

Fire on the Prairie News

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At The Rock

by Jim Sopland

On October 11th - 13th, FOTP joined many other fellowships with C. P. Anderson for a time of gathering, thanksgiving, celebration and rededication in Sauk Centre.



We held worship services at the City Hall and two services at the Rock. This is no ordinary boulder in the middle of a corn field. It is shaped like a croissant, (David Lang's description, which I think is a good one) with two holes drilled in a horizontal position and two holes drilled in a vertical position. The two horizontal holes were drilled about 2 feet apart and were drilled for the purpose of holding a makeshift altar. The vertical holes were made to hold a banner or possible mooring from a boat.

We think this rock is significant because the early Viking Christian explorers used this rock as an altar. The holes have been there a long time. Recently, new archeology has validated the expedition of the explorers.

We held communion and worship at the Viking Altar Rock, which is perhaps the oldest Christian artifact on the North American continent. We were there, re-digging possibly the oldest spiritual "well" on this continent. It was a glorious time of giving thanks and rededicating our nation back to God. A lot was learned and many of us came away with new friends. We were reminded that we are a part of a larger body of Christ, seeking Him first and being obedient to His calling.

FOTP Schedule

Intercessory Prayer

Mondays at 7 PM

Wednesday Bible Study

Gathering & Fellowship at 7:00 PM

Training begins at 7:30 PM

Location for both meetings: 1043 Tenth Avenue (Hwy. 67) in Clarkfield, above the Post Office - use exterior stairway on side of building.

Friday, December 6th

Rev. Tom Fox

**Hope of Glory Ministries &
The Impact Center**

Friday, December 13th

Dr. Michael Pilla

**Metro Christian Fellowship &
Pilla Ministries**

Friday, December 20th

Rev. C. P. Anderson

**Truth Ministries &
Shiloh Metro Christian Fellowship**

Friday, December 27th

Fire~Power!

Translation Tales: Tephillah

by Diane Lang

PRAYER OR...PRAYER?

"And He (Jesus) said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of PRAYER...'" Matthew 21:13.

Such a simple word – prayer. But is it really that simple? Could something have been lost in the translation and interpretation to English or "Americanese"?

"My house shall be called a house of prayer". Images immediately spring into our minds based upon our own personal, cultural, religious or traditional understandings of the word "prayer". We pattern our concepts of prayer with the models we have seen, heard, experienced or learned.

Once again, the people of God must "study to show ourselves approved" and rightly discern the Word of God by returning for a look at the original Biblical language of that passage.

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It's New Testament, right? Must be Greek. Or is it?

If you have a reference Bible, check out the note on Matthew 21:13. Jesus Christ speaks with righteous anger toward those who have defiled the Temple of God by making it a "den of thieves". But He is quoting a powerful Old Testament (First or Old Covenant) promise in Isaiah 56 and that means the original language is Hebrew, not Greek.

Let's take a closer look at Isaiah 56:6-7 as the LORD declares...

"Also the sons of the foreigner who join themselves to the LORD, to serve Him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants -- Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, and holds fast My covenant -- Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations,"

A little side note: In Matthew 21:12-13 Jesus didn't just drive out the moneychangers and the buyers and sellers in the Temple court because He thought they were crooked, although many of them may have been. Instead, He was absolutely incensed that they had taken over the Court of the Gentiles that was set aside for the Gentile God-fearers to worship the One True God. Although God's chosen people were the Jews, God wanted a place where Gentiles (foreigners) could come and worship Him freely. The passage in Isaiah strongly declares the love and provision of God for the Gentiles.

If you are not Jewish by birth, the scripture in Isaiah 56:6-7 could apply to you.

These foreigners join themselves to the LORD. They cling to Him. They serve Him. They belong to Him. They love His name. They don't defile the Sabbath. They hold fast to His covenant.

The result is that God Himself will bring them to His holy mountain and HE will MAKE them JOYFUL in His house of prayer, and their sacrifices and offerings will be accepted by the LORD.

Think about it - the LORD Himself will MAKE them joyful in His house of prayer! What a promise! What a God!

Such a simple word - prayer. But is it really that simple?

But we'll miss something here unless we go back to the word "prayer". If we look in Strong's Exhaustive Concordance (remember, this is our first line of defense in Bible study and it is coded to the King James Version), this is what we discover about the word "prayer" in this passage:

Strong's Concordance #8605: (Hebrew) tephillah = intercession, supplication, by implication, a "hymn". In other words, prayer set to music, intercessory song, intercessory praise and worship. [Strong's was first published in 1890 and the word "hymn" was what they commonly understood at the time.]

