

1. In the coming weeks and months, I am going to be sharing with you what I believe is a prophetic word from the Lord for 2023.
2. I will be explaining why I believe this is a word from the Lord for all of us and how and when the Lord gave me this word.
3. Giving a prophetic word from the Lord is not something new for me.
4. I haven't done it every year, but if my files are correct, this will be the 7th year I have shared a word from the Lord for the upcoming year.
5. I want you to know that I don't make these statements lightly. It is a big deal for me to say that I believe I have a word from the Lord for 2023.
6. But I am so convinced of what the Lord has shown and spoken to me that I can't keep it to myself any longer.
7. The prophetic word from the Lord for 2023 is this.
- 8. This is Your Year of Jubilee.**
9. The word Jubilee is an Old Testament word that we first see in the book of Leviticus chapter 25.
10. If you have time this week, I would strongly encourage you to read through Leviticus chapter 25.
11. For some it may be the first time you are exposed to this word and for others it will simply be a reminder.
12. For today, the best way to describe what a year of Jubilee was about, is to say that the year of Jubilee was a year, every 50 years, where all property, houses, belongings and lives were given back to the original owner.
13. In short, the year of Jubilee was intended to be a reset if you will. A restoring. A restoring of everything and everybody back to the original state God intended them to be in.
14. We will get into that more next week. Today I want to lay the foundation for what will come next week.
15. I am convinced in 2023, that not only does God want to bring us restoration back to his original intent, I am convinced that we need restoration back to God's original intent.
16. I don't want to give the enemy more credit than he is due, but we are in a battle. Temptations abound. Discouragements abound. Hardships abound and the enemy's attempts to get us off track, more

specifically to get our eyes off the Lord and his plans for our lives are constant and relenting.

17. But there is a solution. We have help in the form of the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus made a very powerful statement in **Acts 1:8** **But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."**
18. The first part of that promise was the promise of power. More specifically, power for victorious living.
19. The Holy Spirit brings us comfort from the father.
20. The Holy Spirit is our advocate before the father. In other words, he mediates for us with God.
21. But it is more than just power to live a good life. The Holy Spirit also provides us with power to be witnesses for God to the life changing message of Jesus Christ.
22. God gives us his Holy Spirit so that we can have the boldness and the courage to share with others the good news of Jesus Christ.
23. But what I want to point out today is the fact that God also brings with the infilling of the Holy Spirit some wonderful benefits and blessings.
24. Those benefits or blessings are in the form of visions or dreams.
25. Listen to what the Apostle Peter had to say to the crowd that gathered after the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the day of Pentecost.
26. He describes the effects of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

TEXT: **Acts 2:14-21** Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. **15** These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! **16** No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: **17** "'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. **18** Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. **19** I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. **20** The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. **21** And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

TITLE: **God is a God of dreams.**

INTRO:

1. I want to ask you to do something for me this morning. It will save time and allow us to get to the meat of this message.
2. How many by a show of hands would say, I believe in the word of God? I believe that the word of God contains the words of life?
3. I believe the bible is reliable and it can be trusted. I believe if the word says it, it must be true and if God says it's for me then I am willing to accept it as being for me.
4. In explaining the infilling and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, Peter didn't just describe the experience and leave it at that.
5. He highlighted some of the things that the Holy Spirit would do, and some of the things that would happen in and through us through the power of the Holy Spirit.
6. Peter stands up and addresses the crowd. Some in the crowd were suggesting that the 120 in the upper room were drunk. But Peter says, no way. They aren't drunk. It's only 9 in the morning.
7. Now friends, what you are witnessing and what you are seeing is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. They are speaking in tongues and there is this sound like a mighty rushing wind but that isn't all.
8. This isn't just a show or something to grab your attention. This Holy Spirit has a purpose. And one of the things that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit will bring is words of prophecy, visions, and dreams.
9. Acts 2:17 "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.
10. There it is in black and white. Prophecy, visions, and dreams. How many see it this morning? How many believe it this morning?
11. Prophecy in its most basic sense is the foretelling of truth.
12. Prophecy is one of the gifts of the Spirit listed in 1 Corinthians chapter 12.
13. Often times, not all the time, but many times, prophecies had to do with the future. A prophecy was a foretelling of a future truth. It was a declaring of something that would happen in the future.

14. Everybody say that word future. Future. God is a God who at times gives us a glimpse into the future. And sometimes the way he does that is through a word of prophecy.
15. At other times he gives us a glimpse into the future through a vision. Do you know what I mean when I say a vision?
16. Normally, a vision is something that God gives while we are awake. He paints a picture for us of something that will happen or occur in the future.
17. A powerful example of a vision is the book of Revelation. The whole book of Revelation is a vision that God gave the Apostle John.
18. This whole encounter was a vision that John saw. He was awake and God showed him several things, most of which had to do with the future.
19. There's that word future again.
20. So, Peter addresses the crowd, and he quotes scripture, in the last days I will pour out of my Spirit. Your sons and daughters will prophecy.
21. Your young men will see visions.
22. And your old men will dream dreams.
23. Now we know that dreams are visions that God gives us while we are asleep.
24. An example of a dream would be the dream that God gave Joseph.

