

# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

## The WOW Factor November 1, 2016 Suzi Armstrong

It is a WOW season! So many things that we see happening our first response is, "WOW". The sky yells WOW as we see signs written by the finger of God. There is WOW in the excitement of new life as the river of God increases in our lives. The acceleration and the super focus of this time says WOW! The increase of God's presence and His glory – living in the freedom of who we are in Christ is WOW, WOW, WOW! The increase of His kingdom and His power can be felt like an electrical charge that makes you feel WOWed! The sound of the roar of the Lion of Judah declares WOW to the heavens and the earth and beneath the earth! The increasing fullness of God and the demonstration of His righteousness, sovereignty and holiness are WOW! He is forming His church – Living Stones – and we are part. He is making us His mouthpiece in the earth in a new way – WOW!



There is a WOW that comes from deep within our spirit that is a dimension of the fear of Lord. When we cry out WOW, we are saying, "God only You could do this. You are the One True God and we honor You and acknowledge that the earth is Yours and everything in it. We worship You in all of who You are."

There is a "WOW" in Isaiah 6, as the angels cry holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty. The angels looked at the Lord sitting on His throne in all of His beauty, in all of His power and might, in the fullness of His glory. With the cry of holy was a WOW, the angels had to be thinking I have never seen anything like this before and here I am beholding such a thing. It is God. Even the environment responded in WOW as the thresholds shook and the temple filled with smoke.

God is taking us deeper in Him and higher up the mountain of the Lord. How can we experience such incredible increase without a WOW factor?

WOW is like saying, "BEHOLD". Look at this!! Stop and pay attention, take note, this is important and it changes things.

### 2 Corinthians 5.17

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a **new creature**; the old things passed away; **behold, new things** have come.

#### New creature

- The act of forming and creating – building and establishing.
  - From a root word that means to make habitable a people or region (Thayer's Definition).
- IN Christ we are formed, built and established as a habitation for God.
- We are made into a place He can reside.
- WE are the temple of God.
- We are carriers of His presence – not an allegory – but the real thing!

## Behold

- To perceive with the eyes – your spiritual eyes. Prophetic.
- To perceive by all of your senses.
- To notice, discern and discover.
- Pay attention to and observe to ascertain what must be done about it.
- To be skilled in.
- Have regard for and cherish.
- This is the WOW!

Perceive or see, pay attention to, ascertain what your part is, notice and discern. The Lord is saying, *"Pay attention to what I am doing and enter into all that I am doing in the earth NOW. Do not delay, do not hold back, do not be a spectator, do not hide."* WOW is the acknowledgement of His doing and being. The place of WOW, the place of acknowledgement and recognition of what God is doing is the place where the door is to enter in. WOW stops you in your tracks and has you consider what is going on – it is the place to enter in.



- He has filled us with His Oil.
- He is a Consuming Fire.
- He is putting His words in our mouth.
- He will make His word fire in our mouth.
- Who we are in Christ will hold all the fullness.
- He is bringing us into new realms of His glory.
- We are an unstoppable, impregnable force that will rise up together as one man like the Incredible Hulk.
- We stand at the gate and prophesy – we release the sound of heaven over Detroit and over the people.
- His words in our mouth are like a flaming sword of fire that will consume evil and ignite righteousness and justice.
- We function as God's government on the earth.
- His word is like a hot branding iron in our mouth that marks the future, burns through and creates the new.

Exodus is full of WOW!!

### Exodus 6.1-3

<sup>1</sup> Then **the LORD said to Moses, "Now you shall see [BEHOLD, WOW] what I will do to Pharaoh; for under compulsion he will let them go, and under compulsion he will drive them out of his land. [WOW]"**

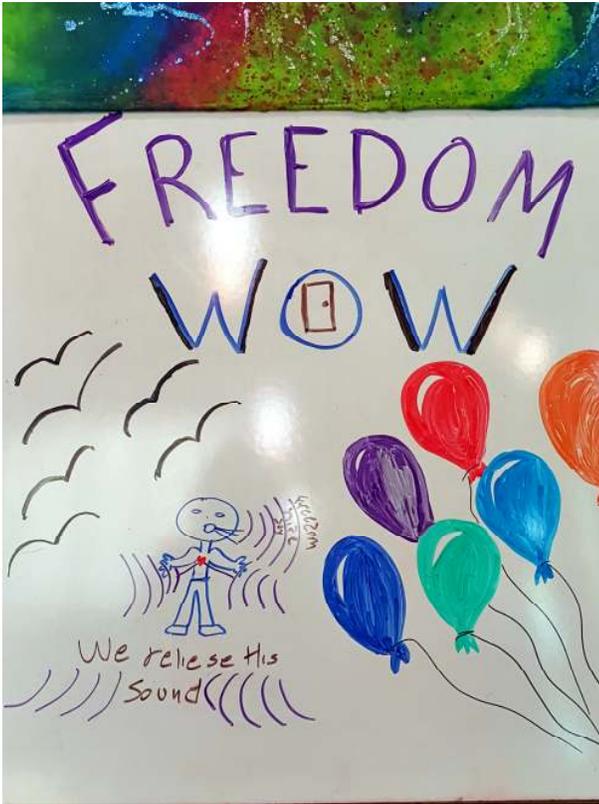
<sup>2</sup> **God spoke further to Moses and said to him, "I am the LORD; <sup>3</sup> and I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as God Almighty, but *by My name, LORD, I did not make Myself known to them.***

