking through such spiritual encounters for centuries, and He still speaks through them. Through dreams and visions He has spoken to both the saved and the unsaved, the righteous and the lost. You have picked up this book because you are interested in understanding heaven’s voice expressed through dreams and visions. I assure you—it will greatly benefit you!

Biblical Roots of Dreams and Visions

I have good news for you: You are in good hands, for God has been speaking to mankind for centuries through spiritual encounters. Let’s take a moment and consider the biblical foundation for dreams and visions. More than one third of the Bible relates to dreams and visions, and in more than fifty references to them, God delivered divine messages through them. Some examples:

- One of the first dreams documented in Scripture was given to King Abimelech as a warning concerning Sarah, Abraham's wife (Genesis 20:3).
- It was during Abraham's dream that God made a covenant with him and his descendants (Genesis 15:12–18).
- Through dreams, Jacob received God's promise regarding his heritage (Genesis 31:10–13).
- God revealed Joseph's destiny through dreams (Genesis 37:5–11; 19–20). Later Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dreams (Genesis 41:1–8, 15–16, 25–32).
- Joseph, the husband of Mary, was also a dreamer. The angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream with instructions to take Mary, though pregnant, as his wife (Matthew 1:20–21). After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph again in a dream to direct him where to take Jesus (Matthew 2:19–20).
- Gideon overcame his fear and inferiority complex and became a mighty warrior because of a dream (Judges 7:13–15).
- Daniel had the gift to interpret dreams for King Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 2:26–28).
- Ezekiel records four visions (though he recorded no dreams).
- The prophet Isaiah witnessed the throne room of God through a vision (Isaiah 6). He described what we understand today as an apostolic sending: "Here am I, Lord, send me!" (see verse 8).
- Jeremiah had a vision of God "touching" his mouth and appointing him to carry God's word (Jeremiah 1:9).
- The New Testament begins with five dreams and three visions.
- The Bible ends with the book of Revelation, which documents incredible visions over 22 chapters.

These examples reveal that God definitely speaks through dreams and visions. He is a supernatural God who spoke to His people through supernatural encounters. We must also note, however, that the supernatural encounters described above include multitudes of symbols and mysteries. I will explain more about the reason for the hidden “mysteries” of God and His heavenly language of symbolism in chapter 4. For now, you may feel that learning the symbolism of heaven is an uphill battle. Be patient—building your own personal dream vocabulary and developing interpretation will take time, patience and, yes . . . endurance!

Always keep this thought in the back of your mind: God loves you and His heart is to draw you continually nearer to Him. He will reveal many mysteries through your dreams to keep drawing you nearer to Him so that you may know Him.

It is through dreams and visions that God communicates with us concerning our futures and our destinies. He also reveals the destinies of our mates, families, workplaces and nations. In the first few chapters of this book, I will help you build a foundation that will empower you to understand the Master’s hand and His plans as developed and revealed in your dream life. You will learn that some of your dreams are warning dreams. Some are directional. Others require an immediate response and prayer. On this journey you will discover various categories of dreams. Unless we can first wake up and write down our dreams, however, they might be completely lost.

This book is a guide to understanding your dreams and visions—what they are and what to do with them. It will empower you to understand the diversity of dream symbolism and aid you in interpreting your dreams. Dreamer, you have dreams from God, and He has given them for a purpose. We are here to find out why He gives them.

Now, expect the door to revelation concerning your dreams and visions to open wide!

The Master's Hand

I have been studying dreams and visions for more than thirty years, and I have learned that God uses them to mold and shape my life. Whenever I think about dreams and visions, I am reminded that His main purpose is always to draw us nearer to Him and to continue an intimate relationship with each of us. He also speaks often in dreams and visions, however, to give me direction, edification, comfort and, yes, correction.

Since He is a good God—always!—I am continually reminded of His handiwork in my life. Like a weaver of beautiful tapestry, He has woven many different events (some good, some bad with good endings!) into the tapestry of my life story. He is truly a master weaver. I love what James W. and Michal Ann Goll have to say in their insightful book, *Dream Language*: “As the Master Weaver, God is weaving the renowned tapestry of human history; He is interlacing the warp and weft of each of our individual lives into the pattern of His own design.”¹ It is very true—only the Lord can make all things work together for good . . . and actually make them come out looking desirable (see Romans 8:28–29).