"Tephillah" is used 77 times in the Old Testament while the Hebrew words representing spoken prayer are only rarely used. Almost every time the word "prayer" is found in the Psalms, it is "tephillah" which, of course, makes perfect sense because the book of Psalms was Israel's book of songs to the LORD.

However, there are clues elsewhere as to the nature of "tephillah".

Habakkuk 3 is Habakkuk's prayer unto God. Verse 1 tells us it is a prayer - a "tephillah" - an intercessory song. Verse 19 closes this prayer in chapter 3, this "tephillah", with these words: "To the Chief Musician. With my stringed instruments." There is no misunderstanding of the definition of "tephillah" here.

What can we deduce from studying the original word for "prayer" in Matthew 21:13?

Our Sovereign God promises that the house called by His name will be a house of "tephillah" prayer - a house of intercessory praise and worship where HE will bring the "foreigners" in and HE will cause great joy to come as they praise and worship Him in intercessory song. HE will make us joyful.

About 2-1/2 years ago, the LORD gave this prophetic promise in Isaiah 56 separately (and several weeks apart) to Diane and Jesse Lang, the co-leaders of Joshua Generation, the Fire on the Prairie worship team. The intercessory praise and worship reflects many varied concerns of the Father's heart, but if you have visited Fire on the Prairie any time in the last couple of years, you will see a great and unrestrained joy in praise and worship that simply cannot be contained as God has brought amazing freedom and liberty in the Spirit in worship.

He has truly MADE us JOYFUL in His house of "tephillah" at Fire on the Prairie.

"It's About Time!"

Thoughts on Jesse and Joy's wedding

"It's the best representation of covenant that I've ever seen. It was truly a covenant ceremony, more so than other weddings I've been to. It was the most amazing wedding I've ever attended."

*Jason White
Groomsman & friend of the couple*

"It was by far the most awesome, beautiful, enjoyable and holy marriage ceremony I've ever been to. The presence of God was so evident. When Jesse sang "The Character of You", the anointing filled the air. And when he sang the love song "I Am Here" to Joy, there was not a dry eye in the place, not even Jesse's. What a testimony! I often refer to them as role models for my children. I say "See how God honors your obedience?" It was truly glorious.

*Traci Arnold
Friend of the couple*

"Their wedding was a truly God centered wedding that had almost every person there crying because of the moving of the Holy Spirit. The message on the holiness of Marriage was so good that it convicted many of us "old" married couples. I think a lot of marriages were better at least for a little while after their wedding. Joy was floating in God's glory and shining in His presence. Jesse reminded me of what Solomon must have looked like from his writings in Song of Solomon. This was his bride, the mother of his future children, but most of all, a God-fearing woman who loves the Lord with all of her heart. This was her husband, the father of her future children, with an obvious call on his life, and most importantly a God-fearing man who loves the Lord with all his heart.

"This is a couple who has set an example and who will be obedient to the Father in Heaven. It will be fun to watch their life shape in the next few years. If their wedding is any kind of sign, God will be at the center of their lives."

*Jim Sopland
Groomsman & friend of the couple*

"Oh, praise the Lord! It's about

time! . . . Wow! I just want to confess in front of everybody here that this is one of the most beautiful marriages I have ever been to or in, and I really feel the Holy Spirit moving here today.

(To Jesse and Joy) "I can see the Holy Spirit shining in both of your eyes when you are together....I know that you two....will bring joy and happiness into many people's lives, sharing the Gospel, and spreading the joy that you two have together."

*Daren Mehl
Best Man
At the beginning of the reception (video).*

"John and I were happy to be part of Jesse and Joy's wedding celebration. It was certainly a celebration! They had anxiously awaited the day for a very long time, actually for years. It was special that Joy could wear her Mom's dress, blending old and new. Jesse had written a lovely song for his bride, and all the music was great. I think everyone enjoyed the Virginia Reel and the good food. It was a worshipful time and lots of fun, too. We all wish them years of health and happiness as they continue to serve the Lord.

*Lois Lynner
Friend of the couple*

"Several weeks before Jesse's and Joy's wedding, the Lord began to impress upon me that He alone was to be in first place in the wedding and not the bridal couple as is routine even in Christian weddings. If He were given that place of honor through praise and worship and by focusing the wedding on His presence, He promised to do the extraordinary.

