

# **It's Time To Tell Your Soul To Sing Again!**

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This article was written by my good friend Kerry Hansher. In it she shares what the Lord spoke to her about this year, with key prophecies for overcoming the enemy and advancing through your door of promise. She shares her story, and then she provides a series of important questions to pray through with the Holy Spirit. Finally, Kerry provides a great list of declarations from Isaiah 54 that you can declare over yourself to help see you through this challenging season with victory. Through it all, we hope your soul will sing again! Enjoy this great story full of hope. Kay Tolman

As we crossed over the threshold into February, I have found myself reflecting on several key prophetic words and messages that were released at the beginning of 2024, wondering what the manifestation of these words would look like in my own life. One of the messages I continue to think about came from Isaac Pitre, during the Starting the Year Off Right conference at Glory of Zion International Ministries. Isaac's prophetic release from I Corinthians 16:9 was a declaration to the Body of Christ that the Lord is opening a great effectual door for us to walk through this year, BUT there are many adversaries! Isaac further expounded on this by explaining that this is a year of expanding, increasing boundaries and as a result, this year is not so much about protecting our boundaries as it is about erasing boundaries to take new territories for the Kingdom of God! As I listened to him preach, I felt like a Holy Spirit fire erupted in me and I began to say "Yes! Here I am Lord. I'm ready to walk through this effectual door because I know you are leading me, and you will certainly show me how to overtake my adversaries!"

This word so resonated in my spirit because as we were coming to the end of 2023, the Lord told me that as I stepped into January 2024, the month that I would celebrate my 54<sup>th</sup> birthday, I would enter into an "Isaiah 54 year!" Everything Isaac spoke in his message that day felt like a personal love letter from the Lord to me. Isaac ended his message by singing a song I had not heard since I was a little girl. Immediately, I burst into tears as it felt like God himself was singing directly to me with these words: "Beyond the open door is a new and fresh anointing. Hear the Spirit calling for you to go. So walk on through the door, for the Lord will go before you, into a greater power than you have ever known before." It is hard to put into words what happened to me in those moments, but something shifted inside of me and it was as if my soul began to sing again, just like the prophet Isaiah beckons us to do in Isaiah Chapter 54!

A few days later, the Lord spoke again and said, "This is an Isaiah 54 year for you and while you and I normally celebrate your birthday for a full month, this year we will celebrate your birthday all year long!" I have to admit I was a bit overwhelmed when I heard Him speak those words because the excitement and love in His voice was palpable. I knew then that the Lord had additional insight stored up for me in this chapter that Isaiah penned thousands of years ago, so I sat down with Holy Spirit to search out the "truth nuggets" that the Lord wanted to blow on so new revelation would come to me. As I slowly began to read, I heard Holy Spirit say, "Pay attention to the promises recorded here for future generations to read. As I highlight specific promises to you, turn the promises into prophetic declarations and begin speaking and prophesying them over your life. Use them to seed the heavens so we can partner together to bring about their fulfillment in your life." I felt a new level of excitement well up inside of me, while also feeling cautious to not "grab ahold" of any promises written that He was not specifically breathing on for me at this time. Holy Spirit went on to say, "I have tremendous things

planned for you in this Isaiah 54 year so get ready to watch me work! There will be endings, new beginnings, shifts, twists, and turns. There will be both resistance and breakthrough but I will be with you every moment of every day to pull you through. Even now, I am preparing to dispatch angels to make ready those things that will be opened up and given to you this year."

At this point, you may be thinking, "Why is Kerry sharing all of this with me? It seems so personal." I'm glad you asked. As I was sitting with Holy Spirit this evening to write, He began to show me that I am only one of millions of ritual abuse survivors all over the world who have experienced barrenness, rejection, abandonment, betrayal, shame, guilt, reproach, exile and unspeakable levels of grief. As a result of the trauma we have endured, many of us have found ourselves on a difficult path in search of healing, deliverance and wholeness. We desperately need the Lord to rebuild and restore our fragmented hearts and lives, yet sometimes we find it to be extremely difficult to believe that we could personally be recipients of the promises written in this chapter by the prophet Isaiah, even when we have the faith to believe these promises to be possible for others to walk in. As I continued to listen to the still small voice of the Lord speaking to my heart, I came to realize that one of the most common reasons we struggle to grab ahold of the promises of the Lord for our own lives is our doubt and unbelief. In some cases, the doubts are rooted in a deeply embedded belief that we are simply too broken for God to heal, especially if we have judged God as being distant and disinterested, just like the abusers who traumatized us and then left us alone to fend for ourselves. In other situations, our skepticism surrounding healing corresponds to foundational lies we have come to believe about ourselves. In other words, if we view ourselves as permanently defiled, damaged goods, shameful, "guilty as charged," unworthy of love, inept, wicked, a waste of time, or hopeless, then the idea of personal wholeness may be completely outside of our vocabulary. Regardless of the reasons for our unbelief, if we continue to view ourselves as victims, we will live the rest of our lives as such!

