

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

Contending at the Gate June 18, 2019 Suzi Armstrong

Isaiah 26.3 NIV

³You will keep in perfect peace
those whose minds are steadfast,
because they trust in you.

- The MESSAGE says, People with their minds set on You, You keep completely whole, steady on their feet, because they keep at it and don't quit. Depend on God and keep at it because in the Lord God you have a sure thing.
- This describes kingdom culture, where the rule and reign of Jesus is supreme.
- Know where your confidence is – where your help comes from.
- Perfect peace means safety, completeness, welfare, health prosperity. It refers to right relationship with God.
- Qualities for you and for our city.
- Steadfast mind – set on things above. Hearing the voice of the Lord.
- Trusting in God, not leaning on the narratives of the world.

Apostle Ellis Smith prophesied over Harvest Christian Church a few weeks ago:

There are people stuck in the Babylonian system. With the Davidic anointing and with the Tabernacle of David we are called to invade those spheres and contend for the faith, break the power of the wicked one and release those held captive. Harvest has been mandated to do this. No one can get this done like Harvest – it is in your DNA. It is part of the reason God had allowed us to exist. The greatest season this church has ever seen we are on the cutting edge of right now. This means war!

This is our positioning for Firstfruits. God has called us and commissioned us to contend at the gate for this city and region. He has given us favor and authority to accomplish this.

Isaiah 28.6 NIV

⁶He will be a spirit of justice
to the one who sits in judgment,
**a source of strength
to those who turn back the battle at the gate.**





Isaiah 11.2-5 NIV

² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—
³ and **he will delight in the fear of the LORD.**
He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;
⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

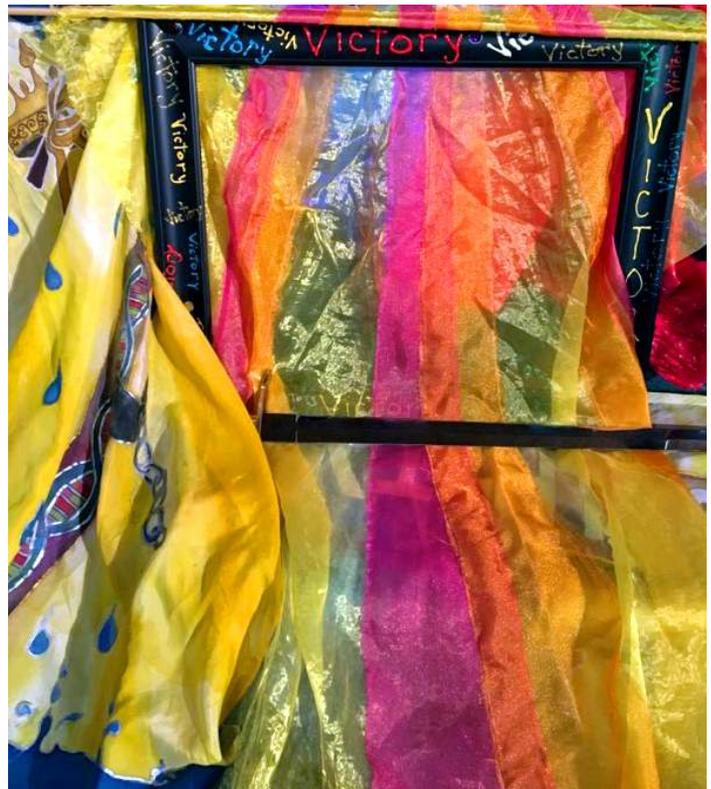
**⁵ Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.**

- This is our alignment and positioning to speak into Detroit.

We open the gate of Detroit and the region to the WORD and HOPE of the Lord. We open the gate to truth and righteousness. We open the gate that the King of Glory might come in.

Isaiah 40.1-11 NIV Reworded

¹ Comfort, comfort my people,
says your God.
² Speak tenderly to Detroit,
and proclaim to her
that her hard service has been completed,
that her sin has been paid for,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.
³ A voice of one calling:
"In the wilderness prepare
the way for the LORD;
make straight in the desert
a highway for our God.
⁴ Every valley shall be raised up,
every mountain and hill made low;
the rough ground shall become level,
the rugged places a plain.
⁵ And the glory of the LORD will be revealed,
and all people will see it together.
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."
⁶ A voice says, "Cry out."
And I said, "What shall I cry?"
"All people are like grass,
and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field.
⁷ The grass withers and the flowers fall,
because the breath of the LORD blows on them.
Surely the people are grass.
⁸ The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God endures forever."



⁹ You who bring good news to Zion,
go up on a high mountain.
You who bring good news to Detroit,
lift up your voice with a shout,
lift it up, do not be afraid;
say to the towns in the region,
"Here is your God!"

¹⁰ See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power,
and he rules with a mighty arm.
See, his reward is with him,
and his recompense accompanies him.

¹¹ He tends his flock like a shepherd:
He gathers the lambs in his arms
and carries them close to his heart;
he gently leads those that have young.