"I asked Jesse to pray about it. At first he hesitated, saying he didn't want to be leading praise and worship during his own wedding, but then he realized that the Lord was indeed asking him for what looked like a sacrifice. So with only a week to go before the wedding, we began to pull together a worship team which included the two of us and two beloved friends

from our time in Northfield, Jason White and Nathan Geffers, both God-Chasers!

"Immediately after the wedding began, Jesse sang "The Character of You" to the Lord, a song of love and devotion, asking God that his character would become like the Lord's.

"The ceremony was a covenant ceremony which included the Sharing of the Cup. An insert in the wedding programs explained the covenant origin of wedding traditions that we normally just take for granted.

"During the wedding, grown men, as well as women and children, wept as the awesome and holy presence of the Holy Spirit permeated the atmosphere, touching both believers and unbelievers alike.

"After the ceremony and reception dinner, the place erupted in explosive praise and worship to the Lord!

"Over and over, we (the parents of both the bride and the groom and Joy and Jesse themselves) heard from guests that this was the ...most awesome... most incredible... most beautiful... most holy... most sacred.... most meaningful.... most wonderful.... most extraordinary.... and even the most fun... wedding people had ever attended. Words failed many people and tears welled up again as they tried to describe what they experienced during the wedding. Even those who did not know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord sensed that there was something awesome about Jesse and Joy's wedding. The countenances of many faces bore witness that many hearts were softened that day. God indeed honored the word of His promise to us to do something extraordinary.

"As a minister of the Gospel, I too was powerfully touched by what God did that day, and I know that I will encourage any couple I may marry in the future to truly put the Lord first in

their wedding ceremony.”

I love You, Lord!

Rev. Diane Lang
Mother of the groom

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Brass For Gold

by Traci Arnold



Around January of 2001, I had a vision. Naturally, I thought I had the vision all figured out. Boy, was I wrong!

God started showing me one night a week, set aside just to worship and adore the Lover of our souls. He even gave me little catch phrases like “Fall into the arms of the Lover of your soul” and “Experience a night of romance like no other” and “Find the fullness of joy that is in His presence”. I would be meditating on what He was showing me, and then I would try to figure out how it was going happen.

I shared a little bit of my vision (my vision, HA!) with someone in leadership of at one of the fellowships I am a part of. While sharing the vision with this person, I became so excited! As I rambled on and on about what it was to be like, this person got very excited as well! He encouraged me to share the vision with the person in charge of the fellowship.

What? Was he kidding? I couldn't do that! I was way too chicken! What if he thought it was a bad idea? Worse yet, what if he thought it was a great idea and he asked me to implement it? So I let it go, or “put it on the back burner” so to speak.

About six months later, I was at an outdoor Christian concert visiting with another gentleman from the same fellowship. We were talking about our need and other people's need for intimacy with the Father. We were tossing around ideas as well as tried and

true things that can bring people closer to Him.

Suddenly, I found myself sharing the vision with him as well. He answered with a very enthusiastic “We're going to have that! That's bizarre! We are going to start having a service just like what you described!” As I started probing, I found out that it was to be on Saturdays, and that it would happen once a month.

What? That wasn't what I was thinking at all! I felt in my spirit that it was to be once a week, and for some reason, I thought it should happen on Fridays. As I do too often though, I was willing to settle for far less than God had in mind for me. I thought that service once a month was what the vision was all about. Little did I know that six weeks later, I would attend FOTP for the first time. And little did I know that it was everything that I had seen in the vision.

The other group has since stopped doing the once-a-month meetings. However, FOTP goes on, and so does my relationship with Jesus. The moral of this story: never try to substitute brass for gold. Never accept less than God has for you.

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**Bride's Eye View Of
The “Big Day”**

by Joylena Lang
(formerly Joylena Stiles)

Jesse and I put a lot of thought into making our wedding very honoring to the Lord (since He's the One who brought us together) and very meaningful to us personally.

Almost every detail that we planned had a specific reason and purpose. There wasn't a whole lot that we did just because that is what you do at weddings.

First, I had always wanted to wear my mother's wedding dress. Not only did she wear it but so did my oldest sister. It was more important to me to wear the dress my mother and sister were married in than to have the fun of going out and buying my own wedding gown. Then there was my great grandmother's necklace that I wore. There are at least five other ladies in my family who wore it at their weddings. It was a blessing to wear.

