

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

Travail
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Holy Spirit is stirring prayer and intercession in a new and deeper way. Deep birthing intercession is travail. Travail is a sound that comes from deep within your spirit. It is a passion and desire for what God wants to birth to come forth in fullness and power. There is a sense of longing in your heart to see this birthing. Travail comes in the timing of God and is activated by Him. There is a new wind of travail being released upon the body.

Travail is defined as:

- To twist or whirl in a circular motion, specifically to dance or writhe in pain.
- To wind together as a rope; bind.
- Figuratively to wait or bring forth; birth.
- To act as a midwife.

There is a prophetic edge to this travail. The sound of travail is filled with the breath of God. It is a sound from the heart of the Father coming through our spirit.

Prophetic word from Tim Hamon:

Prophesy to the breath of God – *the ruach* – the inspired words He's given you. Those things He has equipped you with and the warlike energy He's made for you. Prophesy to that, and it will not only bring life, but a stand-up anointing that will make you into an army! Not a mob, not a congregation, but an army! The Hebrew word for army here is "chayil", it's usually interpreted as army but also means strength, wealth and riches...

We're in the next phase. We're in the next wind. You know when you need the second wind is when you run out of breath. When the breath has been expelled and you don't know where the next breath is coming from...

The second wind is the one that *charges us*...

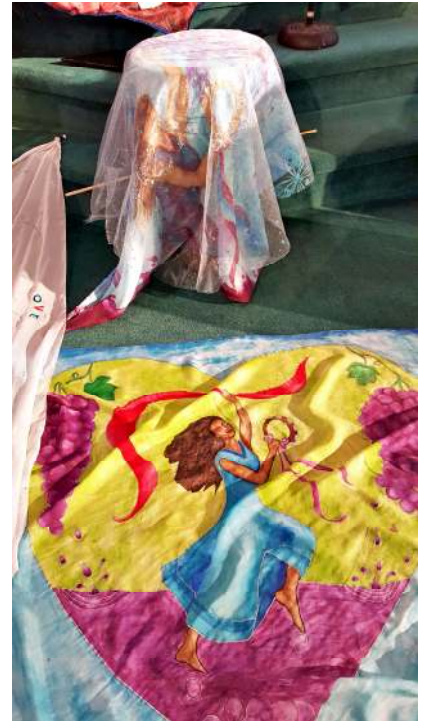
*"Come alive! Everything that you have purpose to be and do, come alive! Everything that failed in the last season, come alive! Every place you walked and didn't make it, come alive! Every door that didn't open, come alive! Army arise. Arise in this day! Come alive! Let the Spirit come upon you, let the breath of God flow over you! Come alive in this day, it's the second wind! It's the second wind of the prophetic. It's coming alive right now! Prophesy to the Spirit, prophesy to the Word, prophesy to your destiny, and come alive! Come alive! Come alive! We are the army of God and right now I declare it! The second wind is blowing! I prophesy come alive, ruach, I speak to it, be alive! Every defeat, be a victory! **Destiny and purpose go forth like an army to conquer territory in the name of Jesus.**"*

Apostle Bob has told us that Holy Spirit is directing us to empty ourselves of self in 2018. That is an emptying out of our breath – no longer putting energy into certain activities and letting go. He has exhorted us again and again to step into the place of being a bondservant. A bondservant is one who has given up his rights and voluntarily bound himself over to the purposes of God. A bondservant lays down his own agenda giving his time and talents exclusively to God. A bondservant is filled with the breath of God in a deep and powerful way and can receive the assignment of travail. A bondservant is bound tightly to the heart of the Father and has an intuitive knowing of when to give himself over for birthing. Like David who knew the heart of God as a bondservant.

1 Kings 8.17-20

¹⁷ **Now it was in the heart of my father David to build a house for the name of the LORD,** the God of Israel. ¹⁸ But the LORD said to my father David, 'Because it was in your heart to build a house for My name, **you did well that it was in your heart.** ¹⁹ Nevertheless you shall not build the house, but your son who will be born to you, he will build the house for My name.' ²⁰ Now the LORD has fulfilled His word which He spoke; for I have risen in place of my father David and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built the house for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel.

- The Lord did not ask David to build a house for His name; but David, as a bondservant with deep relationship with the Father, could feel the desires of His heart.
- David travailed. You hear David's groanings to birth throughout the scriptures, especially Psalms.



