

## The Way God Works

Spontaneous healings

**I. 5 Statements – Awake, Arise, Count it all joy, No eye has seen, the eyes of the Lord. [SLIDE 1]**

Is. 51:17 **Wake** yourself, **wake** yourself, **stand up**, O Jerusalem,

Is. 60:1 **Arise**, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

Jas 1:2 **Count** it **all** joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ...

1Cor 2:8 None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the heart of man imagined,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

## II. God Reverse Engineers Our Lives (Begins with the End in Mind — Your Purpose is in HIM)

**Romans 8:29** *F* For those whom he foreknew [slide 1] he also predestined [slide 2] to be conformed [slide 3] to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. [slide 4]

**προορίζω** - to determine the horizons ahead of time. Free will, paradox, ineffability of God [Rick's Slides]

- Your Story is part of His Story (DNA – physical, social, spiritual identity & image) Uniqueness.
- Potential and Free Will, Contingencies, Multi-generational

**συμμορφός**- to have the same form. His **image**. DESTINY

*Eph 2.22 ESV In him you also are being **built together** into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.*

*Eph 1.16 PRAYING THAT ... 18 the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the **hope** to which he has **called you**, what are the **riches of his glorious inheritance** in the saints, 19 and **what is** the immeasurable **greatness of his power** toward (**eis**) **us** who believe, according to the working of his great might 20 that he worked in Christ when he **raised** him from the dead and **seated** him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 **far above all** rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And he **put all things under** his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is his body, the **fullness of him** who **fills** all in all.*

## II. Scars Are Trophies of Grace [slide 6]

They represent **times when you should of quit, when you might have died.** **But the GRACE of God KEPT you!**

### BOASTING IN OUR SUFFERINGS

**2 Corinthians 1:3** *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the **Father of mercies** and **God of all comfort**, 4 who comforts us **in all our afflictioin**, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any afflictioin, with the **comfort** with which we ourselves are comforted by God. [slide 7]*

*8 For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly **burdened beyond our strength** that we **despaired of life** itself.. 9 Indeed, we felt that we had received the **sentence of death**. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.*

**οικτιρμός** — from the sound of mourners

**παρακαλέω** -- to come along side and exhort. “The Bishop of York comforts his troops” Comfort— to bring to strength (we receive **dynamism** (vigor, energy, optimism) when the Holy Spirit comes upon us)

WE can be **deformed** by pressure!

**Transformed** by Grace

When in a foxhole, you want to be with gnarly, scarred up veterans who walk with a limp. **FIRE Creative or Destructive**

### III. Every Battle Increases Our Power (**Transforms**)

**Psalm 84:5 Blessed** are those whose strength is in You;

*In whose **heart** are the highways to Zion!*

*6 As they go through the valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs,*

*The early rain also covers it with pools. (NASB - blessings)*

*7 They go from strength to strength,*

*Each one appears before God in Zion.*

- Our Victories make a Way for those who come after us
- George Washington in the French and Indian War
- Battle Ribbons

*The very thing intended to kill you can be a DOOR OF HOPE into ABUNDANT LIVING in the DIVINE NATURE!*

*Thirst and Transformation*

### IV. Time Is On Our Side

**Jer. 29:11 NIV** For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. **12 Then** you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. **13 You will seek** me and **find** me when you seek me with all your heart.

**By FAITH through grace through time**

**Our Story — Praying to be at the epicenter of a new outpouring of revival in America.** Lots of suffering. California to Pennsylvania. No comprehension. Fulfilled a prophecy. Ended up pastoring a church in the hood. Shootings, Cars broken into and stolen. A word that there would be a huge property.

ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

**Joseph.** The Dream, The Pit, Potiphar's House, The Prison, Pharaoh's Dream, Provision & Restoration

**Moses.** The Calling. The Anger, Fear. Alienation. Burning Bush. The Exodus

Ex 33.11 NIV The LORD would speak to Moses **face to face**, as a man speaks with **his friend**. ...

God's Purpose For Your Life Is *Settled IN HIM*

Rom 8.18 MSSG That's why I don't think there's any comparison between the present hard times and the coming good times. 19 The **created world** itself can hardly wait for what's coming next. 20 Everything in creation is being more or less held back. God reins it in 21 until both creation and all the creatures are ready and can be released at the same moment into the glorious times ahead. Meanwhile, the joyful anticipation deepens.

22 All around us we observe a pregnant creation. The difficult times of pain throughout the world are simply birth pangs. But it's not only around us; it's *within* us. The Spirit of God is arousing us within. We're also feeling the birth pangs. 23 These sterile and barren bodies of ours are yearning for full deliverance. 24 That is why waiting does not diminish us, any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother. We are enlarged in the waiting. We, of course, don't see what is enlarging us. 25 But the longer we wait, the larger we become, and the more joyful our expectancy.

26 Meanwhile, the moment we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans. 27 He knows us far better than we know ourselves, knows our pregnant condition, and keeps us present before God. 28 That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good.

**Romans 8:28** *And we know that for those who love God **all things to work together for good**, for those who are called according to His **purpose**.*

**THE CALL OF THE PURPOSE**—God's PURPOSE is like a signal emitting device. Eternal, unchanging, outside of time and space.

**Contingencies, degrees of fulfillment, multi-generational destinies.**

## V. Invitation to the Thirsty

**John 7:37** On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone **thirsts**, let him **come** to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, '**Out of his heart** will flow **rivers** of living water.'" 39 Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

**John 4.14** ... The water that I will give him will **become in him** a spring of water welling up to eternal life."