Next there was choosing who would have roles at the wedding. Jesse and I strongly value our families and tried to find a part for as many family members as possible. We had a part for all the siblings and nieces and nephews. It was very special to have them all involved in this special day.

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**God has taught us
about the
sacredness of the
marriage covenant.**

Then there was the ceremony. We have learned a lot over the years about covenant and Jewish marriage customs through C.P. Anderson, my new mother-in-law Diane, and Israeli workshops. I also had a book explaining the reason behind many of our marriage customs. For instance, the white aisle runner symbolizes walking on holy ground to make a sacred covenant. All my years of attending weddings I had no idea there was significance behind this act. I thought it was just to make the wedding prettier.

Why do the bride and groom feed each other cake? The cake represents the body just as bread does in communion. Feeding the cake symbolizes the bride and groom becoming one body. It made so much more sense to have a reason behind every act done in making the marriage covenant rather than just doing what everyone does at weddings.

We thank God for everything He has taught us about the sacredness of the marriage covenant. We feel we were well educated on exactly what we were getting ourselves into. Thanks again to everyone who helped with anything to make our wedding and marriage happen. We love our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Wise Ones Still Seek Him

by Diane Lang

Journey to Renewal and Revival

In mid-October, a friend who makes a three hour round trip almost every Friday to come to Fire on the Prairie, said hopefully: "We need a 'Fire on the Prairie' here".

I wanted to agree with her. My heart cries out to see renewal/ revival all over this region and this nation. But instead I heard myself say, "I don't think it will happen, not unless there are major changes".

"But the people here are hungry for God," came her reply.

"They are not hungry enough".

Then these words rose in my spirit: "Wise men still seek Him". The story in Matthew 2 began to explode in revelation, as the Lord shared that this story of the Wise Men seeking Jesus **parallels the journey to renewal and revival.**

Inconvenience vs. the Manifest Presence of God

The Wise Men came from somewhere east of Israel (vs. 1). No one knows their names, their country, or how many there were. They were wise men, the Magi, a priestly hereditary caste who explained omens, interpreted dreams and practiced divination.

They came out of their own country, encountering massive inconvenience, leaving behind the comfort zones of their own language and culture, their families and friends, perhaps even their way to earn a living.

Their journey was likely very long – it could have been weeks, months, even up to two years and hundreds of miles. We do know that after finding out how long the sign of the star had been in the sky, Herod's troops murdered every baby boy in the region two years old and younger (vs. 16).

They probably traveled through the desert – hot by day, cold by night – with no rest areas with modern restrooms and certainly no comfortable hotels. Slow moving camels were the norm for desert travel – no trains, planes or automobiles to speed them on their journey.

Imagine the cost of this journey in time, money, and extreme effort, as well as discomfort. Danger and hardship were probably close companions as traveling caravans were targets of murderous thieves.

The Wise Men came to the governmental seat of Jerusalem first; they were looking for a king, and the king's palace was the obvious place for a baby king to be born. "Tacitus and Suetonius testify that in the East at this time in history, there was a general expectation of a king to be born in Judea who was to rule the world." (from Dake's Bible notes).

The Wise Men asked around Jerusalem for this new king (vs. 2). They had seen the sign and followed the star, and they had come all this way just to worship the new king and give gifts. But verses 3 and 4 tell us that King Herod as well as **all** of Jerusalem were troubled. Although the secular nation of Israel was under the control of the Roman governor, Herod was king of the Jews, the leader of a religious people, and his

authority and leadership were at stake. Herod was fearful of losing his position and of losing control.

Herod asked the chief priests and scribes "where the Christ was to be born" (vs. 4). As most of you know, Christ is not Jesus' last name; it is a title. From the Greek comes the title "Christ", but in Hebrew it is Meschiach or Messiah - the Anointed One and His anointing, the very presence and power of God.

Herod feigned interest, secretly (so the rest of the people in his city wouldn't know what he was actually doing) giving the Wise Men instructions to find the Child in Bethlehem and then return to him, so that Herod could supposedly worship the new King himself. But Herod had murder in his heart. He wanted to find where the Anointed One was, as he was determined to destroy any and all possibilities of any threat to his rule, his leadership, his control (vs. 7-8).

The Magi traveled to Bethlehem, following the star that went before them. At the appearance of the sign of the star, they were filled with exceedingly great joy, not just joy, not just great joy, but **exceedingly** great joy - which should be our response to the signs God gives us of His manifest presence. [By the way, just how does the Body of Christ "do" exceedingly great joy, anyway?]

