

### ***INTRODUCTION... TURN TO ISAIAH 61***

- The last Sunday of the year I ask the Lord to give us a prophetic word for the coming year
- Before I get into this year's message, I want to remind us of what the Lord spoke to us over the last 3 years

### ***In 2019 God said it would be a year of battle***

- 2019 was a year of intense spiritual battle
- We were signed off to be in our building in March 2019, but we were informed that an inspector, who was anti-church, kept us from occupying our building until December – 8 months later
- The battle was so intense that someone asked me if I was sure the LORD was in us moving into this building and the enemy used it to divide the church
- But God fought our battles and we saw God's power bring breakthrough

### ***In 2020 God said it would be a year of storms***

- He told us 2020 would be a year of tested vision and we would not just survive, but thrive in 2020
- On January 19 we dedicated this building to the LORD after 2 ½ years of paying over 86 K in double rent
- Our church was growing... new families were coming, there was momentum **AND THEN** on March 15 **COVID** hit and everything stopped
- Our giving went down by 75%, momentum was lost
- **BUT GOD'S PROMISED WE WOULD THRIVE NOT JUST SURVIVE**
- And we did thrive... we launched new ministries... we serve around 50 families a week in our Drive Through Food Distribution, we launched VERT on Friday nights
- If we were still in the school, we would have been shut down
- **BUT GOD** in His wisdom gave us a building where we could open up an entire wall and qualify as an outdoor service!

### ***In 2021 God said it would be a year of decision, a year of demonic deception and divine determination***

- He said every believer will be brought to the valley of decision... you will decide to drive out the enemy or give place to the enemy
- The deception in 2021 through the media was demonic, global, pervasive and originated from the highest levels of government
- Unfortunately, many decided to believe the deception

- Jesus told us this is the primary sign of the last days... deception
- Thus, we are in a prophetic timeline, a time of divine determination, established by God and the world is being positioned for the arrival of the King of Kings and the LORD of LORDS!

***This brings us to 2022... let's read Isaiah 61:1-3***

Isaiah 61:1–3 (NKJV)

**61** “The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to *those who are* bound; <sup>2</sup> To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, <sup>3</sup> To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.”

- 2022 is a turning point year... a year of shifting... of positioning
- The first thing I want to call your attention to is the phrase... “the planting of the LORD.”
- When I look at all the churches and church plants in San Clemente over the past 20 years, one thing I can say with confidence is we are a planting of the LORD
- We were the first successful church plant in over 15 years... the previous successful church plant was The Shoreline Church
- We are the first successful Calvary Chapel church plant in the history of San Clemente
- We had no help, no church sent us with people, I didn't receive a sendoff offering, we were not given a building with a built-in congregation and a large budget...
- We started with 8 people in a living room, and I say this not to boast but to make a point... no one can take credit for what the LORD has done
- Calvary Chapel San Clemente is a planting of the LORD and God gets all the glory... as Isaiah says... that He may be glorified
- We have been faithful to preach good news to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, to proclaim the opening of prison doors and to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor
- God has used us to give beauty for ashes... I think of the number of special needs kids that have always been at Calvary Chapel...

- God gives joy for mourning... I think of those who God has used us to walk through periods of loss with
- God gives praise for heaviness... I think of the joy that is in the church
- In all this God gets all the glory!

***Here is a spiritual principle...***

- Wherever you see a planting of the LORD, it's like a spiritual magnet, a spiritual homing device and it attracts those who are hungry for the movement of the Spirit
- Thus, it's no surprise that we have 2 churches on our street
- It's no surprise we have a Calvary Chapel from another city moving just up the street from us
- They all want to be close to the planting of the LORD because the LORD is about to do something amazing in South Orange County
- God is positioning His people and we are already positioned for blessing

***There might be those who look at us and say... you don't have much***

- I think of the feeding of the 5000... Jesus tells the disciples to feed them
- You look at what you have... You just have 5 loaves and 2 fishes...
- How are you going to minister to the thousands that have come to hear the Word of God
- But we all know what God can do with 5 loaves and 2 fishes
- God can do amazing things through 1 life who is surrendered to God

**Paul said to the Corinthians**

1 Corinthians 3:6–8 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. <sup>7</sup> So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. <sup>8</sup> Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

- When we began, there were no Calvary Chapels in San Clemente
- There were no church plants
- We plowed, we planted... and now new churches have come in that have watered... but it's God who gives the increase
- Paul says... that we are all ONE in the Spirit... you can't water a crop unless someone plows the ground and plants the seed

