

Where do we go from here?

(Some thoughts – transcribed from my journal – after being at Fishnet 2003, The Francis MacNutt Conference)

After returning from Fishnet, the presence of the Lord remains particularly strong. As I was waking, I was feeling washed in the love of the Father, and was hearing him speak gently, as I felt him hold me. It was like he was giving me some direction for what was to come for us. I believe strongly that the Lord has brought us and some others together at this time so we can grow together and be vessels of His purpose .

I woke sensing God saying he wants a place or places of *Bethrapha* – Houses of Healing, although they may not be called this. The name will be something evocative of a Soaking Centre.

These are the things God gave me, almost in the form of an FAQ:

What is Bethrapha?

1. A place of refuge, where the Holy Spirit is in full control, leading everything.
2. A safe place in the arms (and lap) of Jesus, where his children can soak in His love and presence.
3. A place where we will not rush whatever he wants to do – waiting is ok.
4. A place of worship, like incense continually offered in love, not strived over of forced.
5. A place of healing, not because we can heal, but because He is allowed to manifest His presence and His gifts, as He sees fit.
6. It is not necessarily one physical place, since there may be many locations, or it may move around. Whatever it is, it will be deliberately set apart and prepared for the Master's use.
7. It is like a room within the heart of the Father.

Who are we who are called to bring this into being?

1. We are like innkeepers, facilitating every comfort of the Holy Spirit, so that He is free to do whatever he wants. We are preparing a place for Him.
2. We only do what the Father wants us to do.
3. We will always bless people with prayer and the laying on of hands.
4. We will intercede and minister his love as He leads us, and we expect to see His love visibly manifested, because of His presence, not because of our gifting or skills.
5. We are to have the same heart and mind as the Holy Spirit – to give, so that the love of the Father is revealed through His Son.

What will the innkeepers need?

1. Above all, hearts with a desire to see God's love poured out on everyone.
2. Hearts not satisfied with the status-quo.
3. Hearts that are angry when we see the children deprived of the bread of the Father's love.

What will make or break this?

1. If it has a hint of us trying to make something happen it will fail. His leading is essential, not us looking good in the eyes of people (i.e. trying to make something happen so we look good).
2. Our focus must always be on the Fathers love for His people, not on our desire to minister. The best outcome of someone coming into the place would be His spontaneous filling and healing of people, without us doing anything.

Note: Following receiving these words from the Lord, I shared them with our friends Malcolm and Carol (who were running Elijah House in Victoria) and asked them if they felt I was hearing from the Lord. This is what they wrote back.

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Wow! Your hearing just fine!

Our pastor and his wife Bruce & Lorraine have had a heart for healing for some time. They are wanting to start healing rooms her in Victoria as part of an apostolic training centre.

As they were moving towards to start the training for the healing rooms God told them to STOP! He told them that the healing rooms can not be started until they had first established a 24 hour house of prayer and worship that is to be treated as a Holy of holies for nothing but intercession, worship and soaking.

Healing is very much on the Heart of the Father these days Bruce has been teaching on it a lot. He says that we are not to ask God to heal but we have been given the authority already to speak healing into the body in His name it is always God heart to heal. We have been told to heal the sick!

We received news for a couple who have been traveling around the world setting-up healing rooms that there are now over 300 healing rooms operating in 18 different countries. They just returned from meeting in New York city and said that 100% of the people they prayed for where healed. Also at their home church in Santa Marie California every person that have come to them with cancer in the last month has been healed.

We will be driving out to Ontario the last week in July until mid August. This is really exciting, Carol and I have been thinking a lot about you the last few days now we know why.

Malcolm