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Glory to God. Well, I am just so blessed about what the year is going to bring. I am full of expectation and full of hope, full of faith and I have confessions in my mouth, I have praise in my mouth, I have declarations which I make to the Lord. Hallelujah. I expect many good and wonderful things. Hallelujah. Praise the Lord.

So, you’re all welcome to church this morning. Praise the Lord. This last week, my son Garth, Pastor Garth, he had an opportunity to speak to someone and council with someone. They were speaking about the Truth of God and the wisdom of God flowed from his heart, from his spirit and he basically used this analogy to describe the Truth of God. He said, “The Truth of God is like gravity. Gravity is an irrefutable, nothing you can do against the truth of gravity. Gravity is. There’s only one way to escape gravity on the Earth, that’s to go to space. So, gravity is a truth. It doesn’t matter whether you believe it or not. It doesn’t matter whether you like what gravity does or not. It doesn’t matter whether you actually can debate as much as you’d like about whether gravity exists or doesn’t.” Right?

Gravity is just there. Now what God has done is, from the earliest time, He put animals on the Earth, that could work with gravity. Birds in the sky. If you were a being on the earth and you didn’t understand some of the dynamics that birds led us to understand, you wouldn’t understand that thrust and lift and flowing with air thermals could actually, for a period of time, work with gravity to actually create something quite marvellous. Just understand what I’m saying here, birds couldn’t fly without gravity. Gravity is what makes them fly. Now, this is the wisdom coming out of me, this is not what my son said. He was just making a point to the person this week, that it doesn’t matter what you say about the Truth, it is what it is, whether you like it, whether you want to manipulate it, whether you want to say whatever you want about it, it doesn’t matter, gravity is a truth.

Even birds know that at some point gravity is going to kick in. So, they have to go and rest, because the energy they use to work with gravity and soar above everything else, that same force that makes them fly, is the same force that’s going to make them rest. Amen.

That is what it’s like to serve Jesus. You can’t go against the Truth; in the book of Corinthians it says you can do nothing against the Truth but everything that you do is going to actually confirm the Truth. So, even if you are a person that is a so-called atheist or an agnostic, someone who doesn’t believe in God. Even if you were such a person and I don’t believe such a person exists, they might intellectualise that that’s what they believe, but I don’t believe such a person exists because God tells me in the Bible that when everybody was born, He puts inside of each person, inside of them, a knowing that God exists. It doesn’t matter what they intellectualise with you, in their heart, even agnostics, those people that don’t believe that a god exists, and they are normally scientists or philosophers or those kinds of people. Normal people too, but normally you know, they like to think themselves, intellectuals and they say God doesn’t exist. Even if you are that person, you can’t defy gravity, sorry. You can’t.

You want to test it? Go stand on the edge of a building and try and walk. Just make it a very low one, or make sure there’s a net underneath you or something because the truth is going to kick in and when you walk off that building, you’re only going one way.

Well, that’s the truth of Jesus, that’s the truth of the life of God. That is what the life of God is like, that’s what it’s all about. There’s nothing you can do. Even if you’re an agnostic and an atheist that says, “I don’t believe in God,” even the words that you speak confirm that He is, because in your words you have chosen to believe something that doesn’t exist and you have been forced to choose it. So, even in your ‘forced to choose’ it, you are choosing because you are forced to choose it and even that in itself is confirming that God is. Come on, now. I’m not trying to be too philosophical here today or anything like that. I’m just wanting to bring out a fact.

Here’s the thing; when the birds fly… [*laughs*] Pastor Sharon has a daily war with doves because these rock pigeons come and roost in our roof. She wants to study the Word of God and pigeons are a music to me and they are a chaos of noise to her, a cacophony of noise to her. She’s got a little stick and [*laughs*] I’ll be sitting, and I’ll be praying, doing my own thing with God and the next minute I hear her with her stick against, you know, the gutters of the house. She’s out there [*imitates sound of stick on steel*] and then the next minute, where I’m praying and everything, I see all these birds - they all fly like, they’ve been attacked. They have been [*laughs*] with her own noise. “Get out of my space! I’m praising God and I don’t want to hear your koer-koer-koer!” [*laughs*] Don’t let her tell you that she doesn’t love it. She loves to chase those birds! It makes her day when she goes bash! And those birds fly, and she goes, “Gotcha!” [*Laughs*] “You come upset my noise, I’m going to get yah.”