- Those of you who have planted and plowed know the easy job is watering the seed
- The LORD spoke to me recently and said Calvary Chapel San Clemente has done a good job plowing the ground and planting the seed
- God gave us grace to do the hard work... it didn't seem hard at all
- The first year we arrived we jumped in with Easter Together to unify with the churches in San Clemente... that's good seed
- We held the first Harvest America and She Loves Out Loud events in San Clemente... that's good seed
- We launched Love San Clemente to unify the church to love our city... that's good seed
- We organized the first multi-church outreach in over 15 years in San Clemente... that's good seed
- And more recently we launched a School of Discipleship to train future leaders... that's good seed
- Although we may not be seeing the increase, we are ONE with those who are because our job was to plow and plant good seed
- That is a kingdom mindset... we are all one in the Kingdom of God and we all have our own reward according to our own labor
- And we are not done plowing new ground or planting new seed and I believe God is bringing us into a season of growth

**Galatians 6:7–10 (NKJV)**

<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. <sup>8</sup> For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. <sup>9</sup> And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

***I believe 2022 will be a year of growth, a year of blessing***

- In June 2015 the LORD told me there is a move of the Spirit coming and it is going to begin on the West Coast and go across the land over to the East Coast
- He said this move of the Spirit is going to be another net that's cast out is going to result in thousands and thousands of lives coming to Christ
- At that time the Spirit told me to get ready, to be ready, to be looking, to be watching, and be ready for this move of the Spirit

- He said it's going to touch San Clemente; it's going to touch previous areas that have been untouched on the West Coast by previous revivals
- It's going to be a move of the Spirit for evangelism
- It's going to be a move of the Spirit with great power and it's not going to be a weird move
- It's going to be an authentic move of the Holy Spirit with power, salvation and healing
- I've been watching for this to happen and I believe we started to see a movement in September 2020 when thousands gathered on the steps of Sacramento to worship and pray.
- This movement of worship and prayer went across our nation in the month of September and culminated in 2 national prayer events in Washington D.C. on the same day, at the same time
- One held by Franklin Graham representing the Evangelicals and the other held by Jonathan Cahn representing the Charismatics
- Thus you had the entire church gathered together at the nations capitol, unplanned, uncoordinated... it was a genuine work of the Spirit

***This year I met with a young man by the name of Adam Lamah***

- Adam Lamah is the organizer for the Beach Sessions which are evenings of worship on the major piers of Southern California
- They just held one at the San Clemente pier
- They set up a PA system and for 3 hours they worship the LORD and preach the gospel and they partner with local churches to follow up on those who come to Christ
- They will have hundreds of people show up to worship on the piers of Southern California
- We have a connection because we organize the Light At The Outlets which basically does the same thing with local San Clemente churches
- But they're not the only ones... there are many others doing the same thing in cities all over the West Coast... hosting pop-up worship events
- People are getting saved, healed and they're experiencing God's power
- This tells me we are at the beginnings of a real move of God!
- When you see people doing the same things, at the same time, with the same vision, independent of each other, just being led by the Spirit
- God is positioning us for a major outpouring of the Holy Spirit

***How are we going to grow?***

***Vs. 4 Isaiah says... you will no longer be called Forsaken or Desolate***

- I believe God has called us to be a place for healing of the heart
- To help people discover their identity in Christ through the teaching of God's Word... verse by verse, line upon line from Genesis to Revelation
- AND through the power of the Spirit as we pray for one another as we do in our Afterglow service
- The end of January, in our School Of Discipleship we are offering a Self-Confrontation Class which will give you a Biblical mindset for counseling
- I encourage everyone to take this class

***Vs. 5 Isaiah says bridegrooms will rejoice over brides***

- I believe we will see weddings in 2022

***Vs. 6-7 Isaiah says we are not to be silent***

- We are to be watchful until God establishes peace in Jerusalem and makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth
- I believe we are in a prophetic timeline... I'll over this New Year's Eve...
- But in the meantime, we are not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together but provoke each other to love and good works
- This is the season to encourage one another to be involved in each other's lives, to share Jesus with people, to lay hands on a pray for people... we represent Jesus to the world... let's represent Him well

***Vs. 8 Isaiah says those who have gathered food will eat it***

- I believe we will see the fruit of our labors in 2022

***Vs. 10-11 Isaiah says Surely your salvation is coming***

- We need to be about the gospel in 2022
- Whatever crisis is in your life... deal with it... take out the stones, build up the highway, lift up a banner... get the junk out of your life
- Jesus is coming back soon and it's time to get with the program

**Isaiah 62:12 (NKJV)**

<sup>12</sup> And they shall call them The Holy People (Set Apart for God), The Redeemed of the LORD (FORGIVEN AND HAPPY); And you shall be called Sought Out (Numerical growth), A City Not Forsaken (We will be known for the Presence of God and the love of God).

- REMEMBER: 2022 is a turning point year... a year of shifting, REVIVAL is here, God is positioning His people for the Harvest!