Living by prophetic mandates is a way of life for my wife Bev and me. A prophetic mandate is an authoritative command from the Lord. It is an authorization, an order or a commission from the voice and word of God. Before our family does most anything, we seek not only the wisdom but also the mandate of the Lord. Thus we have a solid foundation, security and stability in the Lord. How does his work?

Not one of us needs reminding that Samuel was a prophetic from birth, called as a boy and tutored under Eli. He advised, rebuked and led kings. He defeated the gods of his day. Never a word from his mouth fell to the ground. Prophets of old often served as judges, directing people and nations.

But when Jesus appeared, He came as Prophet, Priest and King. He ushered in a new level of prophecy based in loving God and our neighbors as ourselves. Jesus lived and spoke only by the will of His Father in Heaven. No word or deed was His own. He listened and watched His Father. Thus, He lived prophetically everyday and by prophetic mandates.

Paul said he would that all would prophecy and elevate prophecy to the top of the gifting list. The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Paul gives this most amazing statement: 1 Corinthians 14:1-5 "Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. For one who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God; for no one understands, but in his spirit he speaks mysteries. But one who prophesies speaks to men for edification and exhortation and consolation. One who speaks in a tongue edifies himself; but one who prophesies edifies the church. Now I wish that you all spoke in tongues, but even more that you would prophesy; and greater is one who prophesies than one who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, so that the church may receive edifying."

Many times prophetic words are meant to guide us, correct us and certainly instruct us. Believing they are from God (whether we hear them for ourselves or if others speak them to us) to edify, exhort or encourage us. My wife Bev translates the words to: build up, stir up, or cheer up. In these cases they become prophetic mandates to live by.

I thank God for prophetic leaders of today like John Sandford, Chuck Pierce, Dutch Sheets, Cindy Jacobs, Rick Joyner, Barbara Wentroble, Bill Hamon and the list goes on and on.

How better to illustrate prophetic mandates than to quote from a recent event involving prophetic speaking to Todd Bentley (Thanks to Pastor Stephen Strader, Ignited Church, Lakeland,FL and his staff for capturing these powerful words):

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Che Ahn invited the other apostles on Peter Wagner’s team on the stage to share any words from the Lord for Todd or the Outpouring. Here is what they prophesied:
Richard Madden: "For the Lord would say unto thee that this day you have loosed upon this earth what I have wanted for centuries to come forth -- a kingly anointing which will bring in money, money, money. Because the businessmen will rise up and they will go forth under this anointing, and no more will they stay hidden in the shadows. They shall go forth into the political world, into the business world, into the military world and great changes shall take place, saith the Lord, because this night is the night when you started out speaking your first words about the kingdom of God."

Jeff Beacham: "Todd, on behalf of New Zealand, my home country, and Australia, my first adopted country, and America, my third adopted country, I speak favor for you in all those nations. May they receive you supernaturally and may they welcome you and may you be blessed as you go to those nations and blessed as you come back. And let the report be great and mighty from all those nations, in Jesus' Name."

Sharon Stone: "Todd, the Spirit of God says years from now people will look at this time and they will recognize it as when their God showed up and created within the church a new heart, says the Lord. And I will genesis in the midst of the chaos in the world today and I will not just bring a mending, but I will bring forth that which is new, that which is dedicated, that which is decided, that which is pure.

And I will heal the corruptness of the heart, says God, and this is the heart that I will not despise. And as David cried unto me, 'Don't take your Holy Spirit from me,' I have released a cry within my church, says the Lord, that has begun to release its desperation and said, 'I can't live without your presence, I can't live without your glory; I'm undone and I am naked without your presence. No program will be a substitute.' And the Spirit of God says history will measure it by heart."

Paco Garcia: "As Spaniards, we came years ago to this continent and proud to conquer it. Now, we are coming humbly to take this glory to the Spanish-speaking nations of the world. Welcome the revival! Welcome the outpouring to the Spanish-speaking nations of the world!

Welcome to Spain, South America, Latin America, and all over the world." (Paco gives the rest of his word in Spanish here).

Clarice Fluitt: "For the word of the Lord would say, 'Behold, a vanguard. Behold the tugboat that is cutting through the ice of religious traditions--the cruel, hard things. The understanding of the mind of man will now bow to the reality of the revelation of the finished work of Calvary. Behold, saith God, you have been equipped with cutting power. You have been equipped to go through those traditions of the mind of man, saith God, and you are pulling the church into the realm of glory. Behind you is a great ship that is laden with healing, deliverance, and prosperity.

This is the word to you, O man of God: Arise, kill and eat. No longer, no longer, no longer will men call unclean what I have called clean.'"

Rick Joyner: "Todd, your ministry is very appropriately named Fresh Fire. And you have certainly been bringing fresh fire. And even when you were going through the dark night of the soul, I thought you had more fire on you than many. The worst state we can every fall into is lukewarmness and God has sent you as an antidote for that lukewarm spirit."
And the fire has been birthed here; it has been released here. You've unstopped a well. You have other wells to unstop in other cities and other places; this is just the beginning. And there is longevity too. There is increase, but there is also longevity coming. There are many wells, but they are oil wells, and they catch on fire when you unstop them."

Joshua Fowler: "Todd, the Lord has made you to be a detonator. I see cables going around the world to different nations. I see Great Britain being set ablaze by the power of God. I see even as go into places, God says you'll go with a glory even like William Branham.

And the Lord says you'll carry a portal anointing and whatever city you go over, there will be a portal. There will be a portal that will be opened up, says the Lord. The Lord says you'll detonate and BOOM BOOM BOOM there will be a release of glory to the nations, says the Spirit of the Lord."

Wesley Campbell: "Todd, as a fellow Canadian, there is the word HONOR written over you tonight because of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. You have honored the generations that have gone before you. As a son, you have reached out to the fathers and you have said, 'Bless me.'

And you have blessed us tonight and so we honor you. You've honored the word of God, you've honored the Spirit of God, you've honored the moving the Holy Spirit, and the ways of God. So, tonight, we just affirm that the rest of honor that is upon your life will follow you now in every nation that you go. And you will draw men and women to you that seek honor and want to walk together and want to be what God wants them to be in this generation.

Todd Bentley, the word HONOR rests upon your life."

Stacey Campbell: "Todd, when we were singing that song, Show Me Your Glory, I felt impressed to open the scriptures to the very portion of scripture where Moses said, 'Show me Your glory.' And it was the very pinnacle prayer of Moses' life. And this prayer came after a burning bush, came after the release of national judgments, came after going into the cloud of glory and receiving the tablets, and it came after Numbers 24 where Moses went on the mountain with 70 elders and ate and drank with God.

And in this pinnacle prayer, God would not speak face to face with Moses like He did at other times. In this pinnacle prayer of the release of the glory of God, He had to hide Moses in the cleft of the rock. And He had to only show him the hind parts. And He passed by Moses with the unveiling of His glory and He said this: The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'The Lord, the Lord God, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in loving-kindness and truth.

All these words were intended by God to build up, stir up and cheer up Todd Bentley and his Fresh Fire Ministries. They can become prophetic mandates to Todd Bentley. Glory be to God.

Living life by prophetic mandates was the Jesus way of living His life on earth.
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