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## APOSTLE'S CORNER by Apostle John Bowers

### Help and Hope in Dark Times

Isaiah prophesied that there would be darkness covering the earth and gross darkness on the people of the earth. This is, and has been, true through the centuries. Yet in every dark era, there has always been hope and help. This help comes from the Lord Jesus and His Church. Isaiah further stated that in those times, we (the Church) should arise and shine for the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

John chapter one tells us that in the beginning was the Word of God which created all things. As Creator He willingly entered our darkness to bring us The Light of Father God. Jesus was that Word. He came caring, sharing and willing to touch the lost and hurting with the glory of Father God.

As a believer in Jesus, that same power to touch and encourage others is in you. Jesus prayed in John chapter seventeen that "as You, Father, sent me into the world, so send I them ( the believers)." Jesus was sent equipped and anointed by Father God with the Power and Presence of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 10:38) According to His prayer, so we who believe have been equipped and anointed, also.

Let us choose to recognize the times we have been born for, but rather than complain, let's lift our voices, and give Voice to hope. That Hope is Jesus Christ. He will never leave nor forsake those who believe. Apostle James also wrote that if you believe, you will have corresponding actions. So our actions and words reflect our true faith.

Let us dare to believe the Word of God and love, touch and encourage those around us. There will be better days.

Yet this is the day to arise and shine giving hope and making a difference. Be a blessing. God has blessed you, and entrusted you. Shine, Believer, Shine!

Pastor/ Apostle,  
Pastor John Bowers

## BIBLE TEACHER JAMES MONTGOMERY JULY 11 - 13

**Rev. Jim Montgomery**, of Montgomery Ministries, Inc., Broken Arrow, OK, a graduate of Rhema Bible Training Center, has served the Body of Christ in a teaching and preaching capacity for over 25 years. He will minister at Grace Sunday through Tuesday, July 11 - 13. Jim's ministry impacts people with the truth of God's Word, imparts the life and power of God, and empowers people with the presence of God. The result is a ministry experience that is encouraging and enlightening. His preaching and teaching help believers discover and experience abundant life—the life you were born to live!

In addition to ministry throughout the USA, Jim has ministered extensively in India, Egypt, Turkey, Kenya, Canada, Mexico, and Israel.

The purpose of Montgomery Ministries is to make the goodness of God known to as many people as possible. Their heart is to see people set free by the power of God and brought into the liberty that God's Word promises them.

The foundational structure for Montgomery Ministries is found in Acts 14:22, "Strengthening the hearts of the disciples and encouraging them to continue in the faith." Jim and his wife, Stephanie, are fully committed to carrying out Jesus' mandate to "make disciples of all nations."

Services at Grace are 10 AM and 7 PM on Sunday, July 11th and 7 PM on Monday and Tuesday, July 12th & 13th. There will be no Bible Study at Grace on Wednesday, but we will join James at Abundant Life Church of Erie, 2247 East 19th Street in Erie, PA at 7 PM .

## PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS!

### A SOLDIER'S PRAYER

*Lord, as I go about my duties today, be with me and protect me. Let me feel the comfort of Your presence and be my strength and my shield as I go into harm's way. Protect all those with whom I serve, and let us not harm anyone innocent. Help us to protect those we have sworn to serve . . .*

This prayer was written by Barbara Lewandowski, a member of the Presidential Prayer Team. Her prayer was contributed to the **U.S. Military Pocket Prayer Book** to be prayed verbatim by the men and women of our Armed Forces.

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# In My Vision: The Woman Who had just Died... Opened Her Eyes Wide, Gaped in Air and was Brought Back to Life

by Luke Holter

July 1, 2010

My wife and I are entering into an awesome time in our lives and ministry. The Lord has moved me into full-time ministry, and we are learning a lot already about the benefits and struggles that come from such an invitation. I am so excited that I am getting more time to spend with the Father during this season of my life. It is an honor and privilege to get such an awesome invitation from the Lord.

Recently I was in my office praying, when I had a vision from the Lord. I was walking into nightclubs, mental institutions and music venues, seeing the darkness that was overwhelming in these places. Then I was led by an angel into the ladies' restroom where I saw a young lady crumpled up on the floor in a restroom stall. This young lady had overdosed on heroin and was breathing her last few breaths. I could hear her as she gasped for air; and in the Spirit, I could hear what she was saying. With every breath the words, "Where are they?" echoed into the Spirit realm. To the naked human ear you could only hear the gasping, but the Holy Spirit gave me the ability to hear deeper.

As she died on the restroom floor, I saw a generation burst into the restroom, and a young girl scooped up this woman who had just died and started interceding and praying in tongues over her lifeless body. The woman

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who had just died of a drug overdose opened her eyes wide, gasped in air and was brought back to life. She was raised from the dead in this nightclub restroom. This was an incredible vision from the Lord and moved my heart in a place of prayer with the Lord. I just sat in my office sobbing and calling this generation forth for the sake of men and women just like this.

## **"The Creation Waits with Eager Longing for the Appearing of the Sons of God"**

Later that same day, my wife and I were grabbing a quick dinner at the mall before I had to minister at an event. We were just sitting in the mall, when I caught someone out of the corner of my eye. I turned my head and saw a young boy around the age of 12 or 14, and he was handicapped and needed to use a walker to get around. What caught my attention in the first place was this loud squeaking noise one of his wheels was making.

