

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

Enabled To Know Him June 6, 2023 Suzi Armstrong

This is a season and time that God is revealing Himself to us so that we can know Him better. Our hearts are being stirred to come deeper in intimacy and to grow in relationship with God. This door has been opened by God Himself. Knowing God builds trust into your life. In trust your faith is fueled and explosive. Knowing God has a voice and a language of unbridled hope. Knowing God builds strength to endure and courage to stand and advance. The sound of heaven is clearer than ever before – resonating in our hearts, in our bodies, in our thoughts, and in our desires.

This has brought greater clarity to who God created us to be and the identity we have in Christ Jesus. Artificial boundaries, fear of man, intimidation, and the accusations of the enemy are being shattered. We are passionately in love with our Lord and King. God has been revealing His heart to us. He has been speaking to us to be strong and bold, to step out of old paradigms and step into the new and the now that He is releasing. The sound of heaven is fresh and clear – it resonates in the core of our being. We are experiencing God encounters on a regular basis. This is all happening because God has enabled us to know Him in new ways. The door is open to know Him in greater and deeper intimacy.

1 John 4.19 NASB

¹⁹ We love, because **He first loved us.**

- God is the initiator.
- He gives us revelation knowledge and wisdom coupled together so we can **KNOW Him.**
- He enables us to see, feel, receive, experience, be filled, and changed by His love through revelation knowledge.
- He enables us to respond to His love.
- Our Father wants us to **KNOW Him.** To know His love, the sound of His voice, the touch of His hand, the might of His arm, the fragrance of His presence, the goodness of His heart, the desires of His heart, the vastness of His beauty, the integrity of His ways. That He is righteous and just in all that He does, that He is the Creator and the Life Giver, that the earth is His, and that He is on His throne.

Ephesians 1.17 NIV

¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may **give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.**

- Paul prays for the Father to pour out on the believers in Ephesus the ability to know Him more and to know Him in a deeper way.
 - We can want to know God, but He is the one who reveals Himself.
 - God Himself must give us access to know Him – we can't know Him without Him enabling us to know Him.
- Wisdom and revelation are insight and understanding given to us by God so that we can KNOW Him. We can then connect to Him with greater clarity.
- This opens the door to deeper understanding and deeper relationship.
- Holy Spirit leads us into greater truth through revelation knowledge of God.
- There are portals that God has opened so that we can see Him and know Him in ways that we have not known Him before.
- With each God encounter there is new and deeper knowing Him and knowing the mind of Christ.

Proverbs 21.22 NIV

²² **One who is wise** can go up against the city of the mighty and **pull down the stronghold** in which they trust.

- Through revelation knowledge the stronghold over a city can be pulled down.
- We declare over Detroit that the stronghold of the enemy will be pulled down and God's presence and the sound of heaven will resound from this city!

Daniel 11.32b KJV

³² **...the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.**

- An exploit is a heroic act; a deed of renown; a great or noble achievement; a great act that extends righteousness.
- Exploits will be performed through people who KNOW (through extensive revelation knowledge) their God.

Psalms 119.41-48 MSG

⁴¹⁻⁴⁸ **Let your love, God, shape my life with salvation, exactly as you promised; Then I'll be able to stand up to mockery because I trusted your Word.** Don't ever deprive me of truth, not ever—your commandments are what I depend on. Oh, I'll guard with my life what you've revealed to me, guard it now, guard it ever; And I'll stride freely through wide open spaces as I look for your truth and your wisdom; Then **I'll tell the world what I find, speak out boldly in public, unembarrassed.** I cherish your commandments—oh, how I love them!—relishing every fragment of your counsel.

- It is time to speak plainly and boldly.
- Mockery and ridicule will not stop the word of the Lord from going forth.

Some time ago when I looked at the Tree of Life banner, one of the fruits on the tree became enlarged and burst open shooting seeds out from inside of the fruit. I heard the Lord say, *I have poured My sound, My frequency into you. Now I am bringing forth a harvest from My sound. You are releasing the seed of My sound. My seed is bursting out of you. My sound is filled with light and life and is blazing with fire to consume.* Then I saw, as words were being spoken, that the words were making knots and forming a huge net that God would use to bring in a harvest. By His hand, God would take hold of the net and direct it to scoop up that that He deems is ready.

John 21.6, 10-11 NIV

⁶ He said, **"Throw your net on the right side of the boat** and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and **dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn.**

- As we speak the word of the Lord with boldness and confidence – we will be directed by Holy Spirit.
- We are not to be afraid to speak the word of the Lord again where we have spoken it before.

PRAYER AND DECLARATION:

To Detroit we say, Know God and trust in the Lord. He is your shield and deliverer. Be filled with the sound of heaven, Detroit, and let the sound of the knowledge of the One True God resound through your streets. Let the people be glad and rejoice. Let Detroit bow in humility before the Lord who is Detroit's Maker. Detroit, you are a city of beginnings and a city of influence. Release your influence into the nations, demonstrating your trust and receptivity of God and His kingdom in your midst. Let the nations see the hand of God upon Detroit. Arise, shine Detroit, and let the glory of the Lord be demonstrated through you.