Psalm 44.4-8

⁴ You are my King, O God;

Command victories for Jacob.

⁵ **Through You** we will push back our adversaries;

Through Your name we will trample down those who rise up against us.

⁶ For **I will not trust in my bow,**

Nor will my sword save me.

⁷ But You have saved us from our adversaries,

And You have put to shame those who hate us.

⁸ In God we have boasted all day long,

And we will give thanks to Your name forever. **Selah.**

- David is not moving in his own desires or by his own strength.
- He has emptied himself of self and taken on the position of a bondservant to birth and walk out the purposes of God in his generation.
- The travail of the Lord comes through David.

Isaiah 42.13-17 NIV

¹³ **The LORD will march out** like a mighty man, **like a warrior** he will stir up his zeal; with a shout he will raise the battle cry and **will triumph over his enemies.**

¹⁴ "For a long time I have kept silent, I have been quiet and held myself back.

But now, like a woman in childbirth, I cry out, I gasp and pant.

¹⁵ **I will lay waste the mountains and hills and dry up all their vegetation;**

I will turn rivers into islands

and dry up the pools.



**¹⁶ I will lead the blind by ways they have not known,
along unfamiliar paths I will guide them;
I will turn the darkness into light before them
and make the rough places smooth.
These are the things I will do;**

I will not forsake them.

¹⁷ But those who trust in idols,
who say to images, 'You are our gods,'
will be turned back in utter shame.

- With the sound of travail the armies of heaven advance and God Almighty triumphs over His enemies.
- The deep groan of travail releases a second wind of the breath of God that annihilates the enemy.

1 Kings 18.38-45 NIV

³⁸ Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench.

³⁹ When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, "The LORD—he is God! The LORD—he is God!"

⁴⁰ Then Elijah commanded them, "Seize the prophets of Baal. Don't let anyone get away!" They seized them, and Elijah had them brought down to the Kishon Valley and slaughtered there.

⁴¹ **And Elijah said to Ahab, "Go, eat and drink, for there is the sound of a heavy rain."**

⁴² So Ahab went off to eat and drink, but **Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel, bent down to the ground and put his face between his knees.**

⁴³ "Go and look toward the sea," he told his servant. And he went up and looked. "There is nothing there," he said. Seven times Elijah said, "Go back."

⁴⁴ The seventh time the servant reported, **"A cloud as small as a man's hand is rising from the sea."** So Elijah said, "Go and tell Ahab, 'Hitch up your chariot and go down before the rain stops you.'"

⁴⁵ Meanwhile, **the sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose, a heavy rain started falling** and Ahab rode off to Jezreel.

⁴⁶ **The power of the LORD came on Elijah and, tucking his cloak into his belt, he ran ahead of Ahab all the way to Jezreel.**

- Travail – once again, comes from the place of deep deep relationship with Father God. Ones that cry, "Abba Father".
- The rain of God came and brought the NEW. Like the water breaking as a pregnant woman gives birth.



"Raining Rivers"

R Rain of His presence
A Awe of your wonders
I In Your fullness, we come
N New waves of washing waters
I Invitation for more
N Nations reformed
G Godly reigning and all earth singing

R Rain of His glory
I Increase of impact
V Voice of authority speaking loudly
E Eagle posture, soaring in the midst of the storm
R Righteousness as rainbows in the sky
S Sound of Heaven, can you hear His rain coming
1 Kings 18.41b: ...for there is a sound of abundance of rain
Christina Wilson

Father we sense and receive the wind of Your breath over Detroit. Even the meteorite that landed in Detroit last week says that your Light has come and You have brought Your sound and imparted it in our city and region. You have marked us for such a time as this. We position ourselves in travail for the fullness of Your sound and frequency to come forth from Detroit. There is a sound that is to come from Detroit that will turn this nation. We declare that this sound will come forth in purity and wholeness. It will not be the sound of man or a sound that contains mixture, but it will be the sound of heaven that blasts out of Detroit. We cry out, we gasp and pant like a woman in childbirth and call Detroit into her destiny. We say to Detroit, *"Be filled with the frequency of heaven with the resonant sound, the vibration of LIFE as God would have it! Birth forth! Come forth in fullness! Break in and be heard!"* We have received this sound and **NOW send it out!** Detroit was known for a sound in the past but this is a **NEW** sound, **NEW** breath, a second wind. The old wind is expelled and gone – **the NEW has come!**

