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Dear Friends,

In 1993, Darlene Zschech wrote the song, "Shout to the Lord," which was first included on the 1994 Hillsong CD, *People Just Like Us*, and has since appeared on several other Hillsong CD's. The song has been recorded by numerous other churches and singers. Organizations which track the use of worship songs have estimated that "Shout to the Lord" is sung every Sunday by worshipers throughout the world. Simply put, "Shout to the Lord" has become one of the greatest anthems in the history of Christianity.

The release of that song and CD became something of an international lunching point for Hillsong worship music. It wasn't long before songs from that Australian church were heard internationally in congregations of all sizes. After hearing "Shout to the Lord," and singing it in the church I was pastoring at the time, the Holy Spirit spoke to me in 1996 about what was coming in the Body of Christ concerning worship. He shared that what Hillsong was doing was just the beginning; that there was coming a flood of new worship songs at a magnitude never before seen in the history of the Church.

In the quarter-century since the Holy Spirit said that to me, what has happened? Exactly what He foretold. Not only have Hillsong and Darlene Zschech continued to release outstanding worship music, a great many other churches and individuals have been a part of this flood of worship. These groups/individuals include Bethel/Jesus Culture, Elevation Worship, Chris Tomlin, Red Rocks Worship, Kari Jobe, Maverick City Music, Terry MacAlmon, Gateway Church, Jeremy Camp, Matt Redman, Upper Room Music, the Passion Worship Conferences and far too many more to list in this letter. You may not agree with aspects of the doctrine taught in some of these churches, but the worship is exactly what the Holy Spirit prophesied. Furthermore, there are now radio stations which only play praise and worship music twenty-four hours a day.

There may be those reading this who would ask, "Why? Why has this flood of worship been released?" The reason is because it is a prophetic move of God that has a two-fold purpose.

1) THE FLOOD OF WORSHIP IS ESTABLISHING GOD'S WILL

In His teaching about prayer in Matthew chapter six, Jesus said the following:

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in Earth as it is in Heaven.
(Matthew 6:9-10)

As we pray, one of our confessions is that God's will be accomplished here in this Earthly realm just as it is in Heaven. Revelation 4:1-11, 5:8-14, 7:9-12, 11:15-17, 15:2-4, 19:1-9 all reveal worship as a continual activity in Heaven, filled with God's immeasurable glory and presence. There can be no debate that what happens in Heaven is most definitely God's will. Therefore, if

His will is that Heaven be filled with worship, then His will is that our world be filled with worship. Consider what was written by the prophet Isaiah,

¹In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple. ²Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. ³And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory. (Isaiah 6:1-3)

Notice that the angels were worshiping God and declaring that the whole Earth is full of His glory. Along with this, read what happened when the Ark of the Covenant was brought into the temple King Solomon had built,

¹³It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD; ¹⁴So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God. (2 Chronicles 5:13-14)

These passages confirm there is a direct connection between worship and the glory of God. Not only are churches worshiping God like never before, but radio stations – both over-the-air and internet – are filling the atmosphere around the world with praise and worship. Though we may not see it with our physical eyes, the glory of the Lord is most definitely filling the Earth. God's presence accompanies His glory, which leads to the second aspect of the purpose for this flood of worship.

2) THE FLOOD OF WORSHIP IS SETTING THE STAGE FOR GLOBAL REVIVAL

There has never been a revival without the presence of God. I have been in services where the Word was taught in-depth, line-upon-line. I have been in services where the focus was on prayer, with time during the service being set aside for praying. But I have never experienced the presence of God in those services like I have when the people were caught up in worshiping God without reservation or concern for time. In some of those services, the praise team started out as they always do, but then it was though the entire congregation stepped into a holy place of God's dwelling. At times the atmosphere in the room was so filled with God's presence it seemed like Jesus was physically among us.

In John 4:23 Jesus said the Father is seeking those who would worship Him in spirit and in truth. Just because people are born again does not mean they are automatically worshiping God in this fashion. It is true that only Christians have the potential to worship God as Jesus described. But unless our heart is focused on Him, and the imaginations of worldly problems and issues are cast down, we are less like John 4:23 worshipers and more like those described in Isaiah 29:13,

Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:

The more a congregation sets their hearts and minds to worship God, the more His presence will begin to manifest in their services. God's presence is a healing presence. God's presence is a delivering presence. God's presence is restoring presence. God's presence is victorious presence. And, God's presence is a convicting presence, drawing the lost to Jesus and the backslider to repentance.

So many pastors and churches search for the latest evangelism outreach program, then put forth much training and effort to make that program work. Though their diligence and concern for the lost are to be highly commended, programs designed by the mind of man will never produce the end-time revival harvest of souls into the Kingdom of God. However, worship will absolutely help release such a revival. Worship is not a program; it is a by-product of a Christian's born-again spirit. Worship constructs a habitation for the Lord. Worship is a church's invitation to God's glory for a sweeping move. Worship, more than anything else, will bring the reality of God into the life of a Believer.

