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## Seek First the Kingdom

**Sunday Sept 12, 2021** is our **20-year anniversary**. LSC was built on prophecy as God **“Called Forth” His Kingdom** to manifest and called those things that were not, as though they are (**Rom 4:17**). We are all a part of a supernatural amazing journey as God (through us) unfolds His manifold wisdom to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places (**Eph 3:10**). Just like the Book of Acts tells the story of the Apostles and disciples of Jesus Christ, we are to tell “our story, our testimony” as the Church Age is transitioning into the Kingdom Age. All glory goes to our Lord Jesus Christ. Many of you have heard the story of how God created LSC (LOHM) in 7 days, but the **journey started before LOHM existed**.

### **“The Call” from God to be a Shepherd-Pastor**

**In July of 1999** I was in my office at home reading a book about prophecy titled **“The Call”** by Rick Joyner who is the founder and executive director of **Morning Star Ministries**. Rick was explaining how in these last days there would be a release of great power on the five-fold ministry of the Apostle, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers. As soon as I read about the ministry of “Pastors” (the book called them shepherds) I was hit with wave after wave of amazing power. It pushed me back in my chair, moving several feet backwards. I could feel this euphoric surge penetrating my body, soul and spirit. It was so overwhelming that after a few seconds I had to ask the Lord to stop. I knew God was calling and anointing me to be a pastor!

**In August of 1999** during the annual celebration at the church I attended a special guest speaking came from Queensland Australia named Pastor Bill Pryor. Unexpectedly he brought me to the altar, christened me on both shoulders with the Lead Pastor’s sport coat imparting a **double portion of the Elijah spirit** and then later that night Pastor Pryor prophesied over me that I would be able to **“Turn the helm of a great ship in times of danger.”**

**January 2000** during the annual minister’s conference (for the church I attended before LSC) it was prophesied over me that I would be **“A lighthouse with a bay of safety and refuge for Christians, a shining light of wisdom into the dark places.”** Another prophecy was spoken over me that I would be the **“lighthouse”** sure and steady warning ships that are on a collision course with me to **“Change your course, for I cannot change, I am the lighthouse.”**

**Late January 2001** The Lord showed me that I would be going through a **major ministry change** and that direction would be given to me in March, and the ministry change would not happen until **April**.

**Sunday April 1, 2001** We left the church we were attending. The instructions from the Lord were to have a Bible study on Wednesday with our children, and not to initiate contact with anyone from the church we left, unless they contacted us first.

**Wednesday April 4, 2001** Thirty people show up at my house for what began as a Bible study that now turned into a small worship service.

**Friday April 6, 2001** A few couples met with Karen and me at our house to discuss the possibilities about becoming a ministry. Gary Rumpitz said “We think we should start a church and you should be the Pastor!” We all started to discuss what the name would be. We could not come to a consensus on the name so we gave everyone a small piece of paper and we agreed to pray and then write down what we believe God is telling us.

Once everyone had finished Karen said “I believe God gave the name to (she said her name), but what I heard was “Light of Hope” as Karen showed us what she had written down. The person who Karen named became extremely exuberant, unfolded her paper and it said “Lights of Hope” Wow! We did not come up with 2 or 3 names and give everyone an option to choose from, we all came up with our own name.

**Saturday April 7, 2001** Reverend **Mark Morningstar** pulled up in my driveway and so I went out to see what was up. “Hey, I heard you started a church!?” he said with a smile. I asked, “How did you know that? We just came up with the

name "Lights of Hope Ministry" last night!" He said, "A little birdie told me!" He held out his hand and he gave me a key. "If you need a place to meet, here is the **key** to the **Beacon**," he said.

**Sunday April 8, 2001** We had our first service as Lights of Hope Ministry. Seven days ago all I knew was that I was going to have a Bible study on Wednesday! This gets even more amazing; our praise team had a lead singer, keyboards, lead guitar, bass guitar and drums...a complete team! We had an usher leader, a mission leader, an administrative leader, a children's leader, and a youth leader (me) and I never called anyone to recruit them. **God put together a complete "turn-key" church in only 7 days!**

**Wow! Put this all together...**

While reading a prophetic book "**The Call**" from **Morningstar Ministries**, God calls me into the office of a pastor and fills me with His **authority**. The next month a Pastor from Australia places on me the **Elijah mantle** (from a Lead Pastor) and prophesied that I would be able to "**Turn the helm of a great ship in times of danger.**" Several months later at a leadership conference came the prophecy of being "**A lighthouse with a bay of safety and refuge for Christians, a shining light of wisdom into the dark places**" and that I would be the "**lighthouse**" sure and steady warning ships that are on a collision course with me to "**Change your course, for I cannot change, I am the lighthouse.**"

God calls me and Karen out of a church and on the third day we have a Bible study/worship service. Three days later, Pastor **Mark Morningstar** hands me a **key** (symbolic of authority) to a building called "**The Beacon**" for a church just named "**Lights of Hope Ministry**" to a man who was prophesied to be a **lighthouse** and **shining light** so we could have our first Sunday service on the **seventh day which was Palm Sunday and Passover!** This continuity is amazing!

