

# Prophetic Word for CCCW

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We need to stamp on your heart this word, effective immediately. You understand that - effective immediately. And the word I'm putting into your hand right now is a sword in your hand, and you may wage war with it against everything that is against you.

**1 Timothy 1 v 18:** 'By these words previously spoken over you, fight a good fight.'

What's a good fight? One that you win! Otherwise it's a bad fight. So this prophecy condemns you to victory.

What I am declaring to you today is that you have just entered a year of training. A year of training with the Lord, that at the end of the next 12 months your life will be totally different, your mindset will be totally different, the fortunes of your life will be completely different, your whole approach to life will be completely different. Everything that's been taken from you will be restored and you will live in a completely different place with the Father that you never thought was possible. So....

Every prophet I know lives for moments like this, when you get to put on the line everything that you are, in your word. This is not a scary place. You get to lay down everything that you are, every ounce of your reputation built up over however many decades you've been in this business. And you get to lay it all down and you do it because you have an absolute certainty in your heart that something totally miraculous is going to occur. You have an absolute, total conviction in your heart that God Himself will break out through your mouth if He could; when you sense in your heart the hunger, and the eagerness and the willingness and the passion and the desire of the Lord to fulfill His word.

God walks to and fro throughout the world to find the people on whose behalf He can show Himself strong. And when He finds that people there are all kinds of extraordinary tests that God gives to churches, and in my time of being with you and of being privileged to come here and to be counted as friend in this house, I've seen you go through lots of testing. I've seen you go through lots of stretching. Every one of you has got stretch marks. I've seen you go through disappointments and battles and losses and I've seen you hold together. I've seen just the way you came together just to build this place. I've seen the faith, seen the sacrifices. So many different ways that God has tested your resolve and your hunger and your desire. Those days are over! No more tests. No more exams. You qualified. And now you should know there isn't anything in the Father's heart that can be hidden from this house.

Jesus passed all of his tests. Every test He was ever set. And there came a moment when Heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form and a voice was heard saying this is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased. In Jewish language it's called a ceremony of adoption. Adoption is not what we understand it in the West. That's not biblical adoption - that God takes somebody who isn't really His son and legally makes him his own son. That's not what God is doing. That's not what adoption is. Adoption really is when a son has passed all his tests, there's a ceremony in Jewish culture where they call the whole community together and they have a banquet laid on and the father presents the son to the community and says "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased.". When you do business with him, you're doing business with me. If he signs a cheque, I will honor it. He speaks for me, I trust him. He's passed his test. He only does what I'm doing and he only says what I'm saying. He is the mirror image of me. And the whole community adopts him in that way, which means that every one of them has to change their relationship with him in line with his father. That's the spirit of adoption.

So, I'm here to tell you today that God is adopting you and I believe that today is your ceremony of adoption. So, this is the Father saying 'this is my beloved community in whom I am well pleased.'

And you will be listened to. You have a voice now, collectively. Not just to a few ministries in your midst. You have a voice collectively as a community now that will be listened to. But this is the word of the Lord that you are being trained in for these next 12 months. And after that 12 months of training, you should



tell you what to pray. He will give you words of authority. He will help you to stand up on the inside. He'll give you authority because your favour works against the enemy.

And you will have favour to do three things in you favour. In your favour you will come to a place in your worship of absolute proclamation towards God. You'll write songs about favour, you'll sing songs about favour, you'll go around the city and you'll sing over parts of the city the favour of the Lord, 'cause He'll give you a song of the Lord about favour that can be released in other places. But there will be in this place, in this house, a spirit of proclamation. A spirit of proclamation, where you will proclaim to the Lord: 'This is what you said, this is what you said.' And you will joyfully remind him of everything He said. 'This is what you promised'. You will sing out, 'We are a people of breakthrough, we are a favoured generation. We have the favour of God.' And you'll sing it to each other and you'll sing it to the Lord and it'll be part of your spirit of proclamation that God is creating in this house.

And out from this place, the second part of favour, is that you declare it against the enemy: 'We are coming after you. We have the favour of the Lord and we are going to beat you like a redheaded stepchild. I am going to use this favour as a club and I am going to beat you senseless with it. We're going to womp you with the ugly stick! We are going to turn our favour into a club and we are going to hit you with it and we are going to knock you for six. We're coming after you. And we're after you from house to house. We're coming after you in our businesses.' And if we all have to go and stand in someone's business premises and pray and prophecy and sing and worship, we will create a spirit of breakthrough. What I'm saying is that we will become militant with our favour. Not passive, militant. We will go after things because we have the favour of the Lord. It's an entirely different kind of program. That's a different kind of program based church - house to house, business to business, community to community.

