

God's Call Upon Aglow Has Never Diminished

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Every time that we are together, for me at least, it brings again that deep and incredible awareness of the call of God extended to women back in the 60's when there was such a beautiful move of the Spirit. So many came into the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Some people called it the Charismatic Renewal. People – I was one of them – was appreciative of Father Dennis Bennett of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in the Seattle area and how God moved in his life in such an incredible way.

If you read his book, you will know that as an Episcopal Priest, he was overtaken by the Holy Spirit. He was pastoring a Church in the Los Angeles, CA area and had this incredible, powerful move of the Holy Spirit in his own life. He began to speak in other tongues and it was such a point of blessing in his life, yet at the same time I assume it was rather confusing to the Episcopalians. He ended up having to leave that Church and what a blessing that he ended up in Seattle. From that point, God really used him in an initial way to speak about the power of the Holy Spirit – the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. It was a lifechanging experience for him.

From his experience this powerful move of Holy Spirit began to flow from St. Luke's to many other Churches in Seattle, across to Canada, and to many other states in the United States and ultimately around the world. We are so appreciative.

This leads me back to my initial statement of being so aware as we gather, really continually being aware and in awe of the powerful move that began to touch women in a very lovely way. It was an awakening that took place in women, and I do not mean to limit it to woman; however that is my initial starting point for today - this ministry that was birthed at that time – in the mid 60's – and how God has taken that and gone around the world with it, touching women in such an incredible way, reaching into families, into marriages, bringing life to us in a way – and this is an understatement – that we so appreciate.

Aglow Called for Such a Time as This

A few years ago, I gave a message that some of us at the office call the Decades Message. I started in the 60's and went through each decade telling things that were happening in the earth and things that were happening in the Body of Christ and how – we use this phrase so frequently - God has called us for such a time as this. We say it to each other. We say it from the podium. It is a sense and a knowing that we have been called for such a time as this.

As I thinking about the message for this morning, I went back to the framework of the decades that God had been doing. That is where I'm going to pick up on this morning so it is not just turn to this chapter and read this verse and we will talk about it and be inspired. My thought for us this morning is for us as a

ministry to really look back at what was happening in the decades and how it is such a powerful statement that 'you have been called for such a time as THIS'.

Aglow was walking in step with what was happening. We were bubbling up with new life. We were coming forth in an incredible way through all that period of time. This might not be a message where you want to take notes. You might just want to listen and as I go through the decades you might think, 'yeah, I remember that.'

Keep in mind, along with that running parallel to all that was taking place in the world, there was a ministry called – at that point – Women's Aglow. There was a ministry that He birthed running parallel and would ultimately become a powerful prayer movement in the earth that would be birthing what He intended to do in these decades and as we move toward the ultimate length of time. So many of us feel that we could well be in the last days. So it is interesting to refresh our memory.

Decade of the 60's

From my point of view I believe it was the beginning of an unraveling in our nation. Does your mind go back to the 60's and to the things that are taking place then? Society was in turmoil. As I said, it was the beginning of an unraveling. We are riding a high right now because of the recent election (in the United States). However, in the larger picture, which is what I am referencing today, there has been an unraveling with changes taking place.

During the 60's I was living in Berkley, California. At that point, Berkley was not what it has become today. It was a lovely University town although there were some clear beginnings of unraveling taking place. I lived blocks away from the University of California campus. My father had a Church in Berkley which was very close to the campus.

I remember hearing my dad say, "I feel like I have come to the seat of satan." What does that mean? I was a young woman and was not really attuned to the dynamics of what was taking place. It really was the beginning of an unraveling and I think some of it started in Berkley.

Back in the 60's there was a movement. Remember this phrase, "God is dead." That began through Timothy O'Leary, and activists on the UC campus picked it up and it began to be something that was spoken across our nation and maybe went around the world.

Mario Savio was an American activist. He was a key member of the Berkley Free Speech Movement that ultimately went around the world. In that movement they were encouraging activists to engage in civil disobedience to resist the machine mentality.

The Cold War was stirring. There were political systems in place that were concerning. In the 60's the feminist movement began. Betty Friedan, Gloria Steinman – do those ring a bell? They were frequently in the news. There was just a spirit of disobedience and anger being expressed in those days.