In Scripture God is identified as Emmanuel, “God with us”; Yahweh, who introduced Himself not only as “I am” but who “I will be”—the God of covenant; and El Shaddai, the “all-sufficient One.” In my dreams, He has often presented Himself as Jehovah Rapha, “the God that heals.” He is described as the Rock, the Vine, the Good Shepherd, the Lamb and the Door. All of these names and symbols describe Him, and you will discover many others that He uses to identify Himself through dreams and visions.

Many of my dreams have revealed God to be “the Lord who molds me,” which always reminds me of the Master Potter to whom the prophet Jeremiah related (see Jeremiah 18:6). This idea comes from the Hebrew name Jehovah Makkeh, which

means “the Lord our smiter.”²² As imperfect humans, we can easily mistake our heavenly Father for a vengeful God who stands ready with His whip to smite us for every sin. But, in fact, Isaiah 53:4–5 reminds us that God smote *Jesus* instead with our sins, griefs, sorrows and even sickness so that we would not have to be smitten with them. What Jesus accomplished on the cross allows us to be corrected and receive the miracle of being molded into His divine image through God’s love and forgiveness. When He sees something that needs adjustment, He does what any potter would: He places us on His wheel and uses it to correct us.

I met the Master Potter in Sunday school at the age of eleven. I walked the aisle to receive Him as my Savior. But it was not until later in life that I really understood Him as the One who molded my life. I met that person the day I sat in front of a minister with his potter’s wheel. He held a lump of lifeless clay before my eyes and explained that this is what I was in the hands of the Lord—nothing without Him! I watched as he molded that lump of nothingness and made it into something beautiful. I observed his hands carefully fashioning the clay until it became both beautiful and useful. I was in awe! It was as if the Lord Himself was standing in front of me, talking straight to me: *Sandie, let Me have your life—I can make your life beautiful. I am all you need.* I was in terrible pain at that time in my life, and I needed to know Him as the Potter. I needed His hand to fashion and mold me. Yes, I truly met Him that day—I rededicated my life to Him—and He has continued to shape my life through many heavenly encounters, including dreams and visions.

Jeremiah’s Vision of the Potter’s Wheel

Let’s look more closely at the passage where the Lord uses a potter at his wheel to depict Himself as the Potter and mankind as a vessel being molded by His hand. As you read, I am

certain that your heart will be softened as mine is each time I meditate on this passage. After all, He has been reshaping and molding each of us—especially through His messages revealed in dreams and visions—with the intent of . . . *shaping us as it seems best to Him!* It is time to grab a pencil, pen or highlighter. You will want to underline every place in this book where you know that the Holy Spirit is sparking your heart! I italicize the words in this passage for a reason: It is important to understand the heart of God as He molds, shapes and forms us through dreams and visions.

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: “Go down to the *potter’s house*, and there I will give you my *message*.” So I went down to the potter’s house, and I saw him working at the wheel. But the pot he was *shaping* from the clay was *marred* in his hands; so the potter *formed* it into another pot, *shaping it as seemed best to him*.

Then the word of the LORD came to me: “*O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?*” declares the LORD. “*Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.*”

Jeremiah 18:1–6, emphasis added

In biblical times, craftsman potters were quite common. The making of pottery ranks among the most ancient of crafts, and over time the shaping of different vessels became very well developed. Vessels before 1500 BC were fashioned by hand and irregularly shaped; only after this time did potters’ wheels become widely used, and the clay itself was of finer quality and fired with much more intense heat. The wares were thinner, lighter and more decorative. Jeremiah, who prophesied from 626 BC to 586 BC, observed a cultivated artisan’s craft.

Can you envision what Jeremiah saw when he found the potter’s house? He probably noticed nearby clay fields that the potter frequented to find his clay. When he entered the potter’s

work area, Jeremiah would have also found a kiln in which to fire the clay, the potter's wheel and a nearby dump where unusable clay and fragments were placed.

Imagine God speaking to Jeremiah as he observed the potter. The craftsman took a lump of clay and placed it on the wheel next to which he sat and shaped the clay with his hands. This was not, by the way, ordinary clay—it was a special mixture of clay from the earth that was trodden by men's feet, forming it into a paste. I believe this is symbolic of the way the Lord uses experiences in which we have been trampled down, leading to hardened hearts or flawed lives. He takes those broken-down areas and remolds us into a beautiful masterpiece reflecting His love, care and glory.