Genesis 37:5-11 Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. **6** He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: **7** We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it." **8** His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said. **9** Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me." **10** When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?" **11** His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

25. Allow me to point out that the dream had to do with the future.
26. From the very first book of the bible, to the very last book of the bible, God has been speaking to his people through prophecies, visions, and dreams.
27. It's all throughout the word of God. God speaks to his people through prophecies, visions, and dreams.
28. Then in the book of Acts, in describing the last days, which I believe we are in.
29. Church, I believe Jesus could come back at any time. I wish the Lord would come back at any time. I am ready to meet him. Are you?
30. In describing the last days, Peter says, quoting the prophet Joel, in the last days I will pour out of my Spirit on all flesh.
31. Your sons and daughters will prophecy. Your young men will see visions and your old men will dream dreams.
32. How many believe those words spoken about the last days before Jesus coming are true as well? Are we in agreement?
33. If we are, then I have a question. Where are all the prophecies and visions and dreams?
34. If the outpouring of God's Spirit is God's will for our lives. And if God's desire is for us, all of us, regardless of age, regardless of gender, regardless of socioeconomic background, to receive and give and believe for prophecies, visions, and dreams.
35. Then, where are those prophecies, visions, and dreams? Are we experiencing the outpouring of Godly prophecies, visions, and dreams?
36. Could it be that the Lord wants to speak to us such things and for us to experience such things and for us to dream again?
37. I believe the Lord does want us to dream again. I believe Godly prophecies, visions and dreams are for us today.
38. But there is a problem. All of us at one time or another have had a dream about something.
39. All of us at one time or another have dreamt of this great thing or that great thing or that wonderfully fulfilling happening, only to be hit square in the face with the harsh realities of life.

40. Life is tough, and life is hard, and life has a way of squashing the dreams and the hopes and the plans right out of you.
41. Who among us today would be brave enough to admit that we have had our hopes and dreams dashed at times? I have my hand up.
42. But could it be that God wants us to dream again?
43. Could it be that God wants us to hope again?
44. Could it be that God wants all of us to believe him again for something that is bigger than ourselves and greater than what we have the ability to achieve on our own.
45. Is God calling you to dream again? I believe he is. I am calling you to dream again.
46. I am inviting you to dream with me about what could be.
47. Dream with me again about what God could do and wants to do and is primed to do.
48. Will you dream with me about the future?
49. Before you answer that question, let's clarify what kinds of dreams we are talking about.
50. We are talking today about supernatural dreams and kingdom dreams.
51. Supernatural dreams and kingdom dreams.
52. Let's consider first...

Supernatural dreams.

1. We are not talking about fleshly dreams. We are not talking about dreams that can be accomplished with human wisdom and human strength.
2. We are talking about dreams that are bigger and greater than our human ability. We are talking about dreams that are so big that they can only be classified as God sized dreams.
3. We are talking about dreams that are so amazing that only the miraculous power of God is able to make them a reality in the real world.
4. **Acts 2:17-20** "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. **18** Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my

Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. 19 I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. 20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

5. Yes, there would be prophecies. Yes, there would be visions. Yes, there would be dreams. But notice the atmosphere that will encapsle those dreams.
6. It will be an atmosphere of the miraculous. Notice the first word in verse number 19. The word is I. The I talking here is none other than God himself.
7. God says I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below.
8. The atmosphere of these prophecies and visions and dreams is not one that is thought up by man. It is not one that is carried out by man. It is by no means a human endeavor. It is a supernatural atmosphere.
9. It requires the miraculous. Wonders in the heavens and signs on the earth below.
10. Blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun turned to darkness and the moon turned to blood. All of those are elements that were created by God, they are sustained by God, and they will be affected by God.
11. The key word there is God. God gives it. God does it and God gets the credit for it.
12. So, when we talk about dreaming God's dreams we are talking about being available to God for him to plant supernatural dreams in our hearts.
13. A dream that is so amazing that only God could dream a dream that big.
14. A dream that is so big that only God's supernatural power could be depended upon to make it happen.
15. A dream that is so wonderful that when it is fulfilled, no one looks to you or to me to give us praise because they will know that it was so far beyond us in the first place.
16. I think you get the point. A supernatural dream. But know this. God is seeking out an earthly vessel, an earthly being, an earthly life in

which to plant that dream where it will grow, and it will germinate and where we will believe God to do what only he can do.

17. Supernatural dreams. That is the first aspect of the types of dreams God wants to give.
18. The second aspect of the type of dreams God wants to give is this. They will be...

Kingdom Dreams.

1. Acts 2:21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'
2. Notice the end result of the prophecies the visions and the dreams.
3. Notice the end result of the signs and the wonders in the heavens and on the earth.
4. Notice the end result of the sun and the moon being miraculously transformed.
5. The end result is that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
6. The purpose of these dreams and signs and wonders and miracles is so that mankind will call upon the awesome name of the Lord and that they will be saved.
7. That's what we call a kingdom dream. A dream that when fulfilled results in the building of God's kingdom and not our own kingdom.
8. I'm talking about dreams, not of a bigger house or a fancier car or making more money.
9. I'm talking about a dream that is not centered around a vacation home or nicer cloths or having the latest greatest toys.
10. I'm talking about a supernatural dream where through you, the Holy Spirit miraculously works and moves and breathes so that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
11. I'm talking about a Godly dream where the end product is not blessing you but blessing others.
12. Where the end result is not so you have more, but that God's kingdom has more sons and daughters.
13. A supernatural, kingdom minded dream.

Conclusion:

1. I am convinced that in these last days God is still calling forth dreamers.
2. Godly men and women. Sons and daughters. Young and old. Male and female. People who will be lifted to a higher plane by a bigger God to be challenged to believe and receive a kingdom blessing so the kingdom of God can go forth.
3. That lives will be changed.
4. Does that entice you this morning?
5. Does that stir you this morning?
6. Does that make you hungry for more of God?
7. Have people stand.
8. Salvation call.
9. Let's cry out to God that he will pour out his spirit.
10. Let's cry out to God that he will pour out dreams.
11. Let's cry out to God that he will perform signs and wonders.
12. Let's cry out to God that all who call on the name of the Lord will be saved.
13. Be open for God to gift you with Godly, supernatural, kingdom minded dreams.