As I mentioned earlier, it was in 1996 that the Holy Spirit told me the flood of worship was coming to the Body of Christ. Then, in November of 2002, He gave me a powerful prophecy about the role worship will play in the end-time revival that will see millions of people accept Jesus as Savior. Here is that prophecy:

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WORSHIP INTO REVIVAL (Prophecy)

(Part of this word makes reference to healing pertaining to select individuals, not the entire Body of Christ.)

About a last day revival, many of you have looked for this revival, many of you have been waiting on Me to move in revival. But I say unto you, you have been wasting your time. For you see, I have never held revival back, but you have held Me back. You have wondered, "What will it take, Lord, what will it take?" You have wondered, "O God Where is this revival?" Well, I have revealed to you in My Word what it will take.

For the last forty years you have had great teaching, you have had great exhortation and you have not come short of your knowledge in My Word. And I am pleased with this, for as I said, knowledge would increase in the last days; it has done just that. Knowledge of Me and My Word has increased in these last days and you have learned faith. You have learned great faith and you have been taught many things, many great and powerful and life changing things. But I would have you know that the revival you have heard prophesied, the revival that you have been seeking, it is at your doorstep now. My Son revealed to you in My Word what it is going to take to see this revival unleashed in waves throughout your land; I say not just throughout this country but through this world.

If you will think to My Word where My Son met the Samaritan woman and He told her, God is a spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth because those are the people I am seeking. In the Old Testament, the greatest outpouring of My glory was not while My Word was being proclaimed, it was not while the sacrifices were being offered, it was not during a festival, it was not during a feast; but the greatest outpouring of My glory took place the

moment that the singers and the musicians became as one and lifted up their voices and made a sound, a sound, a sound to glorify Me and to worship Me. It was then My glory filled the temple and the priests could not stand to minister.

Your worship is the key and I would say unto you this day, those who have ears to hear listen closely to My Word; listen closely to that which I say to you this night. You are going to begin to hear a renewal in the area of worship. You are going to hear coming from different places throughout the land and throughout the world those who are going to begin leading my people back into the arena of worship. My Word has been taught, and there has been much learning, but My church has forgotten how to worship Me.

And the churches that you have established, you have placed heavy, heavy emphasis upon teaching and upon training, but there has never been an organization come into existence that has trained my people to worship. And I say unto you those days are coming to an end. I am speaking forth. I am crying out, “Worship Me, Worship Me, Worship Me, Worship Me, Worship Me, Worship Me, Worship Me, Worship Me, Worship Me, Worship Me,” because when you worship Me, it opens the door of your spirit for My power and My anointing to flow through you and bring about the revival that will change your land. It will change your circumstances. It will bring about My presence in ways you have never known before.

So listen closely, listen closely to the voices of those that I am raising up, those whose hearts are tender towards Me, those whose ears are tuned to My voice and you will begin to hear them proclaim the message – WORSHIP THE LORD – WORSHIP THE LORD – WORSHIP THE LORD – WORSHIP THE LORD.

And the day is coming, the day is coming where a people will be gathered together in one place to worship Me; and as they worship me, My glory is going to fill the place where they are unlike anything they have ever known before. And when that happens you will not need the preaching, you will not need the teaching, you will not need to lay hands on the sick, because the anointing that is poured through your worship is going to bring about healings, signs, wonders, and miracles.

Oh, how I feel for those of you who have hardened your heart to the point that your conscience is seared to the cry of worship. Oh, how My heart longs to touch you! You’ve sought healing: be it known this night unless you worship you are never going to see your healing manifest. It is not because I am holding back, but it is because of your stubbornness and your pride, your flesh, that you will not worship Me. You have built a wall to My power; My power that could produce great things in your life. But I say unto you this night if you will crucify your flesh, if you will mortify your pride and lift your hands and open your mouth; if you will stop worrying about the people around you and what they think and what they might see you do; if you will worship Me you will experience Me.

And I say unto you that there are some, you have been into intercession, concerned for your children. But I would say unto you this night, you have hindered the answers, you have hindered Me from moving in the lives of your children because of your pride. I say unto you this night, do not forget I hung on a cross. I was naked and all could see me, but I did it for you.

If you will only worship Me, if you will only worship Me you will see My power. Again I say unto you worship is the final ingredient to the end time revival. Worship is the final ingredient to the end time revival. Worship Me, worship Me, worship Me.

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If you are a pastor, I cannot stress the importance of you teaching your congregation to worship and being the example of a Christian who worships God in spirit and in truth. Along with that, those of you in the congregation should not wait for the pastor to set the example; open your mouths, lift up your hands, worship God with all you heart, soul and mind. God's glory is ready to be released, and worship will release that glory in your midst!

In His Grace,

Jim

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