

# OPEN UP THE WELLS

Believe God wants to give us keys for next Decade.  
2017-2020. Time for shift.

New decade and we are preparing for a turnaround  
Church will look different totally.

Whole new path, process and way of doing life

This is a season of suddenlies!

2020 new season of harvest and evangelism.

## RESTORING THE OVERFLOW

Season of well being

Not time to find peace by emptiness but be full

Feel many of us in place of uncertainty and confusion

We are guessing what to do rather than knowing what to do.

So do not just get busy in your insecurity but have courage to stop.

Days of change and shift

We need to realize that we have an inheritance, this is our given mandate but it then also becomes our designated battle field.

The enemy wants to do everything to limit- eradicate and destroy the Influence of the overflow of our spiritual call !

### Gen26:12-15

**Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the LORD blessed him. <sup>13</sup> The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy. <sup>14</sup> He had so many flocks and herds and servants that the Philistines envied him. <sup>15</sup> So all the wells that his father's servants had dug in the time of his father Abraham, the Philistines stopped up, filling them with earth.**

Here Israel had had a good season in his life.

He had been fruitful and reaped 100fold. – that is a good return and harvest!

He was blessed and prospered in body soul and spirit.

He had a good inheritance from his father but then people and circumstances turned against him.

His well was filled up with dirt and the overflow stopped

It is similar to Job – a time of integrity and great abundance followed by a season of hostility when for no fault of your own life and people challenges you.

In **2018** I felt God wants us to look back, and observe what is working well in our life and make an assessment of the wells of our life so that we can keep moving forward.

**So I have a question for you: - “What is the dirt that has infiltrated your life and stops your OVERFLOW?”**

### 1. DISAPPOINTMENT

This is a deep sense that God was not there when I wanted Him or needed Him.

A profound sense of insecurity left after feeling that God was not there when I wanted hope.

Disappointment is rooted in a sense of broken expectation where you feel God missed His appointment with you.

**This is a trust issue** and you need to unblock this well!

### 2. DISCOURAGEMENT

Here it is the subtle sense of can I be bothered! I have tried – it has not worked – I had the courage for a while but now I am tired and I cannot be bothered!

This is a time for strength; you need to find your source and resource in God

The joy of the Lord is your strength reserve. Too often we withdraw and isolate in discouragement but we need to dig deep and worship

**This is a perspective issue** and you need to be rooted and resourced in God

### **3. DISTRACTIONS**

This is just the subtle snares and weeds of life. It is not we doing anything bad or have a wringing attitude it is just we lose our sense of commitment and urgency and get sidetracked.

It is the classic of the good hijacking the excellent.

Where is God in your life – does he get buried under a mound of dirt!

**This is a priority issue.**

When our wells are blocked up we feel wrong and do not function correctly!

Once blocked apathy takes over – sluggish in our spiritual hunger and outreach

We become STUCK – NO OVERFLOW

**As I have prayed about 2018 I have felt God say that this is a season when it is SO IMPORTANT to keep our sense of expectation and excitement and a hope filled outlook.**

God wants to awaken your sense of purpose and vision for life

We must live a God connected life and actively seek space to HEAR His voice.

We were only made to FLOURISH and THRIVE when we OUTFLOW.

So we have to work and be intentional about reopening the wells.

### **DISCOVERING HOLY WELLS**

The original “HOLY WELLS” were identified as those wells with an OUTFLOW.

There are said to be approximately 3,000 holy wells in Ireland, including natural springs, elaborate stone monuments, sea caves and hidden sites in tunnels in some city and town streets. A holy well is a location where water OVERFLOWS from the earth and over time the site has become a focal point for supernatural healing. Often because this water flowed – it had curative powers compared to the stagnant water of wells and other water sources which had become polluted. SO when this spring water was used people were “healed”. These wells had a natural spring in the well so the water overflowed and flowed out.

### **PICTURE – HOLY WELLS**

#### **WELLS CATHEDRAL - CLOCK**

**Let nothing be lost - let nothing be stolen**

**Cindy Jacobs - robbing**

WE are made to be wells with a natural spring – we overflow!

### **WELLS of LIFE**

#### **John 4: 13-14**

**Jesus answered, ‘Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.**

This well will become a wellspring of LIFE

Deep within your heart you know you have purpose and an eternal perspective will grip your life.  
NO more disappointment – you have a HOPE and a FUTURE!  
There is LIFE springing up in you!

## **WELLS OF JOY**

### **Isaiah 12:3**

**With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.**

We should be known as people of JOY – draw joy from your well  
When you dig down you should discover JOY and thanksgiving!  
No more DISCOURAGEMENT as you have an inner joy and strength. You know you have resources and you have an outflow of JOY.