I see those birds; they take off from the gutters and they just go [*imitates flapping of wings*] and then they fly and pretty soon they’re just gone. So, what happens is that gravity together with the wind and the thrust and the energy that they use, just causes them to do something very special. It makes them who they are. That’s the truth of Jesus Christ in a Christian’s life; if we don’t have to live in human bodies and we don’t have to contend with the natural things of the world in this human body, there would be no point to faith. To live in a natural world requires faith to overcome the natural world’s requirements.

So, let’s just use the basic need that is like gravity. The basic need is; you’ve got to breathe, you’ve got to sleep, you have got to eat and you have to drink. Basic needs. Maslow’s hierarchy of needs. Basic needs - you have to have those. Right? While you are living in this body those are things that you must have, otherwise you no longer live in this body. Being human causes us to be able to make choices and those choices enable us to live by faith or not. Every time you have to make a choice as a human to live by faith and live for God, you fly. You defy gravity. You become something unique and special that can do things.

People have often spoken to me about faith and how they use faith and my best way of how I can describe to people what it’s like to live by faith and in faith is this; it’s like when you choose to live by faith, the very first part of your choosing to live by faith is like a rocket taking off. If you’ve seen rockets taking off, you’ve seen these pictures; they ignite the engines and they start burning fuel or hydrogen or nitrogen or whatever combination of mixtures they use. As they start to burn that fuel, you see all the flames start coming and all the smoke comes and it’s this massive demand on energy to get enough energy to create lift off. The first two or three feet of lifting that rocket off the ground uses and requires so much energy that it’s probably 80% of the fuel that’s in that rocket. It is used in the first, call it, 50 feet or 50 meters of that rocket taking off. Once it’s got enough momentum, it’s got enough thrust, it’s got enough power to go, the trajectory begins to work with it and the thrust and momentum begins to work with it and it gets better and easier and easier and the higher it goes the less gravity comes into the equation until it gets into a place where there is no more gravity.

Have you noticed, have you seen pictures of these satellites that fly around the earth? They don’t use much fuel at all. They’ve got little jets of fuel and those little jets are just positioning jets, just to keep them on course. They just *tsh, tsh, tsh*, *tsh, [making sounds of squirting fuel],* they just burn little bits of fuel. They need very little bits of fuel because where they’re orbiting, they’ve broken free from the laws of gravity.

When Jesus writes to the church and writes to the disciples, and speaks to the disciples, and it’s written to us in Matthew chapter six and He says, “Listen, don’t worry about what you’re going to eat, what you’re going to drink, what you’re going to wear.” Why not worry about that? Because the heavenly Father knows you need all these things and He will provide them for you. Verse, verse 33 of that same chapter in Matthew chapter six says, “But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His way of doing things, and all these things will be given unto you.''

So, you don’t have to worry about those things. What am I saying? When you become a Christian, you learn to live in faith, then when you live in faith, you get to a point of your faith where you break free of gravity and now you just live in a realm beyond having to believe God for your needs met. Wow. This is what God wanted for His sons and daughters. Why did He want this? Have you noticed that if you’re up there in, you’ve seen pictures of people that take photographs from the sky? They can see the whole earth or a portion of the earth at any given time.

From that perspective, it’s like; I can see the whole of Africa, and I can see the whole of South America, and I can see the whole of things. Well, really this is the truth; what God intended for the church is not for the governments of the world to dictate what happens on the earth. God has intended the church to tell the governments of the earth what to do. So, the church had become so weak and feeble, that we actually just allow governments to tell us what to do and not to do. Because we’re like; burn energy, thrust, take off, topple over, didn’t make it, start again. Burn energy, thrust, get a meter, get 100 meters off the ground, *o gats,* I don’t know if this is working.

