

The Cloud is Moving

I. Honoring the Word of the Lord

This morning I hope to unpack something that “Happened” 2 weeks ago.

A. The Word of the Lord Happens

[Exodus 3:14](#) (Tanakh) And God said to Moses, “Ehyeh-Asher-Ehyeh.” He continued, “Thus shall you say to the Israelites, ‘Ehyeh sent me to you.’ ”

(AMP) And God said to Moses, I AM WHO I AM *and* WHAT I AM, *and* I WILL BE WHAT I WILL BE; and He said, You shall say this to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you!

A word from the Lord is a “something,” a promise, a possibility, but it is always true if it is followed — and often it’s true even if it is ignored.

Dabar YHWH Major Prophets 122x OT -245x

The Word of the Lord came (**happened**) ... 109x

[Genesis 15:1](#) (NIV) After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.
I am your shield,
your very great reward.”

[Luke 12:32](#) (ESV) Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

B. Ronny Oliveira brought a WORD

A WORD of the LORD **HAPPENED** to Life Center!

August 17, following the Elévate (Rise up!) Conference... Ronny had us all rise and encouraged our faith in God’s plan...

A word addressed to me:

Pastor, the cloud is moving.

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You’ve been praying. “Open my eyes, show me, **speak to me**, give me direction.”

The Lord says, “**I’m doing it**. The cloud that you are following... is following you. You’re following it and the glory of God is around you.

I would like to make **a prophetic action**. Bring your **JACKET**.

You have been waiting.

[Points to DAVID] “Put **it** on **him**.”

So I did.

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A word addressed to David:

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The Lord says, “You’re praying. You’re asking God to speak, to confirm. [You think] “I’m afraid, I don’t know what to do.”

The Lord says, “What I am **doing** here will be **so great** that you will say, “**Now I understand, now I understand, now I understand.**”

You are **a little David** that the Lord **is raising up...** that the Lord **is moving**, ... so that you will say, “**Now I understand!...**” And the **church will say**, “**NOW I understand! (3x).**”

This prophetic act will follow you.

Brings John Leach up [did not know John was David’s father].

As John was coming up, I whispered to David, “We are experiencing **JEHOVAH SNEAKY!**”

We each take one of David’s hands.

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[To David] “You are in the middle. You are in the middle.”

[To David, both, all three of us, or many of the people in the room]

The Lord says, “You prayed, you asked the Lord that He speak to you. And the Lord says, ‘I’m doing it. **I’m doing it**. You’re going to glorify my Name.”

[And he said much more than we can address this morning]

Prophetic overflow... It’s bigger than we think... It hits multiple people

[1 Corinthians 13:9](#) (ESV) For we **know in part** and we **prophecy in part**,¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.

[Ephesians 3:20](#) (NIV84) Now to him who is able to do **immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine**, according to his power that is at work within us,²¹ **to him be glory in the church** and **in Christ Jesus** throughout **all generations**, for ever and ever! Amen.

II. Our Prophetic Context

A. Succession Planning Focus

1. Several years seeking wisdom

Recognizing that the **core team is aging** and we have **many great young leaders**

Did not want to make a wrong decision!

Larry Kreider — introduced us to **Wayne & Reyna Britton.**

Great help to get UNSTUCK, look at our own lives, develop and assess our younger leaders.

2. Our younger staff are **AMAZING.**

Many have said it.

Lance Wallnau — “**an embarrassment of riches** in your people.”

Bill Johnson — “Life Center, where giants are grown.”

A group from our own congregation who **interviewed a number of the young leaders** and were **stricken** with how gifted and mature they all were. Many stated in their assessments, “**Any of these candidates would make a great Lead Pastor of a church.**”

Many observations and recommendations from the wise leaders within and without. **Jolene Pickens** – **Kept it moving; herded cats!**

The question that remained was **WHO.**

3. I had been hearing the WHO in a “still small voice” for a number of months.

4. I was asking the Lord for a CLEAR WORD — a VERY Significant Decision.

B. Ronny Olivera knew **NOTHING** about this process

1. Why He Came

This year, he had a word for me — ***The Cloud is moving!***

2. A Forced Fast

He was “accidentally” isolated in his hotel room Friday night until late Saturday afternoon — Later realized it was because of the WORD he was carrying.