We are going to lay hands on each other. Some of you are going to have hands on you so much you're going to go bald! Favour of God is going to be in everything. It's going to be in your face, it's going to be in your language, it's going to be in your touch, it's going to be in the way that you look at people, in the way that you look at situations. A year of training in favour until it's so ingrained in your life you cannot think any other way. The only way you can see. All your questions are: 'Lord, what is my favour in this situation? What favour do you want to bring into this person's life?' Until the third part of your expression of favour is normal, utterly normal for you. That is that your confession of favour is a part of your normal everyday language. That you confess to your circumstances: 'You have to change because I have the favour of the Lord.' And that you stand in your favour, you stand in your circumstances, holding onto your favour, and you are not praying like a widow anymore, you're praying like a bride. You're praying like someone who is loved. I am loved by the Lord. I am loved. I am the beloved of God, therefore my circumstances will change because I have favour and this is my confession. And you take the sword of your favour and you apply it in those situations and you stand. It doesn't matter what comes against you because you are learning to be unreasonable about favour. You're not going to be rational, you're not going to give any ground, you're going to get right in there saying 'excuse me, but I've got a word from the Lord about favour and I'm not leaving here until I've got it!' And we are militant about it. We're not going to give ground on this thing. It's not who we are.

What we are doing is, is we are discovering our heritage. We're discovering our identity. We are people of the Lord. We get to rule and we get to reign. It is our heritage. This is the heritage of the people of the Lord. That everything that belongs to Jesus, now belongs to us as we live in Him and He lives in us. It's a crash course in discovering the majesty and sovereignty of God.

This next year is a year of training and development for every single one of us. And God is going to nail us on our passivity. He's going to nail us on our procrastination. Those of us who are thinking 'O well that's nice. I'll think about that'. Someone, somewhere in this congregation is going to kick you up the backside and say, 'you're not going to think about it, you're going to do it!' Let's do favour, let's not just think about it. If we're going to think about it, let's think about how we can do it. Let's think about how big it is. Let's think about all the possibilities, but let's do it. Favour has to be done. It's got to be done.

I can see groups of guys getting together in that guy way, you know, talking about favour and going, 'well it's gotta be done, let's do it. Let's do it.' I can see a bunch of militant females gathering saying 'we are going to kick butt with our favour.' Getting together in groups. And the fascinating thing is this: God gives you permission to take your favour into each other's lives. This is the fun part, when the enemy tests a family's favour, half a dozen families are going to get together in their house and pool their favour and kick some butt. I can foresee times when scores of us, dozens of us, hundreds of us, will get together in one place and pool our favour and cry out for breakthrough. And it will come because the Spirit of Breakthrough is in this house. Don't disappoint him. He's expecting to kick some butt. Everywhere you go you're going to hear the sound of chains hitting the floor. Expect it. It's going to become normal. There comes a point in a supernatural community when signs and wonders and miracle become the norm. And we have two hundred testimonies to choose from. It's the norm for healings, the norm for miracles; it's the norm for outrageous things to occur. Whatever is against you now, will be broken. You have to go after it. You have to go after it and you have to break that yoke. You've got to hunt it down. Make sure there's no space; give no place to the devil. Make sure there's no space where he can hide. But favour is everywhere. Everywhere.

So this year will become a year of training in vengeance also. Where you get revenge on the enemy for everything he's ever done. That's why declaration is so important. Declaring against the enemy: 'You've had me over this barrel long enough. No more. You've had me on the ground; you've had me powerless for too long. You've made me a victim, but no more. I'm making you a victim now. We're coming after you. We have a Spirit of Breakthrough upon us and we will break through upon you and we will visit upon you what you have visited upon us.'

This is the year when the tables are being turned. God is turning the tables on the enemy. This is our day, this is our time. Revenge; payback. We get payback. And where the enemy resists you ask God for a double portion, because that will be payback. You are going to have a year to be trained to think like God thinks. Listen, only God has abundance. The enemy has a budget. We are going to stretch his budget so tight that he will be powerless to do anything. I do believe that God is raising up communities around the earth who can bring the enemy into a place of confusion and consternation because he doesn't know how to deal with them. He cannot do business as usual because there's no passivity, there's no procrastination, there's no fear, there's no unbelief, there's no doubt. 'We don't have any holds on these people like we used to'.

Favour of the Lord.