It’s a bit like the Peter syndrome; get out the boat and walk, “Oh dear I’m sinking. Help, Jesus”. The church is in good shape because at least there’s some, some of the church that’s actually walking on water. Hallelujah.

You remember that last week I read you the scripture in Ephesians 6 verse 10, **10Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13Therefore take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. (Ephesians 6:10-13, NKJV).**

This is what our job is. To put it in my analogy today; our job is to fly when we need to fly. Amen. 1 Timothy 1:18 in The Message says, 1**8I’m passing on this work to you, my son Timothy. The prophetic word that was directed to you prepared us for this. All those prayers are coming together now so you will do this well, fearless in your struggle, keeping a firm grip on your faith and on yourself. After all, this is a fight we’re in. (1 Timothy 1:18, MSG).** This is not a fight against whether God will feed us and clothe us; this is a fight of keeping our faith strong so that we can live in a realm where we’re always responding to God, not responding to our needs. Hallelujah.

Are you getting something out of this today? Now, I want to just, there’s some important things that I’ve got on my heart that I need to share with you this morning, but I have to just prepare, I have got to prepare this nicely for you. So, I would like you to understand that, when Jesus was walking on the earth, He was all man. I mean He had the same body that we have. The only difference was that the blood running through His veins, was the blood of the heavenly Father, not a natural father. That makes a big difference because He wasn’t born into the nature of sin, He was born into the nature of God.

He still had all the influences on His humanity that every other man would have. So, to be clear, that His body would require food to eat. Just because He was born from a heavenly Father, didn’t make Him not require nutrition for His human body. Okay. I’m trying to give you an understanding that He was just as human as you and me. He had to eat, He had to sleep, He had to drink. There were natural things that He needed to do. His body functioned in the same way as we did, when we require hygiene, where we require to go to ablutions, when we need to do things, His body was in the same space. His body needed to have all of those things taken care of.

Who took care of Jesus? Do you think it was His father, Joseph and Mary, or do you think it was His Heavenly Father? If you say it's His Heavenly Father, you answer correctly, because before, as He was born, God sent wealthy men to Him, to come and put gifts at His feet in worship. So much wealth, that actually He was taken care of for the rest of His life from the first day He was born. If we think that as Christians, God is not interested in what our natural world must look like, He is interested. He just wants us to be sons.

I'm just describing this Jesus to you because you heard me say, that when He was the age of 12, He was already telling His natural mom and dad caretakers, I must be about My Father's business. Which father? The Heavenly Father. When the time came for Jesus to go into His earthly ministry. You know what I say about leadership right? You know what I say about leadership and my leadership triangle? That Jesus spent 30 years in His personal leadership, He spent 3 years in His public leadership, and He spent 3 days in His purpose. Now, you can't separate His purpose from the day that He was born. He was always living towards His purpose and He was always living in His purpose, but the fulfilment of His purpose was 3 days and 3 nights, when He was raised from the dead.

A lot of people get this all mixed up in their lives and they say, if I can just do my purpose, that will drive me into a public profile, and where I am in public, then I attract attention and all resources and fame and stuff will come with that attention. The last thing they give focus to is their personal leadership. You all know me by now. When I say, it's important that we always give attention to our personal leadership, and we build a strong foundation of personal leadership. That means I walk with God every day, and then God raises us up into public profile.

Then the time comes when He says, okay, now it's your time for purpose. I'm reminding you of that because you know Pastor Sharon and I have lived our lives living like this. There’s been many, many people that have been attracted to our lives, in our marriage, because they want hope for marriage. They see the joy of living in God in our marriage, and they say, well if you can have such a good marriage then we can have that too. That’s what a visual Testament is. When they hear our testimony of how we used our walk with God to have our needs met, then people want to know how you do that. Because surely that's how we should all walk with God. Then God used that to put us into a public profile. For many years we have been in this public profile. It’s come to a time in our lives where God has chosen to accelerate our purpose.