They found the Christ, a young child, a "*pais*" (*Greek*), older than a "*brephos*" (*Greek* = a newborn babe), in the **house** of Mary and Joseph (down the drain goes our traditional Christmas story with the shepherds and the Wise Men together worshipping baby Jesus in the manger).

When they saw Jesus, they fell down to the ground and worshiped Him, giving Him gifts of their treasures - gold, frankincense and myrrh. Then God warned them about Herod's murderous plans, and they went to their own country another way (vs. 10-12).

The Radical Road to Renewal/Revival

For the past eight and a half years, since one incredible evening in May 1993, the Lord in His great mercy has allowed our family to be involved in renewal and revival. Pondering this Biblical account has made us acutely aware of how our journey, and the journeys of others desperately hungry for the manifest presence of God, greatly parallels that of the Wise Men.

God's Word calls them "wise men". What does it take to be a wise one in God's eyes?

- 1) The Lord sent a sign for many, many people to see – a brilliant star in the heavens - but apparently only a few (a remnant) responded, first the shepherds at the manger in Bethlehem, then the Wise Men. The Wise Men saw the sign and acted on it. They made a deliberate and costly choice to not ignore it and stay home. The Bible says that all Jerusalem was troubled by the news of God's sign, but there is no indication that they tried to get to where the sign was pointing them to go.
- 2) The Wise Men left their hometowns, their countries, wives and children and familiar surroundings, **for no other purpose** than to come to where His manifest incarnate presence was, to seek Him, to worship and adore Him, and to give Him gifts out of their treasures.

How "Hungry" Were They?

* It cost them a great amount of time and effort on an uncomfortable trip.

* It cost them the financial cost of their physical journey – money and provisions for the long trip.

* They put their physical lives at risk during what was probably a dangerous journey.

* They risked rejection, ridicule, and reputation for the "foolishness" of following a sign and seeking God.

* They chose tremendous inconvenience and hardship. It would have been much more convenient to stay home and wish that the Anointed One and His anointing would come to them instead of traveling many miles and enduring much. They didn't sit around and wait for His manifest presence to come to them; they traveled to where His presence was manifesting. They would have missed Him had they remained where they normally were!

How hungry am I for God - truthfully?

* They sought God's presence for themselves and didn't just listen to the opinions of others.

* They chose to obey God and follow His leading instead of that of Herod, who was concerned about losing rulership (control) over the people around him. They risked Herod's wrath to obey God at great personal risk – Herod's wrath was murderous. He was determined to destroy the Anointed One and His Anointing because of his jealousy and went to great lengths to do so. Unfortunately this same spirit in Herod is alive and operating today.

* They chose to defy the norms and conventions of the day to go after God, despite great personal risk.

* They were passionate in their worship – experiencing exceedingly great joy when the star appeared and then when they encountered the

manifest presence of God in Bethlehem, they literally fell down and worshiped Him.

* They didn't stay home because "it should be in **my town (my church, etc)**. They went to **the place** where God set His name and manifested His presence. God sets His name and His presence in certain places – Bethel, Shiloh, and Jerusalem are Biblical examples. People went **to** those places to meet with God.

* They didn't go where His manifest presence was **in the past** (in the manger); they went where His presence was **currently manifesting** (in the house of Mary and Joseph).

How Hungry Are We?

In my experience over the past eight and a half years, I have encountered many Christians who believed that they were hungry for God. But the bottom line is this, we are not truly hungry for Him unless we are willing to be massively inconvenienced, risking ridicule and rejection and loss of reputation, willing to literally sacrifice our time, our money, our effort, our comfort zones to travel to where God's presence is manifest.

How hungry am I for God - truthfully?

Am I hungry enough for His awesome presence that I am willing to be greatly inconvenienced, to possibly have my entire life turned upside down? Do I really believe that His manifest presence is worth all the changes in my life that may come as a result of leaving behind "average" for a life of radically loving God?

Am I hungry enough to go outside of **all** of my comfort zones? Will I allow the opinions or actions of anyone - family members, friends, other Christians in my church or town, my employer – to hold me back from radically serving the Lord?

Am I hungry enough to risk rejection, ridicule and my reputation?

Am I hungry enough to willingly pay the cost in time, money, and effort?

Am I hungry enough to check things out for myself or will I just accept what others say when I hear about a place where God may be moving?