Kennedy was assassinated. Gay rights movement began. Civil rights movement began. There were many race riots in the United States. The Viet Nam protests took place and I'm only hitting the highlights.

In the midst of it all, a worldwide movement of God's Spirit was also taking place. This women's organization was one of the organizations that came forth at that time and obviously, it remains today.

When you think of Aglow's longevity, we have really been kept by God. I could name other organizations that came forth in those days. They were powerfully used of the Lord and yet, you do not hear of them anymore. That is very striking to me. When I think of Aglow – a little women's organization that has become more than a little women's organization. We welcome our brothers and the wonderful easy way we walk with one another.

God birthed Aglow. His hand has been upon Aglow all of these years. There is something that He is reserving or preserving in this ministry that He has continued to use down through the decades and it continues until this day. It makes me and I hope it is the same for you – there needs to be a sense of excitement and expectation – what are You saying Lord and what would You have us to do? Not that we need to be busy about activity but we do need to be alert to what He is doing by His Spirit because He is not finished with Aglow yet! Maybe He never will be. I don't mean to imply it is coming to an end. There is something we need to be so attuned to, so sensitive to.

What began in Seattle with one little group moved up into Canada with another group. Today we have probably reached into 200 nations and we have current activity in 170 nations. Only God. Only God can do that.

Decade of the 70's

The gay rights movement was going. Neil Armstrong walked on the moon. Eighteen-year-olds were given the right to vote in the United States. President Nixon established relations with China. Roe vs Wade legalized abortion in the U.S. President Nixon was impeached. U.S. pulled troops out of Viet Nam. Billy Graham held his first integrated evangelistic meeting in South Africa. Jimmy Carter was elected President. Apple Computer was founded. Viking 2 spacecraft landed on Mars. The Camp David Accords were signed by Israel and Egypt. The world's first test tube baby was born. The Ayatollah Khomeini declares war and declares Iran an Islamic Republic. Margaret Thatcher was emerging in the political realm. Those are a few of the highlights of the 70's

Decade of the 80's

Reagan and Gorbachev met and they agreed to step up arms control talks. Aglow was established in Israel and it was at that International Conference that it was the first time that an Israeli flag was included in our flag parade and the roof came off! People were so blessed by having the Israeli flag in their presence in our midst and knowing that we were stepping into something with Israel. It was an indicator of Aglow's call ultimately to Israel and the fulfillment of some things the Lord had spoken to my heart related to Israel. The Berlin Wall fell. The Iron Curtain fell. The end of the Cold War.

At our Aglow Conference, women from both East and West Germany walked hand in hand during the Flag Parade. Do you remember it? The audience cheered! It was such a moment.

Decade of the 90's

In the 1990's it was the Persian Gulf war. In 1991 a powerful prophetic word was given at our International Conference in Orlando. We refer to it as the Thread Word – that He would put a thread into our hand that would begin to unravel the garment of Islam. I will take a moment to acknowledge Sandy and Diane's faithfulness. They have held a prayer call on Monday night for 17 years. God moves in a powerful way on

those calls. Sandy has done a great job gathering information for Israel as she helps oversee the call to Israel. Diane has done a powerful job as well as she is over Islam. They have been used to help sustain a freshness and awareness and understanding of what God is doing in the Middle East. I honor the two of you. You have bless our ministry. They never draw attention to themselves. This is so true of Aglow people. We are all in this together. Stay low before the Lord. Stay humble. Stay close to the Lord. It is all about Him.

Maybe that is one of the reasons God has sustained Aglow. I know women by nature are birthers both spiritually and physically. And that is not to say that men don't birth things in the Spirit realm as well. There is something unique about a woman getting ahold of something – something that she knows God wants to do. Maybe it begins in your life and then in your family, but how it begins to ripple out into your city, state, nation, and nations of the world. What God has brought into being is incredible. I am not aware of another move of His Spirit quite like this and the specific call and awakening amongst women. It is unique, powerful, and He gets the Glory.

So we are into the 90's and we've talked about the Gulf war and the Thread Word that was given. It was given by Diane Fink. Very powerful word. That He would put into our hand - I've already said this, but a thread that would begin to unravel the garment of Islam. We are not speaking against the people, we are talking about the system. So much prayer, warfare has taken place over the years. Some of us even traveled into the Gulf area to literally put our feet on the ground and stand there declaring what God wanted to do. 1:58:40

It was in the 90's that Women's Global Fellowship experienced a name change, and we moved from Women's Aglow to Aglow International. We were tired of being at the back of the phone. Now we are right up at the beginning. And so we became Aglow International.