Regardless of what lies we have come to believe, the reality is that because Yeshua came and the power of Holy Spirit was released into the earth after Jesus' ascension, we have been given a divine opportunity and a clear path forward to "change our stinkin' thinkin'!" John 8:32 (Passion Translation) says this: "*For if you **embrace the truth, it will release true freedom into your lives.***" The New King James Version states it this way, "*And you shall **know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.***"

As a result of my obedience to Holy Spirit's instruction to begin to write out, declare and prophesy Isaiah 54 over my life this year, I feel faith and confidence in the Lord's ability to perform His word in MY LIFE rising up inside. My mind is being renewed step by step and the lies that the enemy tries to whisper into my ear are growing quieter by the day. I'm even finding my soul doing the very first thing the Lord requested of me as recorded in Isaiah 54:1 (VOICE), "Sing, childless woman, you who have never given birth. Raise a joyful shout, you who have never gone through labor." My soul is starting to sing again in a new way ... not just in the natural but also in the spiritual realm. My story is still being written and I am convinced the best part is ahead! His promises to ME in this chapter are coming alive in a new way, giving my soul a reason and the desire to sing and worship again!

As I close out this article, I am extending an invitation to each of you to sit with Holy Spirit to ask Him to help you answer a few questions: "Am I listening to the enemy's lies that tell me I am too broken to heal ... Do I believe I am too filthy to become cleansed ... Am I believing the lie that God's promises are for everyone else, not me ... Is there a part of me that believes I AM what HAPPENED to me ... Do I believe I am unworthy of love ... Have I lost hope for my own healing?" If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, or others the Holy Spirit had you answer like these, perhaps the Lord is extending a call to you to stop aligning with the destiny the enemy is speaking over you and instead, begin to partner with the Lover of Your Soul in a more purposeful way to hear what He is speaking over you.

***If we do nothing, nothing will change.*** If, however, we embrace the opportunities that the Lord puts in front of us to choose and create change, He is faithful to back us up with His power and anointing so that eventually, in His time and way, the needed shifts in our lives occur. Are you willing to take a risk and do something different this year - giving your soul a chance to find something, or someone, to sing about?

While Holy Spirit may lead you to receive and begin speaking other prophetic declarations from Him that are more relevant to where you are in your personal journey, I felt to go ahead and share with you some of the personal prophetic declarations and life changing "nuggets of truth" Holy Spirit gave me from Isaiah 54. Whether you choose another scripture or use the promises of Isaiah 54 as your "stepping-stones" into deeper levels of faith and healing, my challenge to each of you is to begin to hear, know and be purposeful about agreeing with what our Heavenly Father is saying over you, your families, and those you are connected with. There is power in agreement and unity, especially when we are declaring the promises of the Lord that are recorded in the Word of God. I am convinced that as we sit with Holy Spirit and prophesy and declare His Word over our lives and into our territories, we will find despair, hopelessness, and grief losing their hold over us, with the TRUTH of Heavenly Father's unfathomable love, care, protection and desire to heal us being imparted deep into our souls.

***As this begins to happen to you, remember to tell your soul to sing again!***

Isaiah 54 Prophetic Decrees and Promises:

- I will rejoice and worship the Lover Of My Soul this year, letting go of the heartache, pain, grief and barrenness of my past, to make room again in my heart for hope, love, and laughter.
- I am a fruitful vine that is birthing spiritual sons and daughters into a new reality that will unlock portions of their spiritual inheritance linked with healing, deliverance and miraculous transformation.
- I will not withhold any portion of myself or my possessions from the Lord this year. I purpose to be "All In," staying in a place of surrender and humility so He can use me according to His heart's desire.
- I will increase in every direction with my spiritual offspring extending into the nations of the earth. My children will receive healing, deliverance, restoration, wisdom and revelation from Holy Spirit, enabling them to rebuild ancient ruins (Isaiah 58:11-12)

- My true Kinsman Redeemer is wooing me back to Himself this year. I am committed to entering into deeper levels of intimacy with Him, believing that the distance between us will be removed as I am purposeful in making Him my top priority.
- I will walk free from shame this year! I will no longer live as one who has been deserted, abandoned, or betrayed because I was never intended to walk and talk as a victim.
- Reproach will lose its hold over me this year! Humiliation is losing its grip!
- I am an overcomer who is being healed, transformed and growing in love day by day because I was created to love and be loved!
- The Lord will be with me in this year of war and great shaking. He will not abandon or neglect me but rather will keep me in His love.
- I purpose to move forward even when the storms and winds of change seem daunting. I will remain steadfast and convinced that Jesus is in the middle of the whirlwind and as I look for Him in the midst of the turmoil, I will find Him faithful to keep His Word over my life.
- I will allow the Lord to come close to me so I can continue to be rebuilt this year. I choose to accept his help in dismantling the walls around my heart that keep me separated from him. I have faith to believe for deeper levels of redemption and restoration to come to my body, soul and spirit as the Lord and I grow in oneness.
- As the Lord rebuilds me, "this time" I will be founded and grounded on right thought, speech, and actions. I will continue to tear down the idolatrous altars of my family bloodline as Holy Spirit leads and empowers me to do so. I refuse to bow my knee to false religions and the religious spirits that have allowed the pure to become defiled.
- No one will trouble me, abuse or oppress me. I will stand up for the Lord, myself and those that the Lord calls me to stand in the gap on behalf of, especially those who have lost their voice and/or ability to speak for themselves.
- I have faith to believe that the enemies of my soul are already under my feet because Yeshua is in me and I am in Him. His blood is what paved the way for me to walk in victory!
- No attempts of the enemy to hurt or destroy me will succeed and those who speak against me will not prosper in their way. The Lord will vindicate me as I yield to His will and way. I will look to Him to defend me and prosper me in spite of the naysayers, even when they happen to be those who God intended to love and honor me unconditionally.