

# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

## The Penetrating Power of The Word December 10, 2019 Suzi Armstrong

In the beginning was the word, the word was with God and the word WAS God (Jn 1.1). The WORD dwelt among us and BECAME FLESH (Jn 1.14). EVERYTHING is sustained (held in place) by the POWER OF HIS WORD (Heb 1.3). Jesus said the words that I speak are SPIRIT and LIFE (Jn 6.63).

Think about this – when Jesus speaks, His words are FILLED with the essence of the Spirit of God and what they carry and impart is LIFE!! Zoe life, abundant life. LIFE as God designed it. God's words contain pure life, not corrupted by the world systems or powers of darkness. These words impart LIFE. LIFE that penetrates and overcomes. LIFE that is filled with the supernatural power of God. Words that God Himself watches over to perform, and they will not return void!

Psalms 107 says that God sent his word and healed them and delivered them from their destructions. WOW!! What an astounding demonstration of the power of God in His word. Words have a destination. God's word is meant to be spoken and released into specific locations, specific people and specific situations. That word then penetrates and the Spirit and life in that word starts to move through something or someone until it is entirely filled bringing change. The word is actually imparted. Impart means to transmit or bestow. Something new is deposited that changes things. The penetration of the word is a powerful dynamic. Holy Spirit will give us words of knowledge prompting us to speak God's word, His rhema word, into a place or person. These are prophetic words that bring transformation.



Jesus teaches us that we can speak to the mountain and it will be uprooted and cast into the sea (Mk 11.23-24). The power of God's word sent or spoken into a huge obstacle or situation can literally remove the obstacle! Elijah stood before Israel and spoke into the heavens that neither rain nor dew would fall in these years, except by my word (1 Ki 17.1). And it did not rain nor did dew come in the night on the land until God directed Elijah to call for rain. This word dramatically impacted an entire nation of people; impacting agriculture, cattle, rivers and streams. It changed how people lived.

We are entering a decade where words are going to be critical. 2020 is going to be a year of the mouth. God is looking for a people who will speak His word calling for His destiny and design for a city and nation. There was a prophetic word on the Elijah List – the prophet had a dream where she heard God say, "Welcome to the school of the mouth taught by Holy Spirit." Those that embrace the school of the mouth will flow with heavenly wisdom that has never been seen before.

We position ourselves to speak to our city. Declaring and decreeing God's wisdom into our city. Making a place for the design and purpose of God to be established in Detroit. See Detroit saturated by the penetrating power of His word that brings change, shapes, restores and designs the new.

**Isaiah 44.24-28** NIV Reworded

<sup>24</sup>“This is what the LORD says—  
your Redeemer, who formed you Detroit:

**I am the LORD,**

**the Maker of all things,**

who stretches out the heavens,

who spreads out the earth by myself,

<sup>25</sup> who foils the signs of false prophets

and makes fools of diviners,

who overthrows the learning of the wise

and turns it into nonsense,

<sup>26</sup> **who carries out the words of his servants  
and fulfills the predictions of his messengers,  
who says of Detroit, ‘It shall be inhabited,’  
of the towns of Detroit, ‘They shall be rebuilt,’  
and of their ruins, ‘I will restore them,’**

<sup>27</sup> who says to the watery deep, ‘Be dry,  
and I will dry up your streams,’

<sup>28</sup> who says of Cyrus, ‘He is my shepherd  
and will accomplish all that I please;

**he will say of Detroit, “Let it be rebuilt,”**

**and of the city, “Let its foundations be laid.””**

**Psalms 33.12-22** NIV Reworded

<sup>12</sup> **Blessed is the city whose God is the LORD,**  
the city he chose for his inheritance.

<sup>13</sup> From heaven the LORD looks down  
and sees all mankind;

<sup>14</sup> from his dwelling place he watches  
all who live on earth—

<sup>15</sup> he who forms the hearts of all,  
who considers everything they do.

<sup>16</sup> **No city is saved by the size of his army;**  
no warrior escapes by his great strength.

<sup>17</sup> A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;  
despite all its great strength it cannot save.