3. Fear of the Lord... asked me to pray for him.

That the Lord would show him “**Who, who, who.**”

I had no idea what that meant, but kept praying for him

4. Asked God for a sign

- Pastor Charles would **wear a jacket** and then **take it off**.
- He **noticed** that **I prayed** for him on **one side** and **David** prayed on **the other**.

5. He did not realize that John was David's father...

- “The man with the white hair.” Startled...
- He **noticed** that **John prayed** for him **touching his back**

6. Inheritance and Anointing

In the Green Room he told David, “You have received **an inheritance** from your father-in-law and you have **received an anointing** from Charles.

7. Did not know Johannah was Randy Clark's daughter

When I mentioned that Jo is Randy's daughter, he leaned back and said,

“Now this makes sense. She has the anointing of her father, David has your anointing, and this his house needs the joining of **both anointings** for **the next**.”

C. An Answer to the Prayers of Many

This whole event was an answer to my prayer, an answer to David's prayer, and an answer to the prayers of many who have been praying for the future of the church.

III. Our Prophetic History

A. Moved to Pennsylvania Based a Confirmed Word.

When we came to Pennsylvania in October 1987 it was based on a prayer and hearing a word,

1. The Word — “I am. It's you.”

2. The Confirming sign — Sale of the house

It was confirmed by a sign, **a fleece** that Anne asked of the Lord. Our house sold the 1st day to the first person, for full price, and it was cash. Incredible.

I had built so that we could someday move to the mission field.

B. Hired Due to a Prophetic Word.

I was initially hired because of a prophetic word which the pastor and other leaders believed I fulfilled.

C. Stayed Because of a Confirmed Word

A few months later, when that pastor left suddenly, as I was praying, I told the Lord that I would stay and help until they found the replacement. I clearly heard, ***“I have set you here.”***

I responded that I would only tell that to Anne and that it would need to be a invitation by the Board of the church.

Without me telling anyone else, the Board asked me to serve as interim pastor in Jan. 1989 and made me the senior pastor two months later.

D. Kept Staying because God SET me.

When the Lord “sets you” no one can “upset” you except the Lord — who can “un-set” you.

IV. Clear Word for Life Center

A. The Cloud is Moving

B. David Will be the Next Team Leader

for this GREAT WORK that the Lord is building.

C. The Future will be Better than the Past.

Not perfect, but CLEARLY BETTER.

1. An Upgrade, not a downgrade...

One step closer to the purpose for which many, many visions have been whispered and proclaimed of God’s faithfulness.

2. There will be MORE...

A house of His Presence

A house of Prayer for all nations

A house of encouragement, equipping, and sending

For families and children.

In the words of Jason Upton, **“Your garden’s gonna grow!”**

3. What's Next

Stay Tuned... We will share more... as the sequence and timing become clear... nothing crazy or too sudden... we hope.

WE are **not** planning to move away... New roles and new graces... A pastor to pastors... A spiritual Father to the House... John, Bryan... changes coming, but it's a work in progress.

D. Ronny's Final Words (1st Service)

Blessing

Started something New, something Powerful

Will not be broken apart

New Wine

Fresh Oil

I bless the church, the children. I declare that I have started something new, something powerful, and what you have started, no one will break apart. No one will break it apart. So we prophesy in the Name of Jesus... that [there] will be new wine [and] fresh oil, in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

V. Let's Stand and Give Thanks to Our God of Hope Who Fills Us

A. With PEACE — shalom — that surpasses our comprehension

B. With JOY — simchah — that is our strength and the evidence of His Presence.

[Romans 15:13](#) (NIV84)

May the God of hope fill you with **all** joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.