### **Building the Kingdom**

**January 2, 2011** Sunday Message: "**Building the Kingdom One Person at a Time**" we launched our building campaign for our addition. We prayed and prophesied we would break ground **June 1<sup>st</sup>**. We have always been about the Kingdom.

**April 2011;** after the bank approved our financing, the deal fell through. Even if a bank approved us now, there would not be enough time for the appraisal and closing to break ground June 1<sup>st</sup>. We needed to come up with \$150,000 cash to break ground. Gary and I prayed and God gave us an answer; "The church will be your bank." Gary went in search of an attorney and God brought him a man (as He has done so many times before) attorney John Sharp and he immediately wrote promissory notes. In less than two weeks all of the legal papers were in order; **supernatural favor!!!!**

**May 15, 2011** during our Sunday Service I went to the pulpit and cast the vision to finance the addition. The lowest amount we would write a note was \$5,000 and this had to be cash, not a pledge or IOU.

**May 22, 2011** Sunday morning; of the \$150,000 needed, we collected \$145,000! A church member walked in and asked "Who do I see about giving money for the addition?" and I said, "Me." He wanted a promissory note for \$5,000. Wow! In only **7 days** God brought to us the **exact amount needed!**

**June 1<sup>st</sup> 2011** against all odds, as prophesied, we broke ground!

**February 19, 2012** Pastor Mike Benson brought Karen and I to the altar at the end of the service and prophesied over us. In 20 years of ministry, this is the **only time** this has happened at LSC. These are the last three sentences of the prophecy before he pronounced a blessing:

*"When you raise your voice and hands in worship My fire will be kindled and it will burn white hot, it will be so hot the enemy will run and cower in fear."*

This had been happening for years; our praise and worship is on fire, giving glory to Jesus! The enemy hates this.

*"I will speak words to you and you will **speak them to my people** and I will give you unction's of My Spirit and **you will obey them and you will move in new ways among My people.**"*

The greatest manifestation of this started with our **“Trumpet Voice”** God gave us on September 13, 2015 at our 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary from **Isa 58:1** and starting Feb 21, 2016 we were instructed to open every service with a proclamation, prayer, a shofar blast and teruah shout. This was confirmed by Jonathan Cahn at the National Day of Prayer May 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 as he opened with a proclamation, prayer and shofar blast with **Isa 58:1** being the theme verse for the year! Amazing confirmation.

**April 28, 2019**, we start the series “The Final Battle” explaining how the anti-word-of-God is attacking the Word of God. Every message opened with a warning; **“We are in the final battle and the war is escalating rapidly.”**

Several of us believed we needed to put the “Final Battle” series into a book and I agreed feeling an urgency from God to get this done and to keep the book short and simple. The book “The Final Battle: America is Divided and the End of Age Final Battle has Begun,” led to our “Not Ashamed” Praise Rallies (Ignite the Thumb Praise Rallies), which led to We The County.

This is all in fulfillment of what Pastor Mike Benson prophesied *“I will speak words to you and you will **speak them to my people** and I will give you unction’s of My Spirit and you will **obey them** and you will **move in new ways among My people.**”*

Pastor Mike’s prophecy concluded with this: *“What you leave behind is not something of loss, but something of gain because of what you have stepped forward to.”* Then he spoke a blessing over us.

It would take several Sunday services to cover all of the prophetic confirmation God has given us over the years. The Lord put it on my heart a while ago, **the reason for all of the prophetic confirmation** is because the time will come when He will ask us to step outside of the normal religious Sunday box and move in a new way that many people will find difficult.

The Lord also showed me people will leave and said to me “Even if you have to go it alone, keep going you know My voice.” It breaks my heart to see people leave, but this fulfills *“What you leave behind is not something of loss, but something of gain because of what you have **stepped forward to.**”* Whenever a ministry “steps forward” into a higher level of authority and spiritual warfare, some people will not follow.

Life Song is an amazing church family that God has blessed again and again. **The devil hates this ministry.** He is attacking us with lies, depression, heaviness, anxiety, criticalness, complacency, offense, and rebellion to **harden people’s heart** so they will not hear the Word of the Lord, what He is speaking to this church. I warned this attack was escalating months ago. To some people, it doesn’t matter what I preach because they have hardened their heart and they will only see what they came expecting to see. Nevertheless, I tell people to pray and do what the Lord Jesus is telling them to do.

**Leadership Meeting, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021:** “I know as Leaders, you are tired of hearing about this, but the enemy will not back down and I am the shepherd. I know it is very difficult on many people, and they want me to **change course**, but I cannot, I must be obedient to the Lord. We have been called for such a time as this.”

**“Spiritual-Leadership Training:** Stay in unity and don’t lose heart! Breakthrough is coming!

**Gal 6:9-10** *And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap **if we do not lose heart.** 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.”*

Some of us have grown weary and lost heart. Do good to all, especially our church family. We are family!