Now bear in mind that there was an acceleration in Jesus life for His purpose. There was a time when He was just working with His dad in the carpentry shop. He was the same God destined to die, that was in a man's body. Come on now. From the day He was born He was destined to die on the cross. For 30 years He was the same man that was about to go and heal the sick and raise the dead and cast out devils everywhere. He was just working in a carpenter shop with His dad, in a community of people, but the time came when God said, now it’s the time. Purpose and assignment have arrived. Public ministry has arrived. Hello.

This same Jesus understands the moment for My public assignment and for God to accelerate My timetable has arrived. This same Jesus. He starts to go about it, and He starts to call disciples and things start to happen in His world. He is now being obedient to God.

Luke, chapter 4 verse 15. **15He taught regularly in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.16 When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures. 17The scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where this was written: 18“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, 19and that the time of the Lord’s favour has come. (Luke 4:15-19 NLT)** This is His announcement of His public ministry.

These are, this is an announcement to all the people that know Him. Yes? So, they know they have watched Jesus, live according to all the rules of the law. They have watched Jesus obey His parents. They have watched Him live with integrity. They have watched Him grow in such wisdom and such understanding of the Word of God, the Torah, the knowledge of God that when it was His time to come in the synagogue and to read, He could; everybody wanted to hear what He had to say, same people.

So, He reads the scripture, no problem this far. **20He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant, and sat down. All eyes in the synagogue looked at him intently. 21Then he began to speak to them. “The Scripture you’ve just heard has been fulfilled this very day!” (Luke 4:20 NLT)** In other words, He was announcing to them, that what the prophet Isaiah spoke of generations before, that a Messiah will come and the government shall be upon His shoulders and He will bring peace, and He will also bring judgment. That moment is here, right here, right now, it’s Me. Wow, it was as quiet, as it is here right now.

Look at verse 28, **28When they heard this,** He said a few more things and I don’t want to read all of that but, **28When they heard this, the people in the synagogue were furious.** They were mad. **29Jumping up, they mobbed him and forced him to the edge of the hill on which the town was built.** Can you get this picture? This is the son of Joseph and Mary, who lived in this town all their lives, this is Jesus, who they know. This is Jesus who they’ve listened to. He makes one statement, “I Am, the fulfilment of this scripture,” and what do they do? They mob Him. It would be like this, probably the same amount of people that are here today.

They would jump, they would all get up in such a rage, that if you all came around me and you said, we want to push you in front of the next car that drives by. You all decide to grab me and push me, what chance have I got? It is mob management. It’s gang warfare. They want Him out, they don’t want this heresy in their church, their synagogue. **29…. They intended to push him over the cliff,** that’s a riot **30but he passed right through the crowd and went on his way. (Luke 4:28-30 NLT)** Hey, I want to know if you think this is a miracle. Look, this is not a healing miracle like somebody got healed here. This is not a blind eyes opening, this is not a miracle that is like, you know somebody dumps a million bucks in your lap. He just uses the authority of God.

Come on now, just for a few, this is really not, I don’t want to spend too much time on this today, but I just want you to see something. You could rightly ask the question, why did Jesus even allow them to take Him out of the synagogue and get Him to the edge of the cliff? Why did He not exercise His authority before then? They needed to understand, and God needed to see the intent of the people. They needed to; a fulfilment needed to happen here that their rage against Him needed to come to the point where they would have killed Him, because later the consequences of their behaviour would ultimately put Him on the cross.

This is where it started Church, this didn’t start on the Passover three years later. It started right here. That the rage that was displayed in the hearts of the people would be the rage that puts Jesus on the cross. He just exercises His authority and He just walks through it. Why is this important? Why could He exercise and why should He exercise His authority and walk through the crowd? Why not just let them throw Him off the cliff and then supernaturally land on his feet at the bottom of the thing. Why not? Because when He stood in front of Pilate, years later and said and Pilate says to Him; don't you know I have the power to take your life? He could say to him, “No man can take my life, less I lay it down.” Where was His testimony? From the days of the synagogue. He proved that they couldn't touch Him no matter what their age was, God protected Him. Hallelujah.

I've got news for you Church we live in that kind of protection, we live with that, we have the capability of living with that kind of authority. We are not a wishy-washy, we are not a, we are not an irrelevant people on the earth just because we have a moral standing and we have a belief and a faith.