As I watched the young man, I saw he had a friend with him, walking alongside him. At first I thought, Man, that must be frustrating to that young man to have his squeaking wheel draw so much attention to him. Then the Holy Spirit

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let me hear in a new way, and while I heard the noise his apparatus was making, I could also hear in the Spirit the phrase, "Where are they?" It was all I could do to keep my composure while there. I asked the Holy Spirit, "What are You saying to me through this? Why am I hearing this same question today all around me?"

The Holy Spirit said, "They are asking for the appearing of the sons of God . . . the creation waits with eager longing for the appearing of the sons of God!"

## **"Are You Willing to Appear?"**

We are called to dark places to bring the very light of Jesus. This Elisha generation will go into places that have been deemed not safe to go. There are those in the world that are loved of God and do not know Him yet. A people that are helpless and harassed and without a shepherd. There are broken, dying and hurting people that are waiting to be set free from bondage and in desperate need to receive the freedom of the glory of God poured out from His God.

Romans 8:20-21 *For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.*

As I was praying about all this, I told the Lord, "I will move out in faith and stretch myself for You, Lord. I get afraid just like others and say, What if

**"The Holy Spirit said, 'Stop trying to excuse your disbelief and just step out of the boat.'"**

I move out and nothing happens?" The Holy Spirit said, "Stop trying to excuse your disbelief and just step out of the boat. The only difference between you and the apostle Peter is that he got out of the boat. I have given you everything you need to follow Me and perform signs and wonders. Through Jesus, We have made all this accessible to you. We are looking for a platform of compassion in your heart to rest upon. Compassion will be the catalyst for signs and wonders, not curiosity, not hunger for power, not desire for fame, but rather the very Spirit of compassion for others."

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See, I am tired of seeing people in public places that are hurting, distressed and harassed and not having the courage to lay hands on them. The truth is, we become so comfortable with laying hands on people in church services for hurting backs or knees, but where is the power that we need to have in order to perform life-changing miracles in the public arena? I know this is going on in other countries and even in select places in the U.S., but I am not satisfied with this . . . I have become passionate with a (*continued on page 3*)

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new desire for signs and wonders. We are to display them and demonstrate to the world the power and love of Christ Jesus.

So the question is: "Are you willing to appear?"

**God is Looking for the Average, Everyday Christians to Become Active and Anointed**

The Lord was speaking to me in prayer saying, "We are looking for the average, everyday Christians to become active and anointed. It is no longer a time where only a few well-known ministers will operate in power and authority. It is a time when the average will become the anointed."

**"The Lord wants us to know who we are and to operate out of that revelation."**

The Lord wants us to know who we are and to operate out of that revelation. There is a mighty army that needs to know they are the sons of God spoken of in Romans 8. A few large ministries in the world cannot do all the work of the Kingdom of Heaven. You must stand up and say, "Yes, I will go for You, Father." We, as everyday Believers, must say in our hearts, "Here I am, Lord, send me." You do not have to be great to be greatly used.

The Lord says, "I am looking for Elishas to raise them up and endue them with power from on high. I want to bring forth a generation that is not afraid to get its hands dirty by loving the unlovely. No longer will a generation be weighed down by false church doctrine that has prevented them from going out and bringing light into dark places. Will you arise and appear to the hurting, dying, dirty, hungry, demonically possessed, and the heartbroken?" God is with you, generation, and this is His commission to you, sons of God!

**Prayer:** Lord, I pray You would help those who think they are just average Christians to see *(continued next column)*

that they are much more than average, but that they are anointed to perform signs and wonders. Let this generation see they are kings and priests and ambassadors of Christ. God, let a spirit of compassion rise up in the Church across America! Father, let Your sons come forth and appear to the world in redemptive power! Amen.

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**... and who knows whether you are come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this?**

Esther 4:14

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Luke Holter

**GOD BLESS AMERICA, AND AMERICA, BLESS GOD!**

**We can shine the brightest when it is the darkest.**

Charles Stock

**FREEDOM ISN'T FREE**

I watched the flag pass by one day.  
It fluttered in the breeze.

A young Marine saluted it,  
And then he stood at ease.

I looked at Him in uniform  
So young, so tall, so proud,  
With hair cut square and eyes alert  
He'd stand out in any crowd.

I thought how many men like him  
Had fallen through the years.  
How many died on foreign soil?  
How many mothers' tears?

How many pilots' planes shot down?  
How many died at sea?  
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?

No, freedom isn't free.

I heard the sound of taps one night,  
When everything was still,  
I listened to the bugler play  
And felt a sudden chill.

I wondered just how many times  
That taps had meant 'Amen',  
When a flag had draped a coffin  
Of a brother or a friend.

I thought of all the children,  
Of the mothers and the wives,  
Of fathers, sons, and husbands  
With interrupted lives.

I thought about a graveyard  
At the bottom of the sea  
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.  
No, freedom isn't free.

~ author unknown~

For all of our military personnel, wherever they may be, please support all of the troops defending our country.

And God bless our military who are protecting our country for our freedom. Thanks to them, their families and their sacrifices, we can celebrate the 4th of July.

We must never forget who gets the credit for the freedoms we have, for which we should be eternally grateful.

**ENJOY YOUR FREEDOM  
AND AGAIN BLESS OUR  
TROOPS**

**Of all the gifts you could give a US service personnel today, prayer is the very best one.**