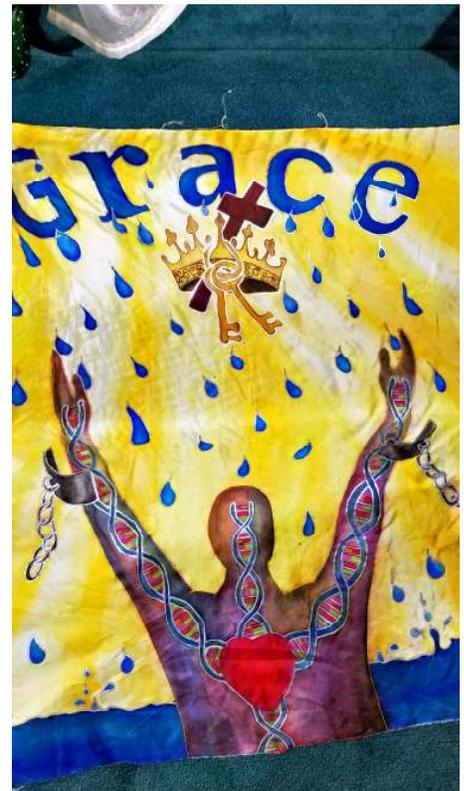
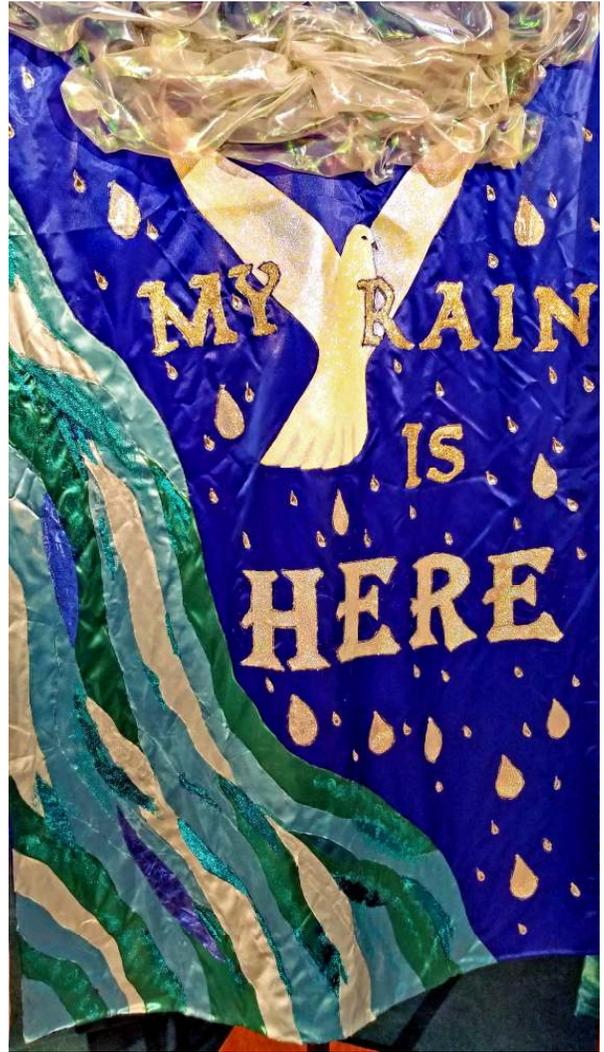
<sup>18</sup> **But the eyes of the LORD are on the city that fears him,  
on the city whose hope is in his unfailing love,**

<sup>19</sup> **to deliver them from death  
and keep them alive in famine.**

<sup>20</sup> Detroit waits in hope for the LORD;  
he is Detroit’s help and shield.

<sup>21</sup> In him **Detroit rejoices,**  
for **Detroit trusts** in his holy name.

<sup>22</sup> **May your unfailing love be with Detroit, LORD,  
even as Detroit puts its hope in you.**



**Isaiah 45.8** NIV

**<sup>8</sup> You heavens above [Detroit], rain down my righteousness;  
let the clouds shower it down.  
Let Detroit open wide,  
let salvation spring up,  
let righteousness flourish with it;  
I, the LORD, have created it.**

**We release the penetrating power of God's word into the foundations of our city.** We declare that Detroit belongs to the Lord! By God's design Detroit will fulfill its destiny and out of Detroit will be released the sound of righteousness into the nation.