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My time is still on pause, don’t steal my time because there is an electricity thing. We don't think that it’s necessary that we should pay Eskom. Sound to come back. We have lights, we have sound, we have cameras, action. Hallelujah, are you sure I can press “unpause”? Have we got that level of action? They do that for me in the studio they come right up to my face with this board, you know and they [*Slapping noise*]. Does it have to be in my face? [*Slapping noise*]. They like it, it's like, it's now official Pastor John, you are being recorded. Praise the Lord.

Remember what I said to you last week, I said and I read to you from Isaiah Chapter 58 and I modernized it and I used it in a more, in a daily context and I said, “If you will make this declaration and this confession every day, you will find yourself in a completely different space because I said if you watch your step on the Sabbath and I said let's just transpose the word Sabbath to this day and every day.” If you watch your step on this day and don't use this day for your personal advantage. If you treat this day as a day of joy, if you treat God's day, this day, Holy day as a celebration, if you honour it by fear

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There you go. So ah, wow! Thank you, Lord, that this stays up and that they have wisdom at the back there. Praise the Lord. So, if you honour by refusing to say business as usual, making money running here and there, then you will be free to enjoy God. Oh, I will make you ride high and soar above it all, that sounds like you can break gravity. You can use gravity to your benefit. Hey, that is why faith is meant for us to do, it is meant for us to use in our relationship with God. Faith is meant for us to walk with God in such a way that we are free from the needs of this personal world, Amen.

I’ll make you ride high and soar above it all. I’ll make you feast on the inheritance of your ancestor, Jacob. Yes, God says so. You know, this year is 2020, Brother Jerry has spoken, and said, “I’ve heard from the Holy Spirit, 2019, a year of Marvels and Wonder and Extraordinary Manifestation of the greatness of our God such as never been seen before in the earth. Don’t stop believing this just because 2019 comes to an end. The Lord pressed upon me to tell the people to add and beyond.” Praise the Lord.

Marvels are things that cause one to be amazed or filled with overwhelming surprise. Wonders are unusual and often even strange things that arrest attention through their grandeur and magnificence. Extraordinary manifestations are rare, uncommon things beyond the common or ordinary or method.

In 2020, I will open a new door and I will cause my, and I will open a new door to experience supernatural increase like never before. Experiencing supernatural increase is like this, its God, it’s beyond anything that I can think of. It is beyond anything I can do. It’s anything I ever, its like, it’s not like I anything I ever experience before. Amen.

Brother Copeland had a Word for 2020 and he said, “2020 yield itself to new vision, time of great increase in dreams and visions, but be careful and make certain it is from God, because Satan can present himself as an angel of light, with his own dreams and visions.” He also said that this year, 2020 will be a year of change in the Kingdom of God, and the Kingdom of God, the people in the Kingdom of God will experience change and they will experience, there will be great movement and marvellous things will happen in the Kingdom of God, Amen. Praise the Lord.

In my prayer time, in my meditation and in my pursuit of God, over the period of December the Lord become to minister to me that there is a few things that He want me to focus on and you will see it begin in the next, as early as the next week or so. You will begin to see it come through in the ministry. He said, “I want you to begin to do morning moments. I want you to do midday ministry and I want you to do midnight messages. No, midnight ministry and music.” He basically said, “I want you to be in the social media space, for a full cycle of a day and night while most people are up. So, there is never more than a six-hour cycle that goes by were you not without voice on the airwaves. We are going to do that, morning moments, we are going to do Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

What I did a year ago, in Consecration Prayers on Facebook every morning, what I did over December, Inspiration Moments on Facebook, we are going to continue that, and it is going to be an ongoing process until the Lord says stop. At least for 2020.

I have already spoken to TBN and they are, we are in the process of restructuring our profile, and so what we are going to do, is we are going to take what we do five o’clock three days a week, we are going to do a 12 o’clock five days a week. So, people would say to me, it doesn’t make sense because ah, because five o’clock is not, 12 o’clock is not a time when people watch! They will! They will!