Am I hungry enough to travel to where the presence of God is manifest?

Am I hungry enough to come just to worship Him and give Him gifts out of my treasures like the Wise Men?

Am I hungry enough to worship Him with great physical and emotional passion or do I restrain myself so I "fit in"? Do I value my dignity above His deity?

Am I willing to wait for the Lord even if it means losing sleep, foregoing meals, sports, entertainment, etc.?

At Fire on the Prairie, we have regularly experienced greater anointing the later the meetings last – often there is a second or third wave of the Spirit. Randy Clark, who God used to help start the Toronto Blessing in 1994, frequently states that the Lord seems to hold back the greatest anointing until around 11 PM and again after 1 AM. We can confirm that.

Through the wonderful grace of God, Jesse and I were able to go on six trips to the Toronto Blessing between 1994 and 1997. Once we began to realize what God was doing, we went **everywhere** we could possibly get to where God was moving in power.

When revival hit RezzChurch in the Twin Cities when Australian Doug Stanton came to minister, we drove the 2 hour round trip at least 3-4 times a week for about two years, packing our van with teenagers hungry for God. Each time God met us in

powerful ways and, in His mercy, allowed us to carry His anointing back with us. Amazing and awesome things happened that spoiled us forever for "church as usual"- even "Spirit filled" church.

We have tasted and seen that the Lord is good! We have seen too much – we have experienced too much – we have been loved by the Lord too much in our journey to go back to the way things were before.

Our prayer is that we will be Wise Ones who cherish the move of God, who are so hungry for God's presence that we will continually seek His face, and that the Lord would unite us with all who hunger for His manifest presence.



Wise Ones Still Seek Him: A Confirmation

by Barb Schacherer

On November 3rd, I attended a meeting at Community Bible Church in Montevideo where prophetic minister Tom Stamman preached on the subject of being hungry for God, which confirmed much of the message given nine days earlier at FOTP by Diane Lang, pastor of Fire on the Prairie (see article above).

His very first confirming example (one of many) was the illustration of the Wise Men being willing to travel for miles to find God. God is everywhere, but are we really willing to go to where the **manifest** presence of God is?

It's fun to hear so many affirmations of what we've learned earlier at Fire on the Prairie, as so often happens.

Keep coming, Holy Spirit!

Reflections On TGIF: Thank God It's Friday

"Let another praise you, and not your own mouth...."
Proverbs 27:2a

"I give God all the praise and glory for making a way for me to return to Fire on the Prairie. The Lord had been prompting me to return for quite some time, but I wanted to make sure it was the Lord speaking and leading me. God is always faithful to arrange and work things out even when we aren't sure of what His will is for us. I just want to say that if your spirit grieves for a deeper, more intimate relationship with Jesus Christ and freedom in God's will, I encourage you to come and experience God's freedom."

Jackie S.
Southwestern Minnesota



Coming Next Issue...

Recently, several people have wondered aloud how Fire on the Prairie began, having thought that FOTP was perhaps patterned after IHOP (International House of Prayer in Kansas City) or after various Harp and Bowl models.

Although we believe that IHOP and Harp & Bowl are from the Lord, the truth is that FOTP was and is the result of step-by-step revelation from the Lord over a period of the past eight years. We never decided to "start" FOTP, and we didn't pattern it after any other meetings. It just came to pass as the Lord would ask us to obey Him with one little step, then another, and then another. We never expected what has happened to happen, nor did we make any plans to bring it about. Fire on the Prairie is a sovereign move of God.

Looking back, I think we might have

run the other direction if the Lord had actually shown us all at one time what was coming. In His mercy, He only revealed things one baby step at a time as we could handle it. After we had done what He told us to do, a bit later He would reveal another little step.

The glory for **everything** at FOTP , past, present, and future, goes to our Lord of Lords and King of Kings, and **to Him alone.**

We take no credit for any of the awesome things God has done, and we are very aware that it is His extreme mercy and grace that allows FOTP to continue.

In our next newsletter we will share the story of FOTP. It is a record of the miraculous mercy of God and an account of the journey to radical abandonment in worshiping our loving Lord!

Closing Thoughts

We meet every Friday night at 7:30PM at the Municipal Building, 904 - 10th Avenue (Hwy. 67) in Clarkfield, MN. Worship intercession begins at 7PM for those who just can't worship the Lord enough! For info, call: 320.669.4402. **God bless you!**

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