Decade of 2000's to Present Day

Aglow took their first tour group to Israel and it was a sizable group. It is like people were waiting for that moment to step into that call in that way. The Lord had spoken to me and had said, "Jane, you will be in and out of Israel many times in the next many years," and that was fulfilled. I do not know if it is concluded, but it was fulfilled.

Aglow began taking groups in. I happened to be part of some other organizational, gatherings on committees, that sort of thing. And we would meet in Jerusalem. Sure. Why not? Your world becomes smaller as you gather around what God is doing in the earth, and things that may have seemed remote or over there or distant begins to move up close and personal. And you realize you are right in the mix of what the Holy Spirit is doing and the fulfillment of God's plan in the earth. We are in it. You are in it. Do you realize it?

The second Intifada began.

Unplugged and Rewired

In 2003, I think it was an international conference. You will remember this word "that Aglow has been unplugged from the past and has been rewired for the future". Do you remember that? We have used that phrase frequently in things that we have published - in some of my letters. "That we have been

unplugged from the past” does not mean we have just moved away from all that and we are going to go over here and do this now. There has been a wonderful foundation laid and provided for this ministry, but you cannot just stay in that loop and never begin to move through the decades as He has purposed us. So it is in that sense that we were unplugged from, maybe what we initially thought Aglow would be, and we have moved in to a point of greater clarity for the enormity of what He would ultimately do through Aglow. And I am not saying that to brag on the ministry, but I am, saying we need to see and acknowledge what has happened through the decades because it gives insight to what He is doing even in this current day.

You know, there are ebbs and flows throughout our lives. We have all had them. There can be ebbs and flows, even in moves of the Spirit. It does not mean He removes Himself, it just means you are going to walk in that for a while until He comes again with a fresh outpouring or a new word. But it builds one upon the other. It does not just yank you out of this and put you over here. It is not that kind of thing. There is a building that is taking place. Aglow has experienced that.

You have been so fabulous to give us room. I reference headquarters. Those of us who write the letters and deal with the publications. There is that constant awareness of what is the Lord doing? What is He saying? What is it we need to publish? What do they need? What feeds them? What is encouraging to you? What can we put out there that gives you that ongoing sense of a firm foundation that you can stand on and move within a framework of awareness, excitement, and expectancy of the work of the Holy Spirit in Aglow International.

So in 2003, there was a word that came that we would be unplugged from our past and rewired for the future.

Isaiah 22:22

I think it was 2004 that Dutch Sheets was with us. He spoke out of Isaiah 22:22, and he said, “Aglow. 22 is your number.” Dutch had a key and I can just see him and still hear his voice saying, “I've given you the key. I've given you the key. I've given you the key. Aglow, I've given you the key! I've given you the key! I've given you the key! And you will unlock many things on earth bringing the will of Heaven down to earth. You will be My ambassadors. You will be My prayer partners. You will be My warriors. You will express My heart. You'll express My will. You'll bring Heaven to earth!”

And you (Aglow) have done that. Over the years I've seen it again and again and again. And there is an awareness that He has given us a key. We are not the only ministry, but it was spoken to us that we would be part of the grouping of ministries in the earth that would receive a key from Heaven.

I have that key on a bedside table right beside my bed. Obviously, if it is bedside. I am a blond. Just work with me. I have that key as a daily reminder. I see it every morning. I see it every evening. I think of Aglow. I think of the word God has spoken, the word He is fulfilling and will yet fulfill. “I've given you a key. I've given you the key.”

Some other random thoughts. Space shuttle Columbia exploded, killing all seven astronauts. Facebook. Social networking began to take off in its popularity. There was an enormous tsunami in Asia. It was a devastating situation and thousands were killed. Hurricane Katrina destroyed much of the Gulf Coast. Many were left homeless. Many lives were lost.

A Company of Mary's

It was also in the decade of the 2000's that Asher Intrater spoke to Aglow. He's spoken many times. He said Aglow is a company of Mary's who will partner with Heaven to usher in the return of Christ. Do you remember this? A company of Mary's who partner with Heaven to usher in the return of Christ.