The Word will get out, and it’s a good opportunity when you’re having a lunch break that you can go and listen to a few moments of God speaking to you, and have a moment of Worship with awesome music. When we, when we do midnight, we are going to be addressing late afternoon through prayer, in a different way, but I am going to get to that in a different time, but midnight. Midnight is going to be a combination of people and it’s going to have a lot to do with Sanctuary, Pastor Garth, Music, midnight. Praise the Lord.

The other thing that I have asked TBN to come up with a plan for me is, when we can go on weekends for an hour, where that hour will be filled with our messages and it will be filled with our music and it will be filled with our stuff, for an hour on a weekend. They have already said I can have everything I have asked for, it is just a matter of when and how much. Hallelujah.

This is just an execution of something that, the Lord began to speak to me about supernatural increase. When the Lord speaks to you about supernatural increase it means everything begins to increase. Everything, if you’ve got your faith out there, everything is going to increase. Hallelujah.

This is a year of great celebration. It is! It’s a year of great celebration for us. You remember when, you remember when the Lord began to speak to me when I was, when Brother Jerry had a word in 2014 about Manifestations, Visitations and Demonstrations of the Holy Spirit, and when the Lord began to minister the wisdom of that to me and that was to have a 4x4x40 (four by four by forty) you remember that?

I began to ask the Lord about new doors and crossing thresholds and entering into new spaces and how we can enter into new spaces and what it means to the old spaces. Basically, what the Lord began to show to me, is that all the old spaces are there for us to enjoy, the new spaces are for us to grow into. You have got to, you live in your old space, but it’s like adding a whole new house to your existing house. Okay. He gave me three things to do this year, this whole year. I’ve got three projects; I’ve got project strike, I’ve got project conditioning, and I’ve got project celebration. Project strike is the seven arrows that the Lord said I must strike the ground with, when I went and sowed a seed to brother Jerry in 2018. This whole year, last year, we were, pastor Sharon and I were striking the ground. My, my, my, have we not seen just amazing, amazing things happen in 2019?

He said, “You’ve got to, you got to experience the supernatural increase on project strike. The seven arrows are the seven areas that the Lord had me sow my seed into and make a declaration. Many of those things I have already told you about, I am not going to spend too much time on them today. I just want to remind you of them and just some of them. I'm going to remind you, I sowed seed into growth in churches, growth in education, growth in missions, growth in multimedia, which included music and worship and all that kind of stuff. I sowed seed into what? I said, aviation or transport. Missions and Chariots and all of that stuff. Then there was a personal thing that we sowed seed into.

I'm telling you this because the Lord said to me that next week when we do our special day of teaching and getting together this coming Saturday, we will start with helping you, do a similar project as 4X4X40. This is not going to be so much about what we give you; journals and we give you all that kind of stuff. This is more about giving you the framework that you can choose how you going to go after this thing. We will put some stuff on the website, but we are not going to give you a printed copy. You can get it on the website, you can print things out from the website and we're kind of making you go and do your website thing. If you don't, haven't registered on the website yet you must. I'm forcing you to.

Seven areas of victory. Project conditioning is both spiritual and natural conditioning. I want to say faith and physical. So, there's going to be a focus on increasing our focus on our faith and increasing our focus, faith is like a muscle; the more you use it the stronger it gets. The more you use it the better it gets, the easier it becomes. The less you use it, the less you want to use it. It's just like that. See there's my alarm now. Yesterday, I must now finish up here, you see.

Faith is like that if you use it. So, I'm going to encourage you and I'm going to help you this year and part of what we're going to do is going to happen in *The Moments In The Morning*. So, that you will have help in *The Moments In The Morning,* to help you with conditioning. Faith conditioning and natural conditioning. Natural conditioning will help you and talk you through eating better, sleeping better, exercising better. Why is this important? You will find that if you are healthier in your body then you'll find out how much better your life becomes. Amen.

Project celebration is going to have about events, we're going to have celebration events. I want to say happy mouth and happy feet. Happy mouth and happy feet. Mouth, not mouse, mouth. Happy mouth. In other words, what we were doing this morning, the joy of the Lord is your strength and happy feet, it's just a hook for us to keep celebrating the whole year long.

