

# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

## The Proceeding Word January 7, 2025 Suzi Armstrong

### Matthew 4.3-4 NASB

<sup>3</sup>And **the tempter came and said** to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." <sup>4</sup>**But He answered** and said, "**It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'**"

- The tempter came and said... The devil releases a word that is contrary to the proceeding word of God.
- The word that you align with will govern you. It will be the word you walk, think, and live by.

God is speaking over Detroit, over our Nation, over this time we are living in; He is speaking over you and your family. 2025 is a year to live by the proceeding word – the word that God is speaking. In that word is the breath of God, which is the breath of life. The word God is speaking is His framework and strategy for victory. The path through your circumstance is in that word. The proceeding word will break through resistance and false narratives. 2025 is going to be a very tumultuous year filled with suddenlies. The proceeding word that God is speaking will be a stabilizer for your life and an anchor for your soul.

'Proceed' means to begin or continue, a course of action, to go forward, advance, keep going after an interruption, walk this way, to come forth from the source, march, forge in a particular direction.

### Joshua 6.10 NKJV

<sup>10</sup>Now Joshua had commanded the people, saying, "**You shall not shout or make any noise with your voice, nor shall a word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I say to you, 'Shout!' Then you shall shout.**"

- Joshua had received this instruction from the Lord as a strategy to take the walled city of Jericho. God had given Joshua His proceeding word – that word was **SHOUT!** And the walls came down. Walls that were so thick that people had their homes in the walls and horses with chariots ran on top of the walls. These were mighty walls that fell by the proceeding word God spoke to Joshua.

One of the proceeding words that I am hearing God speak is **FOCUS**.

- Intentionality.
- Positioned to see what God is speaking.
- Receive and write down the revelation.
- Step in.
- Engage.
- Speak what God is speaking.
- See beyond.

### Matthew 11.12 NIV

<sup>12</sup>From the days of John the Baptist until now, **the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing and forceful men lay hold of it.**

- The Kingdom of God advances through the proceeding word that God is speaking.
- 'Forceful' is the force of the power contained in the proceeding word coming from God's mouth.
  - When God released His proceeding word "let there be light", or let the land produce vegetation, seed-bearing plants and trees or let the water teem with living creatures and birds fly above the earth, there was no force that could withstand the power of the proceeding word.

- Lay hold of it means to seize upon with force; it means to snatch. We seize the proceeding word with our faith – by believing God and trusting Him. We take hold of the proceeding word.

At the beginning of the year conference that Chuck Pierce held this past weekend, the proceeding word that Chuck heard from the Lord was: there is new grace to stand and speak. And in that word, you will experience a divine recovery of life. Speak what God is speaking, speak it and work with God. In this year of grace, move in the unforced rhythm of grace. It is a frequency behind you and a word – the proceeding word – before you. Do not force advancement. Advance when God advances.

A new sound of grace is in you and will be released through the soles of your feet as you walk in the cadence of God this year. Walk in the unforced rhythm of God. We are going to move to His beat at His pace in His proceeding word.

### **Ephesians 1.18** NIV

<sup>18</sup> I pray that **the eyes of your heart may be enlightened** in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people.

- As you step into the proceeding word of the Lord your eyes will begin to see what you have not seen before.
- Things will no longer be held in their former state of being. The proceeding word will give you eyes to see the new. The proceeding word is a gate to your future.

### **Job 37.2** NIV

<sup>2</sup> **Listen! Listen to the roar of his voice, to the rumbling that comes from his mouth.**

### **Proverbs 20.12** NASB

<sup>12</sup> **The hearing ear and the seeing eye, The Lord has made both of them.**

### **Matthew 11.15** NKJV

<sup>15</sup> **He who has ears to hear, let him hear!**

**Proverbs 5** says fools are led by listening to wrong words, words that lead to destruction. The wrong instruction will coil around you like a snake and squeeze the life out of you.

### **Isaiah 50.4** NIV

<sup>4</sup> The Sovereign LORD has given me an **instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains** the weary.

He wakens me morning by morning,  
**wakens my ear to listen** like one being taught.

- Hear the proceeding word of the Lord over the City and the Nation.

### **PRAYER AND DECLARATION:**

#### **Psalm 19.7-9** TPT Reworded for Detroit

<sup>7</sup> **God's Word is perfect in every way; how it revives our city!** His laws lead us to truth, and his ways change the simple into wise.

<sup>8</sup> **His teachings make Detroit joyful and radiate his light;** his precepts are so pure! His commands, how they challenge us to keep close to his heart! **The revelation-light of his word makes Detroit shine radiant.**

<sup>9</sup> Every one of the Lord's commands is right; following them brings cheer. **Nothing he says ever needs to be changed.**