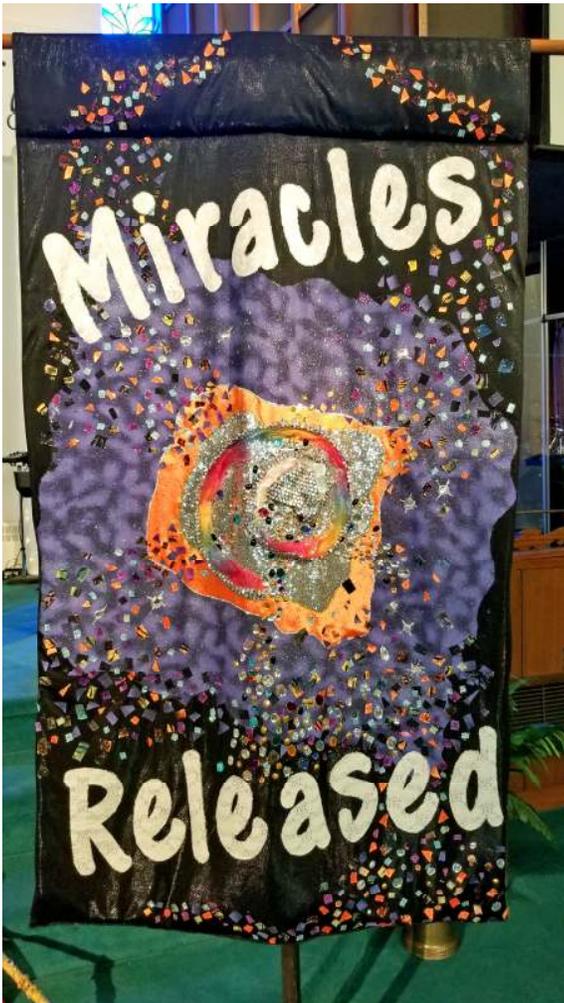


# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

**Speak the Word**  
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## **From a Graham Cooke teaching:**

"The serpent was already in the earth before God made man. The serpent was living in a certain place and God called that place His Garden. God put man right there in His Garden next to serpent. He chose the territory. God could have put man anywhere in the earth He wanted, but He looked at where the enemy was lurking and He put man right in that place. Why? Because God wanted the enemy to know, that He was putting this guy in there next to him that doesn't look like anything special – but he is going to kick the enemies butt all over the earth. And God said, I am going to put within the man the power to multiply, replenish and restore, and he will undo everything that the enemy has ever done. Man will take cities that the enemy has devastated and he will rebuild them. He will restore the lives of people that have been ruined. Man is going to take this planet back from the enemy."



Jesus is the HIGH PRIEST of our confession (Hebrews 3.1). God has given us power and authority to speak in Jesus' name. Our confession and our testimony have kingdom authority to take dominion over what belongs to God. God gives us keys of the kingdom. We have been given the power to bind and loose on earth what is in heaven. The gates of hell cannot prevail against the Christ in us. Legally we have authority over the works of darkness and the devil behind them. The enemy hurls accusation against us to get us to close our mouth. The weapons of the enemy are intimidation, discouragement, lies, confusion, oppression, anger, rage and hopelessness. All of these weapons are to keep man from using his voice of authority in Christ. The government of God is in the words He puts into our mouth. God is forming His mouth in us – His sons and daughters – in a fresh new way. The real you, the redeemed you that is a new creation, is never stressed or held in fear because in Christ you can do all things. Who we are stresses the enemy and puts fear in his camp.

Jesus sent the 72 out with power and authority to speak in His name – bringing the kingdom into cities. When they returned Jesus said that as they were out speaking in His name He saw Satan fall like lightning. The words of the kingdom unraveled the structures of darkness that held cities! Freedom from oppression was released into communities and the people were blessed! Nations will hear these kinds of testimonies of the power of Jesus!

**Luke 10.16** NIV

<sup>10</sup> **Whoever listens to you listens to me [Jesus];** whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.

**Jeremiah 1.9-10** NIV

<sup>9</sup> **Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth** and said to me, **"I have put my words in your mouth.**

<sup>10</sup> **See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."**

**Exodus 19.5-6** NIV

<sup>5</sup> Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations **you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine,** <sup>6</sup> **you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words you are to speak to [Detroit].**

**Numbers 12.5-6a** NIV

<sup>5</sup> **Then the LORD came** down in a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When the two of them stepped forward, <sup>6</sup> he said, **"Listen to my words"**



**Deuteronomy 32.1-3** NIV

<sup>1</sup> **Listen, you heavens, and I will speak; hear, you earth, the words of my mouth.**

<sup>2</sup> **Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants.**

<sup>3</sup> **I will proclaim the name of the LORD. Oh, praise the greatness of our God!**

**1 Corinthians 2.13** NIV

<sup>13</sup> **This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.**

**To Detroit we say that the word of the Lord has come to you to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.**

**Isaiah 62.2-4** NIV Reworded

<sup>2</sup> **The nations will see your vindication Detroit,** and all kings your glory; **Detroit will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will bestow.**

<sup>3</sup> **Detroit will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God.**

<sup>4</sup> **No longer will they call Detroit Deserted,  
or name your land Desolate.**  
But you will be called Hephzibah,  
and your land Beulah;  
**for the LORD will take delight in you Detroit,**  
and your land will be married.

**Jeremiah 31.10-14** NIV Reworded

<sup>10</sup> **"Hear the word of the LORD, you nations;  
proclaim it in distant coastlands:**

'He who scattered Detroit will gather it  
and will watch over Detroit like a shepherd.'

<sup>11</sup> **For the LORD will deliver the people of Detroit  
and redeem them from the hand of those stronger than they.**

<sup>12</sup> They will come and shout for joy on the heights of Zion;  
they will rejoice in the bounty of the LORD—  
the grain, the new wine and the olive oil,  
the young of the flocks and herds.

**Detroit will be like a well-watered garden,  
and will sorrow no more.**

<sup>13</sup> Then young women will dance and be glad,  
young men and old as well.

God will turn Detroit's mourning into gladness;  
And will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow.

<sup>14</sup> **God will satisfy the City with abundance,  
and His people will be filled with His bounty,"**  
declares the LORD.