## **SPRINGS OF WORSHIP**

### **Numbers 21:16-18**

**From there they continued on to Beer, the well where the LORD said to Moses, ‘Gather the people together and I will give them water.’ Then Israel sang this song: ‘Spring up, O well! Sing about it, about the well that the princes dug, that the nobles of the people sank – the nobles with scepters and staffs.’**

There is a sound of thanks giving and worship that comes from the well that is released.  
We are able to rehearse the goodness of God and able to recall his blessings  
God wants us to be unblocked and carry a new hunger and expectancy from our times with Him in His presence.

## **OVERFLOW - MIRACULOUS IN THE MUNDANE**

I believe that God wants us to live with a greater expectation of seeing HEAVEN overflow into our EARTHLY everyday life.  
God is asking us to be those who bring the miraculous into our mundane.

**\*\* Returned from Egypt and asked the Angels please defrost my car!!**

We should carry the supernatural heaven tapestried with our natural life.  
We need to be people who live with an overflow mentality of HEAVEN on EARTH through our lives every day

### **2018 – Isaiah 8:18**

Time for signs and wonders in the land.

I have just been in Egypt and was praying about 2018 and felt God give me this phrase and then I checked into the hotel to get my room!

**\*\* HOTEL I was given my key card and they said we have given you room 8:18.**

Immediately I felt God say to me this is a sign and wonder for you – believe it!  
Too often we are looking for the big breakthrough – the spectacular miracle and we miss the everyday evidence of God’s fingerprints in our life.

## **WRESTLING TIME!**

Season of agitation , wrestling and shift!

Recently I felt God say to me – Rachel this is a season of opportunity – there are many open doors but it is going to require that my people develop a new skill and tenacity.  
This is a season of wrestling!

We usually react against this idea of wrestling as we prefer the image of God caring for us; we want God to do the work on our behalf. We do not like the idea of us having to engage in a struggle! But this is WRESTLING TIME!

In this season we need to understand how to wrestle and what we need to fight for. If we do not understand this correctly we can spend our whole life fighting the wrong battle. If we respond naturally we will fight with our thoughts, emotional reactions: and then we fight people and situations... and we can then end up WOUNDED, FRUSTRATED, ISOLATED AND DEFEATED

### **Ephesians 6:12 (ESV)**

**For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.**

OUR wrestle is against powers and spiritual forces BUT not against people!

The Greek word “to wrestle” is a term that biblical people would be familiar with – it was used in the gladiatorial combats. It was a fight to the death! You wrestle until your foot is on the neck of your enemy. The Message translation of this passage reads like this!

### **Eph 6:12 (The Message)**

**This is no afternoon athletic contest that we’ll walk away from and forget about in a couple of hours. This is for keeps, a life-or-death fight to the finish against the Devil and all his angels.**

This is a life and death struggle. It is one we win but one in which we need to engage!

As I considered the areas in which we are called to wrestle I felt we need to watch the following 5 areas in this season.

### **5 areas where we need to WRESTLE:**

1. Mind & thought life
2. Character & integrity
3. Call & destiny
4. Faith & endurance
5. Authority & power

We need to know how to wrestle in this season for the breakthrough in our lives, communities, churches, and nation

This is a wrestling time and there is so many promises in the ground.

This nation carries a prophetic mandate.....there are so many prophetic words.

SO remember there are many open doors but it is going to require that my people develop a new skill and tenacity.

This is a season of wrestling!

### **DAY OF OPEN DOORS**

Recently I felt God say – Rachel 2017 IS THE YEAR OF BREAKTHROUGH but to profit from the breakthrough you need to seize the opportunity – there are many open doors but it is going to

require that my people develop a new skill and tenacity of walking through the OPEN DOORS created by the breakthrough. .

### **Revelation 4:1-2 NIVUK**

**“After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, ‘Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.’ At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it.”**

Perspective of God.

Stand before him

Come up here.

Door is open

God wants to break the fears of heights.

He will teach you to scale the walls and give you perspective

Watchmen on the walls .. climb the walls

Day of opportunities – need to ask God to show us where are the doors that are standing open at this time.

### **\*\* MOLDOVA – Girls going in to the villages and taking Jesus!**

Even as it is the time of the open door we need an upgrade of discernment and courage

It is a time of intentional strategy.

The church has been in a building season, a time to establish the vision.

But NOW it is time for the prophetic again – Time to STIR fresh vision and awaken the hidden cries that have been lost in the building season.

Need to have a different rhythm of life – need to take time to seek God and pursue Him.