Brother Jerry on the 1st of December 2019, he was preaching in Fort Worth, and he said this, “The Lord had impressed upon him, in prayer that morning to receive a “point of contact” in inverted commas “point of contact” offering.” Doctor Savelle said that every year he and Mrs Savelle sow a seed above their tithes and offerings, towards the fulfilment of the prophetic word in their life. He made the statement when you sow a seed and mix it with faith your faith reaches supreme expression. When you sow a seed and mix it with faith, your faith reaches a supreme expression.

Well, you know the scripture faith without works is… (dead). So, if you work with your faith it must always have something that comes out in the natural and then it reaches the supreme expression. Doctor Savelle would like to encourage you, this is us, to receive a point of contact offering at your church towards the prophetic word for 2020, which is God will open a New Door and bring supernatural increase as never before.

Now, he goes on to say please let us know the date that you choose to receive the offering and Doctor Savelle will pray over every seed sown. Here's the strategy. Here’s the execution, from this coming weekend till the time Brother Jerry arrives. We are blessed beyond other churches because other churches don't have the opportunity to have Brother Jerry come to them. He said, “If you want, just send me the amount of money that was sown in the church, and I’m going to pray over it.”

This is not about him having some kind of special, extra anointing that we don’t have with our faith. What it is, is that God gave him the Word, he’s using his faith for that word to come to pass and we are connecting with his faith and we are joining our faith for this to come to pass. Amen.

When I went and struck the ground, I spoke to you and I said to you at that time, in 2000, of November of 2018, I said, “This is what God said to me to do, to have momentum in my life and to have extraordinary change come about and make extraordinary progress.” You remember that? Did we not make extraordinary progress last year? So, I didn’t ask anybody in the church to do that with me. Did I?

That was my revelation, that is what I did, but you do remember when it came to 4x4x40 I said, “I want the whole church to be involved with me.” We lived four things: faith, finance, fitness and family. We had prayers and confessions every day and we did it for 3 x 40 days cycles. Remember that? And those that did it, made extraordinary progress in the way that they changed, and they had a whole identity change in all of those areas that they lived with. Amen.

Well, God gave me the Word to strike the ground in 2018, I did it, I obeyed Him and He said, “You must start praising Me and celebrating that your victory has already come.” Now, hold on a minute. This thing started rolling in my spirit – 2020 is going to be a year of celebration not just because we had 20 years of pastoring in the ministry, not just because there are other things that we are celebrating, but there is a celebration in my heart. There’s a celebration about what God is doing and I believe this is a God, opportunity for you to get in on the 7 arrows and make and you find out what 7 things you want to have a breakthrough in your life. You sow a seed towards that and then when Brother Jerry comes here, we’ll get him to agree with us as a whole congregation that we will have our project strike breakthroughs. Hallelujah, hallelujah.

You see, this might sound a little foolish to the natural man, but it’s all God. It’s all God. I just want to; I must just finish off with this. Acts chapter 5, **12The apostles were performing many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers were meeting regularly at the Temple in the area known as Solomon’s Colonnade. 13But no one else dared to join them, even though all the people had high regard for them. 14Yet more and more people believed and were brought to the Lord—crowds of both men and women. 15As a result of the apostles’ work, sick people were brought out into the streets on beds and mats so that Peter’s shadow might fall across some of them as he went by. (Acts 5:12-15 NLT)**

Can you imagine that God can show up in such a big way, that as a human vessel walking in the streets when he’s shadow falls on people, that healing comes to their bodies? Let me tell you, there’s only one way that that can happen and that is you as a human vessel have to be willing to be used by God. Number 2 as another human vessel you can have to recognize and see that God will use human vessels to touch your life. When you have that understanding then you can be in a place where God can do miracles and signs and wonders. Part of the challenge we have in the church today is that people are used to having God using human vessels in the way that He’s using me this morning, which is to preach and teach to you.