Regions in the U.S. We have was at 12 regions in the United States. Each region in the United States began to take a month of the year, and they would take in intercessors into Washington, DC. And that has been going on since 2008.

They spend a week praying in our Capital city over the government, the President, the nation.

Each of the regions in the United States would take a prayer team into Washington, D.C., and they would spend a week praying in our capital city. So every month was covered every month. There were Aglow women and men in Washington, D.C., praying over our government, praying over our president, praying over this nation, building relationships with other prayer ministries. I believe that maybe even the victory we have recently experienced is because of the prayer of men and women of God.

Okay. We're still in the decade of the 2000.

I'm a royal watcher, so I had to put this in. There was a royal wedding that was so beautiful. We also witnessed the passing of Queen Elizabeth. I believe she was a follower of Christ and a believer. And we need to continue to lift up the royal family that King Charles and the family will come into an experience with the Lord that changes them forever.

This is kind of grim, but ISIS beheadings with horrific attacks on people. The Paris Climate Accord was created. Great Britain left the EU. Brexit came into being. Donald J. Trump became the U.S. president.

Many, many, many were recovering from Covid. Millions had been affected. Russia invaded Ukraine. U.S. and China tensions grew. Climate change intensifies. Inflation returns. And the world's longest reigning monarch passed away. Queen Elizabeth There were two assassination attempts on President Trump and we have just seen him reelected. So he's been both our 45th and will be our 47th President.

In the United States. Google says that there have been more than 63 million aborted babies in the US since Roe vs Wade was passed. Dear God, forgive us.

We're looking at border issues. This was part of what was so frequently spoken of in our recent election process. With untold numbers coming across our borders. Unvetted people. Some let out of prisons. Murderers. Rapists. All manner of people along with, I'm sure some good ones. We have a situation in the United States that has occurred under the watch of the current administration. We have some things that we need to be taking seriously in our prayer times, in our times of warfare and intercession.

The Biden-Harris administration has lost track of some 320,000 migrant children with untold numbers at risk of sex trafficking - according to the New York Post and other publications. This systematic failure demands our immediate attention. We need to ensure the safety of our children.

Most recently, we think about Netanyahu's historic strike on Iran. And we love the people. But there's a system in place that needs to be dealt with. So, when you think of Netanyahu's stance and his strike against Iran, in one sense of the word, he is leading the charge for a safer world. I remember listening to and I

guess it was Fox News, and there was a rabbi being interviewed, and it was during the time that all this was taking place. He said several times, "We're – meaning Israel - is fighting your war." They come first for the Saturday people (the Jews) and then the Sunday people (the Christians).

I keep thinking of Aglow's place in the earth and the prayer power and the wall of protection that we are a part of securing around this nation, and nations of the world. Don't ever take lightly what God has called you to, and what He has called us to corporately. It's quite amazing.

So, Israel finally retaliated against Iran in a historic attack or response in an historic strike of power with many hundreds of Israeli planes brought into action to attack Iran for the first time ever. We need to pray for Israel's safety.

Hopefully, this was just step one. But challenges that Netanyahu face right now in ending the menace of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the whole freedom loving world - that challenge is great.

And as I just quoted the rabbi from Los Angeles, "We're fighting your war." Come on, America. Come on.

As Netanyahu, Prime minister of Israel, has been so active in this. He's proving himself to be one of the leaders of the freedom loving world, stating, we will overcome.

And that was one of our theme songs a few years back to remember we will overcome.

So, these are just a few highlights to bring to our remembrance. Trends in the world through the decades, and to realize again the significance and the timely ness of the call of God on Aglow.

Out of the ashes something of Heaven is emerging. It must emerge. Something only God can produce. He will let man's efforts fail. This final act is His and His alone. He may call us to participate, but we're going to know this has been initiated in Heaven. Aglow, stay alert. Stay alert in your personal life. Stay alert in your fellowships or in your state meetings or your regional meeting. Stay alert. Because we are living in incredible times.