The wheel, consisting of a wooden disk placed on top of a larger one, was turned by an attendant or through a treadle (a pedal or lever operated by the foot to spin the wheel). When the clay was perfectly formed, it was smoothed and coated with a glaze before finally being fired in a furnace. If, during the process of being shaped on the wheel, the clay became stiff, or if the potter found a small stone, it had now become marred and had to be reshaped and molded into a different vessel . . . one pleasing to the potter.

The Jewish potters formed many different types of vessels, and what I find extremely interesting is that Jewish wares had a "Jewish stamp" or a "type ore" on them. I suppose you might liken it to an artist signing his name somewhere on the canvas of his masterpiece. When God had Jeremiah watch the potter shape the clay, He was signifying that His signature would be on the finished piece. All the while we are documenting our dreams and visions and praying over the interpretations, God is shaping our future through them and applying His personal signature to each part of our lives! The potter's total control over the clay in Jeremiah's passage is likened to God's complete control over mankind.

The message of the potter and the clay is one that has always been dear to my heart. I continually desire to be good soil, or clay, with which God is pleased. I attempt to remain pliable in His hands. I desperately desire that He mold me and make me fit for His use. And yet . . . I mess up! I hate to admit it, but I do.

You will find that I am fairly transparent when I write or teach, but I do not enjoy transparency at times. In this book, you will read about my desperate need for a forgiving and loving God and how I *know* He has had to take my lump of clay and redo it. You will read about the times when I was at death's door because of an eating disorder, and how my life was saved by a dream that God gave to my daughter. You will also read how the Lord revealed generational curses through a series of dreams and visions—another intervention that saved my life from destruction. Dreams and visions have truly saved my life! Yes, I am Sandie *Freed*—one who is now delivered and *freed up* to walk in freedom—because of dreams and visions.

God is continually reshaping my life. I have made wrong turns, taken detours that led to nowhere and at times made ridiculous decisions. Still He would faithfully pick me up and place me back on the wheel. Round and round I would go, being reshaped. And, dear one, I can testify that God has used dreams and visions as part of my reshaping process.

As I stated earlier, God uses spiritual encounters to encourage me, direct me and instruct me . . . but also to correct me. The Potter's hand has had to be firm at times—especially when I am stiff-necked and hardheaded. Just as clay had to be reworked and refashioned if it became too stiff, it is the same with us. Many times we stiffen up and become unteachable. (I guess God might call that “stiff-necked”!) It is in these types of situations that God will bypass the mind and speak straight to our spirits in a dream or vision.

Works of His Hands

David knew God as one who promised to create continually a clean heart. God promises to do the same for us. The psalmists write about the works of God's hands, how He formed the world and also mankind:

The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and their expanse is declaring the *work of His hands*.

Psalm 19:1 NASB, emphasis added

When I consider Your heavens, the *work of Your fingers*, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him?

Psalm 8:3–4 NKJV, emphasis added

For Thou didst form my inward parts; Thou didst weave me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Psalm 139:13–14 NASB 1977

Yes, He is the Master Potter. He forms, shapes and fashions us to be instruments of righteousness—used for His glory. He weaves the tapestry of human history and uses everything to bring Him glory. *And much of the shaping, forming and weaving is done through divine encounters from heaven—especially in dreams and visions.* Keep this in mind: God deals with someone until *He* wins! Just as God dealt with Moses in the wilderness, David in the cave, Paul on his donkey, Peter and his hardheadedness concerning the Gentiles—He will deal with us through dreams and visions until He gets His way, because He loves us. He is never *not* pursuing us! Even in our sleep He is actively pursuing intimacy with us—pursuing our hearts.

“Your hands have made me, cunningly *fashioned* and established me; give me understanding, that I may learn Your

commandments” (Psalm 119:73 AMPC, emphasis added). Just as God molds us, He is also fashioning us. King David understood that it was God who fashioned him. The Hebrew word for “fashioned” in Psalm 119:73 implies that God prepares us, frames our lives and desires that we be perfected. When I study how David described God’s desire to perfect him, I believe it is safe to say that when we are in His hands, He also desires for us to experience change that is divine transformation.