When it comes to many other mighty wonderful things that God wants to do in the church, people just don’t believe that God can use human vessels that way. Jesus said in His own hometown, Nazareth where they wanted to throw Him off the cliff, He could do no mighty miracles there because of their unbelief. Where did that unbelief start? The day that they try to throw Him off the cliff.

Come on now, you see even though Jesus was the vessel of God on the earth to heal and to do mighty miracles while He was on the earth and to raise people from the dead. Even though He was the son of God, if they didn’t recognize it, He could do nothing for them. That’s a problem in the church partly because the enemy has been able to use men that have been in the church for profit. They’ve been in it for themselves, they’ve been in it for their own glory, they’ve been in it for their own value and purpose, and for their own pleasure and for their own stuff and the church has become numb to the works of God through men, because they don’t trust the vessels anymore. I can’t blame the church for that. I do, I can hold the leaders accountable for that. In some ways, I can also hold people accountable because they should follow God, not men. If I teach you to follow me and not God, then you shouldn’t follow me, anymore. You are supposed to follow God. I’m just a vessel that God will talk through, and so God is speaking to you this morning, that if you want some marvellous things to happen, God is working here where even the shadow of what God is doing through His vessels, touching your life, can bring miracles to you.

This is what this *Project Strike* is all about: Is change for 2020 in the areas that you want it. I’m not telling you how much money to sow, I’m not telling you what to sow, that’s between you and God. I have never done that, I will never do that, I’ll never. I never even asked anybody to tithe. It’s not my business, whether you tithe, or you don’t tithe. That’s between you and God. If you want to obey God, you do it. If you don’t, you don’t. I have nothing to do about that. I trust God for me. I can tell you what the Word says, and if you want to be blessed by God then you’ve got to do what the Word says.

It is real that God will use human vessels to make significant change and moments in your life, and Matt, so that Peter’s shadow might fall across some of them as he went by. Crowds came from the villages around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those possessed by evil spirits, and they were all healed, because there was an expectation, there was a faith, there was a hope, there was a thing – God will use a human vessel. Hallelujah. Praise the Lord.

Next Saturday, I have many things to say to you, next Saturday. I trust that you will, because we are now fully in preparation to get our spirit man and our souls, our intensity, our focus, ready for when brother Jerry is going to come. When a man that has lived for God for 50 years, and lived with integrity, and lived with faith, and you have heard me say this many times, that is used by God to have signs and wonders and miracles happen through his person, then I want to be one of those vessels that’s ready to receive from him. If I don’t get myself ready to receive from him, then when he gets here, he can’t give to me, not because he hasn’t got something form God to give to me, but because I’m not ready to receive from him.

I am one of those just plain people that want to go out and put my mat out so that his shadow can fall across me. “Pastor John, doesn’t that sound rather like freakish?” No, no, no, I am not a groupie, I’m not some star-struck, star-studded person, that kind of puts people on a platform, but I do recognize when God is using a vessel. I want something from God through that vessel because Peter’s shadow could heal no one, it’s only God that could heal someone when Peter’s shadow fell on them. My expectation is not from the man, my expectation is from God through the man. Hallelujah.

Can the band come up please, I want us to sing Psalm 103, please, again? Won’t you all stand with me, please? Won’t you just put your heart on your on your heart, your hand on your heart, ag don’t put your heart anywhere, it might be difficult, just put your hand on your heart and say: I am a son of God. I’m going to get everything that God wants me to have. I am free from everything that holds me back in my life because I am a son of God, in Jesus name. Hallelujah, hallelujah. When the devil wants to come and lie to you and say you’re not good enough, you say: I am free because I’m a son of God. When the devil says you don’t have enough faith, you say I’ve got the faith of God in my heart.

If the devil wants to lie to you about anything you can stand firm on what He says, the Word of God says, and you can just hide behind Jesus the whole time, the whole time. Hallelujah. Praise Jesus. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Just raise your hands and say thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord, this is a moment of celebration, this is a moment of victory in our lives. Hallelujah. We are going to strike the ground in 2020, and we are going to go to new doors and supernatural increase in Jesus name. Do you agree with this? Say, Amen, somebody. Hallelujah. Glory. Let’s just worship the Lord with a song, as we close the service today.