Just touching on a few of these highlights and even looking at current events and while Aglow is not political in nature, honestly, I do feel this last election we saw the hand of God. We all know Donald Trump's history, but God chose him. And I believe, you know, with that bullet grazing his ear - And he has said, "I know God saved me." He acknowledges that as a miracle. I believe his heart has been being turned. And we don't know where his heart is today, but God's in this mix. And He wants Donald J. Trump for Himself. There's something that he carries and if we look with our natural eye, we think, "oh, brother, really?" And God's saying, "Yeah, really. Just watch Me."

We are not here to judge. We are here to link arms with Heaven, and to make a way here on earth for the voice of Heaven to be heard loudly and clearly.

Aglow: A Prayer Movement

I think of what have we carried in our heart all these years. I think as I have had the privilege, really, of walking in Aglow low these many years. Aglow has carried something. Of course, we are evangelistic in nature, but we have carried something that is incredibly deep and real and precious. And sometimes I would say it almost seems like we have become a prayer movement. I know we are prayer and evangelism, but prayer has taken such a center stage, place in our ministry.

Let me just say this. We honor you, Nancy, for your faithfulness. And Dave as well. But the years you have so faithfully served in our ministry and led the prayer movement. You and I get to do it sometimes together. We stay in touch, close touch. But I love Nancy, and I so appreciate all that she has done.

It seemed initially as some things started - and this would have been before Nancy stepped into this. Often, you know, when you begin in prayer, we were newly baptized in the Holy Spirit and we were all about praise and worship. And there was kind of a high all day. It was wonderful.

Governmental Intercession

We saw God do things in our family, and we saw Him do things in our own lives. But what I want us to see this morning is that we kind of moved from, not away from, but we have adjusted or have been adjusted in that sense, to a more governmental intercession. When I think of the activity of Aglow, particularly in our prayer groups or Bible study groups, there is a major thrust that has this governmental intercessory prayer focus that has shifted us over a period of time.

We were aware of world events back then, but as God has narrowed things and highlighted things, highlighted world events, highlighted the significance of your participation - intercessory wise in those very events, it begins to shift some things in your spirit and you begin to lose that primary focus of, well, it is all about me and my needs and what I need.

God's Ultimate Intention

It goes to a higher level, a higher participation. This is even part of the greater element that I believe is bringing Heaven to earth. God's ultimate intention is for each one of us to rule in our personal world, and to partner with Him and others and ruling the world around us. The prayer movement within Aglow has really taken on that sense of focus, importance, and awareness.

You are shifting things in our nation. You are shifting things in the nations of the world. Don't take that lightly. Don't get caught up in the logistics of how to hold a meeting. Do it well, but don't just get caught up in that realm. Get caught up in what is Heaven saying? And how can we participate?

As I was thinking about the message last night before I went to bed. Think about the fact that only Heaven will truly reveal all that God has done and is doing through you and through Aglow. Again, I'm not exalting Aglow, but there is a place of recognition in all humility and yet in all joyousness at the hand of God on our ministry. He takes it seriously, and so should we.

This is a little different this morning, but I have a couple of people coming to follow me. Are y'all awake? And Glenda Fleming. It's interesting. I know you have this happen as well, but I don't know. The other day, a week ago. Two weeks ago, maybe in just a week. I did I call you or you call me?

We were talking on the phone, and she began to share some things that God was putting on her heart. And I believe it dovetails with, even though this morning's message isn't like chapter and verse and read this, it's kind of we don't get together but once a year. So it's kind of conversational and looking at what God has been doing in our ministry to recognize the platform or the foundation of what's been going on.

And I believe as we are together in these next few days, it is going to build. I can't wait to hear Chuck tonight and others that are speaking as well. I know because we know God's ways. I know He is putting

something together and when we leave this place, we are going to know something or have what we have heard confirmed.

What have we heard this morning? The marvelous ways of the Lord and the ways He has been working down through the decades to present day. Our call remains strong. The call remains clear. The call includes you. And together, Aglow will move forward into its future, into its new day, and He will make clear each step we are to take

Lord, we seal this session by the power of Your Holy Spirit, and we seal in our hearts those things that You have spoken to us this morning. Maybe a word has been spoken or left unspoken, but we have all heard something about the Spirit of the Lord. We treasure Your work in our hearts, our lives, our groups, and our nation. So, as we lean in to You in this conference setting to continue to dig deeper and deeper into the greatness - what You have to speak to us. Sharpen our focus. Sharpen our ears and bring clarity to the path You have set before us.