What this year is about is focused intentionality. You become as intentional as God is. And you are going to discover that you have a voice in heaven and a voice in the earth and you are going to use that voice. You are a resource church in this area. You will be going out across the nation and the nations. Your voice will be heard and it will be the voice of breakthrough. It'll be the voice of favour, it'll be the voice of revenge. You'll have a voice in the earth and wherever you go breakthrough will occur because that is the spirit in this house. You understand that? You understand there is a spirit of breakthrough in this house. Therefore, whenever you do a conference, everybody who comes under this roof, comes under the roof of your favour. They come into your favour. Do you know what will occur in times to come? When people who are not part of this congregation come and they come into this house, they will come into an atmosphere of favour and you guys are going to descend upon them like locusts, and you are going to start to pray breakthrough and breakthrough and breakthrough upon them. The people who come into this house come under your favour, come under a Spirit of Breakthrough and there will be extraordinary God encounters occurring in this place because this will be known as a place of breakthrough.

It's a year of payback. God's going to turn your captivity into a ministry. There will be grace upon grace upon grace upon grace. But it comes with a government health warning. This is holy moment guys, don't waste it. Don't waste a second of it. You get these moments come maybe once in a lifetime. The rule for words like this – there's a principle for it, and it goes like this: when the opportunity of a lifetime

comes, you must make sure that you act within the lifetime of the opportunity. When the opportunity of a lifetime comes, you must make sure that you act within the lifetime of that opportunity. Twelve months of training, don't wait ten months before you sign up. Don't wait. Don't wait. Act within the lifetime of the opportunity.

I do believe that these are extraordinary and incredible days. When you will come to a place of asking a question about yourself: 'Are we a church that loves prophecy or are we a prophetic community?' There's a world of difference between those two things. Are we a church that loves prophecy or are we a prophetic community? I believe that God has chosen you to be a visual aid, not only to Australia, but to the earth. There is a spirit here in this place. We know. Part of my assignment in coming here this week is to declare that there is a great awakening going to happen in Melbourne. I see it with all my heart. There is an awakening happening in this city. I believe with all my heart it's already begun. We're ankle deep in blessing right now. We're ankle deep. God is measuring this city for a blessing; measuring this region for a move of God unprecedented in this region's history.

What I'm declaring to you today is a part of that. That this is a well. This is a well. We're digging out a well here. A favour. A people who have an incredible mindset about God; people who are full of vision about who Jesus is; people who are full of passion about the Lord; people who's every bond has been broken, every chain has been loosed; a people who are free to be extraordinary in God. And you'll be a church full of ordinary people having extraordinary encounters with God. And when people come here it'll feel like visiting a place in the bible. You'll set a whole new bar for being bible believing. When people come here they will know what it means to be bible believing – what it really means; what it really, really, really, really means. You cannot believe and not have an encounter. You are a people of extraordinary encounter. Sound too good to be true? I hope so! Because the Gospel is such good news it borders on fantasy. It's such good news it's almost too good to be true. No wonder heaven emptied itself and all come down singing about it. Shepherds having encounters with all the inhabitants of heaven who came down to talk about good news. We bring you great news of incredible, outstanding, amazing, sensational joy. Heaven is open. Heaven is open. On earth as it is in heaven is going to be a frequent message in this house.

It means you have 12 months to learn how to live and move in favour as a lifestyle. It's about training for reigning. It's about learning to develop massive confidence in the nature of God. Every promise, every prophecy spoken to you in the past, you need to take them up again. Even words that have spoken to you recently probably are going to find fulfillment in the next 12 months. Do not be passive. This is a time to kill passivity stone dead. Kill it stone dead. This is not a time to procrastinate. This is a time to jump right in. You're ankle deep. It's time to dive out there. When the opportunity of a lifetime comes you must make sure you act within the lifetime of the opportunity. It is possible to go through a year like this and not discover a tenth of what God wants to give you. And that would be incredibly stupid; monumental folly. It's possible to go through this time and not discover a tenth of what God has for you. Some of you have wasted opportunities in the past. Beloved, you can't afford to waste this one. You have twelve months of training to learn how to become outrageous. To learn how to take God for granted; to learn how to believe like you've never believed before. Twelve months to learn how to overcome, how to rise up, how to stand on the word of God, how to persist, how to become defiant against the enemy and how to confess the word of the Lord so that situations fall to you. And how to stand and embrace the favour of God and how to give it away for all you're worth, because when you give it away, it comes back, pressed down, shaken together, and running over. You don't want to be found at the end of twelve months living in a measure of favour, you want to be found living in an abundance of favour. This year is about training in abundance, because for what God has for you, for where He wants you to go, you need this time of training to have your minds adjusted, your faith upgraded, your perception of God overhauled so that you become the sons and daughters of God that you are supposed to be for Jesus' sake.