- God is telling Moses, stop and pay attention. I am about to do something new in the earth, that the earth has not seen. I am going to show Myself as Lord. This is WOW, WOW, WOW!!
- Moses was chosen to participate in the NEW that God was doing in the earth.
- There was not detailed explanation to Moses so he would know and understand everything. Moses had to enter in faith and obedience to the invitation to participate in something that was so holy and so powerful it could not be touched.

### Exodus 7.17-18

<sup>17</sup> Thus says the LORD, "By this you shall know that I am the LORD: behold, I will strike the water that is in the Nile with the staff that is in my hand, and it will be turned to blood. <sup>18</sup> The fish that are in the Nile will die, and the Nile will become foul, and the Egyptians will find difficulty in drinking water from the Nile."

- Behold or WOW – pay attention, take note, God is changing things. If you don't align to the change it will be a big mistake.



### Exodus 8.2-3

<sup>2</sup> ...**behold** [here comes the WOW], **I will** smite your whole territory with frogs. <sup>3</sup> The Nile will swarm with frogs, which will come up and go into your house and into your bedroom and on your bed, and into the houses of your servants and on your people, and into your ovens and into your kneading bowls.

### Exodus 8.17-19

<sup>17</sup> ...Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff, and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats through all the land of Egypt. <sup>18</sup> The magicians tried with their secret arts to bring forth gnats, but they could not; so there were gnats on man and beast. <sup>19</sup> Then **the magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God."** But Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

- The magicians bowed to the WOW of God and encouraged Pharaoh to do the same, but he did not. The people of Egypt were beginning to respond to the new God was doing.

### Exodus 8.21-22

<sup>21</sup> For if you do not let My people go, **behold**, I will send swarms of flies on you and on your servants and on your people and into your houses; and the houses of the Egyptians will be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they *dwell*. <sup>22</sup> But on that day **I will set apart the land of Goshen, where My people are living, so that no swarms of flies will be there, in order that you may know that I, the LORD, am in the midst of the land.**

- God ups the WOW factor by having no flies on the part of Egypt where the Israelites live.

### Exodus 9.3-5

<sup>3</sup> **behold**, the hand of the LORD will come *with* a very severe pestilence on your livestock which are in the field, on the horses, on the donkeys, on the camels, on the herds, and on the flocks. <sup>4</sup> But the LORD will make a distinction between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt, so that nothing will die of all that belongs to the sons of Israel. <sup>5</sup> **The LORD set a definite time**, saying, "Tomorrow the LORD will do this thing in the land."

- God keeps upping the WOW factor – He gives them time to think and consider the consequences of not aligning with Him and acknowledging His Lordship.

## Exodus 9.8-9, 18-21

<sup>8</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Take for yourselves handfuls of soot from a kiln, and let Moses throw it toward the sky in the sight of Pharaoh. <sup>9</sup> It will become fine dust over all the land of Egypt, and will become boils breaking out with sores on man and beast through all the land of Egypt."

<sup>18</sup> **Behold**, about this time tomorrow, I will send a very heavy hail, such as has not been *seen* in Egypt from the day it was founded until now. <sup>19</sup> Now therefore send, **bring your livestock and whatever you have in the field to safety**. Every man and beast that is found in the field and is not brought home, when the hail comes down on them, will die. <sup>20</sup> **The one among the servants of Pharaoh who feared the word of the LORD made his servants and his livestock flee into the houses;** <sup>21</sup> **but he who paid no regard to the word of the LORD left his servants and his livestock in the field.**

## Joshua 2.8-10

<sup>8</sup> Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof <sup>9</sup> and said to them, "I know that the LORD has given you this land and that **a great fear of you has fallen on us**, so that **all who live in this country are melting in fear** because of you. <sup>10</sup> **We have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea** for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed.

- The WOW factor that the Lord released into the earth at the time of Israel's exodus still impacted the hearts of the people.
- They were in awe of this God they did not know.
- The people that belonged to this God were distinguishable from the world – because of their participation with God as He came to WOW the whole earth.
- The WOW factor brings the fear of the Lord on the people and the land.