Dreams and Visions Transform Our Lives

Dreams and visions are tools that release transformation. Romans 12:2 instructs us, “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be *transformed* by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will” (emphasis added). Dreams and visions are given many times as methods of renewing our minds. Transformation always begins from the inside out. Therefore, God will speak to your innermost being through dreams and visions to transform your life. Dear one, let me assure you that if you go through a season when you turn from God and become more conformed to the world, then God will most likely come crashing through your dream world and speak to you concerning the need for transformation. He speaks to us about changing into His image in many different ways, and dreams and visions are definitely avenues. Remember, the Master Potter is committed to taking a marred vessel and re-forming it. He never gives up on us—and I am glad!

Transformation always involves change. In fact, the Greek word for transformation is *metamorphoo*, which reminds us of a caterpillar changing into a butterfly. We are being changed into His image through the process of *metamorphoo* (transformation).

I remember studying butterflies when I attended elementary school. We observed the caterpillar inching its way through life

only to find itself in the dark surroundings of a chrysalis. The worm dies but the creature is still alive, undergoing a re-forming process that reconstructs its image. Everything but a handful of cells that will form each organ is broken down and re-formed. After a few more weeks of isolation, suddenly a breakthrough occurs. Transformation and change have taken place, and it is time for the release of a new life. That which was once a worm is now a lovely creature . . . the butterfly!

Each of God's children undergoes an identical process. As I stated earlier, we are transformed from the inside out, much like the butterfly. When we receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we are born again, but we still have many obstacles to overcome. Being born again assures us of our salvation and eternal life. It does not, however, immediately deliver us from future problems, impure thought patterns or mindsets of the old life. Upon our salvation and with our obedience, His plans for transformation begin to unfold, and the Master Physician begins His intricate work. I visualize this transformation as a process similar to cosmetic surgery, transforming us into His image. Cutting here and there and perfecting are all part of this surgery.

We often find ourselves in the wilderness during these times—in our own chrysalis. It is a dark, lonely and sometimes very secluded place to be while He works on every part of our being. At times, we feel as if we are going to die! In fact, we *do* die . . . to self and selfish ambition. But once His work is completed, we rise up and fly. Similar to the butterfly, we are now changed, feeling exhilarated with our new freedom. This is what the Lord has planned for each of us: freedom in Christ. He whom the Son sets free is free indeed (see John 8:36). And, precious reader, this book is all about each of us experiencing freedom in Christ, through the revelation given in dreams and visions!

I have written this book because I want you to gain the benefit from all I have experienced and learned about the power of dreams and visions. My life testifies that dreams and visions

are tools for transformation. God is continually moving us to higher levels of understanding the mysteries of heaven, which involve understanding dreams and visions, as well as transforming us more into His divine image. As the Master Potter, He remakes and remolds us, and He will use dreams and visions as part of His plan for reconstruction. The dreams God gives will motivate you to change, to rise up and be all He has destined you to become. The dreams He releases will lead you to paths promising revealed truth, freedom and deliverance. King David understood the importance of the Master Potter actually “fashioning” or molding him for the purpose of knowing God and His ways.

Believer, it is the same with each of us. He molds our lives and fashions us according to His purposes. The process of transformation involves not only change but also being “fashioned” according to His perfect will and directives for our lives. Dreams and visions are tools that He uses to fashion and transform us!

New Age versus the Prophetic

I would be remiss if I did not mention that many non-Christian books have attempted to guide others in interpreting their dreams and visions. These books, however, are *not* inspired by the Holy Spirit. The New Age movement unfortunately promotes the use of fortune-tellers, spirit guides and, yes, demonic involvement when interpreting dreams.

Many people today, especially in Western culture, rely on natural understanding rather than divine intervention and revelation when considering dreams and visions. Many do not believe that God desires to speak to them, and they remain skeptical about hearing the voice of God. Allow me to take some time to explain your spiritual heritage in hearing God’s voice. You are part of a prophetic generation that has been anointed to know His voice more intimately than generations that came before.

According to Ephesians 4:11, God has ordained the five-fold ministry offices of apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher. Over the last several years, the Lord has been restoring each of these offices to the Church. The prophet and the apostle are now being reestablished; the prophets gained their beachhead in the 1990s, while apostles have been coming to the forefront in the 21st century.

As the prophets began to arise, there was a noticeable release of the prophetic voice. This voice has been penetrating the earth with audible revelations of God's perfect will through corporate and personal prophecy. *At the same time, God began to speak more profoundly through dreams and visions.* By closely examining Joel 2:28, we understand that in the end times God will pour out His Spirit on all flesh, and there will be an increase of dreams and visions: "And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions" (Joel 2:28 NKJV).

Being a Prophetic People

It is clear in this passage that dreams and visions are a manifestation of the prophetic movement that is still occurring. Part of this divine move of God involves becoming a prophetic people. Some have concluded that in order to be prophetic in gifting, they must be called to be prophets. Not at all. Let me attempt to again clarify this misconception by explaining the functions of a prophetic people.

First, not all have to become prophets to be prophetic people. Prophetic people are simply those who hear God's voice, know His voice and move by His voice. So be encouraged! This means that we can all have a prophetic ear to hear His voice. In the Old Testament, a prophet was referred to as a "seer." Today, God is raising up many who are gifted to see into many realms

of the Spirit and experience supernatural encounters. Precious reader, I believe that, as you read this book, the “seer” in you will be activated. Expect it!

When the prophetic voice is released, things begin to happen. When God releases His prophetic voice through a dream or vision, things begin to happen as well! Ezekiel 37:3–10 tells the story of the prophet Ezekiel, who was taken in a vision to a valley filled with dry bones. When he began to prophesy to the dry bones, he heard a noise and a shaking. Bones began to come alive. A graveyard of dead, dry bones began to move and come together, forming a great army. The prophetic movement continues to release the same type of sound! Things are continuing to shake and move; we are experiencing a shift in the heavenlies. *Webster’s Dictionary* defines a shift as “moving from one place to another.” When something begins to shift, things begin to change. When the prophetic voice is released, whether through a declaration or a dream or a vision, God’s perfect will is established, and things begin to change and move!

Impartations from Heaven

If you understand the language of heaven, you notice that it is God’s will to release an impartation with the revelation. During a dream encounter, God can impart to your spirit. A biblical example is when God imparted divine wisdom to Solomon as he was dreaming (see 1 Kings 3).

The word *impart* can be found in several Scriptures; my favorite, and, I believe, the one that best explains what I am attempting to convey, is Romans 1:11–12 (AMPC):

For I am yearning to see you, that I may impart and share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen and establish you; that is, that we may be mutually strengthened and encouraged and comforted by each other’s faith, both yours and mine.

The word translated “impart” in this passage is the Greek word *metadidomi*, meaning “to give over”—as if to share. Therefore, we can view an impartation as a “giving over” of what I desire to share with you—the revelation I have received. Wisdom and understanding of dreams and visions are being imparted to you as you read . . . believe it and receive it! I will continue to impart as I write; hang in there with me—you are being transformed (changed) as we journey together!

Throughout this book I will continue to give testimony of what the Lord has done in my life. I love to give Him glory continually; He has always remained faithful to give me what is needed to live a victorious life. I have realized that when you open your spirit to prophetic revelation, you begin to change. The book of Samuel gives a clear illustration of how the prophetic anointing affected Saul’s life. In 1 Samuel 10:5–6, notice how Scripture defines the transforming impact of the prophetic anointing upon Saul. The power of the prophetic mantle changed Saul into a different person:

And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man. . . .
And it was so, that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day.

1 Samuel 10:6, 9 KJV

Therefore, since dreams are part of the prophetic movement, expect God to speak to you in the night seasons. He will begin to communicate His will because God desires for all to be changed into His image. The Word says that we *move* from faith to faith, from strength to strength and from glory to glory.

They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion
appeareth before God.

Psalms 84:7 KJV

For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, the just shall live by faith.

Romans 1:17 kjv

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 3:18 kjv

Notice that we are to *move*! In moving will come the changing. You will begin to realize that God will use dreams to purify your heart and to release new levels of transformation.

You Are in Good Hands!

Believer, you are in the Potter's hand now. As you continue to read, expect to feel His touch! And remember . . . as you dream, He is shaping your life and your future. You are on a journey of transformation, impartation and continual divine intervention. I just know that you are ready for change. You are reading this book because you truly desire to hear God's voice and understand heaven's language spoken through your dreams and visions. You will not be disappointed! God has you in His hands, molding, shaping, fashioning and breathing life into you now!