### **Day for Daniel / Daniella and Joseph/Josephine to arise.**

God spoke to me and said new generation of leaders with in the marketplace and government and they will be leaders who are like Daniel and Joseph of old.

**DANIEL** – Supernatural intelligence and ability to problem solve. They will understand riddles and be able to sort complex legal and governmental issues with grace,

**JOSEPH** – Ability to steward, create store houses and serve people in times of hardship. They will have a divine understanding of the financial times and be able to store wealth and then use their assets for the blessing of their home, church and nation.

### **2018 – Isaiah 8:18 Look for the God of signs and wonders**

**Let there be a SUPERNATURAL OVERFLOW from a HAPPY HEART!**

So what about you?

**CAN YOU SEE YOUR HARVEST – YOUR SIGNS AND WONDERS that OVERFLOW FROM YOU?**

### **LEARN TO RECOGNISE YOUR HARVEST**

As we start 2018 – God wants you to see your harvest even if you felt 2017 has been a failure. This is the time to celebrate the goodness of GOD.

### **Psalm 85:12 (NLT)**

**Yes, the LORD pours down his blessings. Our land will yield its bountiful harvest.**

**YES! God pours down HIS blessings!**

As I have prayed I have had such a sense that HEAVEN wants to speak a loud YES over your life. It is often difficult to recognize the blessings when we have been handling times of difficulty. So we can miss our harvest by having the wrong expectation or understanding of what our harvest or blessing looks like.

### **\*\* STORY OF MESSAGE TRUST**

So I asked GOD to teach me about harvest - I was out walking and watching the combine harvester in the field and then really struck as I walked past the hedgerows at the beauty and bounty hidden in the hedges. God really pointed them out to me!

### **PICTURES!**

**Oxford radio! This year was an average year for wheat but a bumper crop for blackberries!**

WE need to realize that the harvest we see is often hidden and not necessarily in the places or time zone we expected.

### **\*\* HARVEST – the Blackberries of babies born.... Pictures of children**

I believe that God wants us to shift our perspective and see our LAND and this nation in a new way. He wants us to be able to focus on His provision and love not the negative opposition and frustrations. God wants us to walk with Him through the journey of our lives and nation and get a fresh vision of the harvest in the LAND.

### **NEW FLUENCY AND VARIETY IN THIS SEASON**

There is an open door – a new way of Heaven on earth – a new culture we need to develop in the church

### **BEST OF FIVE**

There is so much dietary advice nowadays advising us about what we should eat in order to stay healthy.

One of the BIG slogans has been eat 5 a DAY!!

But now nutritionists are redefining this 5 a day!

It is not enough to have 5 oranges or bananas a day.

We need to discover the full range of variety for a healthy life.

While listening to this advice I felt God say that this is also true for the church to be effective in this season - it is important for us to expand our fluency and variety of communication.

To maintain our spiritual health - we need to broaden our language and fluency of conversation.

We often get stuck with our particular sound, favourite ways of connecting with God, scriptures, pray focus, or way of expression in prayer.

God wants you to add variety to your spiritual diet!

### **Ephesians 4:11-12**

**Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. <sup>12</sup> Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.**

God has given us 5 different gifts to train and help mature us

I have always believed that prayer is the glue that connects all these gifts.

There is NO SIXTH GIFT of intercession but each of these gifts need to be soaked in prayer to be effective in their task of building up the body of Jesus and making it look good.

So as we pray and connect with God we need to tapestry this mixture of gifts into our spiritual language and life.

We will always have a preference for one particular area just as we will always enjoy certain fruits or vegetables - it is just a matter of personal preference not necessarily good theology!

But in your life God is asking you to start to expand your communication with HIM. – beyond your natural “go to” place.

1. Apostolic - The building strategy sound – God help me in my strategic thinking – I need wisdom and tools! – provide the finance – give me the strategy and building plan. Petition and Needs – Father we need this – the logical processed prayer – bringing our requests and lists.
2. Prophetic – revelation discernment authority wisdom understanding Declaration strong authority - God let it be – What is in Heaven let it come to earth - God let me see more clearly – show me the spiritual dimensions of this situation – deals with atmosphere- give me revelation – put an anointing on me – give me your words. - Let it be – let this be manifest - Pray in the spirit – worship and song
3. Pastoral – God give me your heart. – Touch my emotions – let me feel your heart of the shepherd – give me the words to restore the soul, bring peace and security. Mercy and supplication – the pastoral heart being expressed – empathy and weeping where others are weeping
4. Teacher – God let me disciple train and equip in their situation – give me keys of guidance and principles that I can instruct and train in this season. Show me how to fashion and shape this situation – give me insight in to this journey – what are the steps..
5. Evangelist – God give me an opportunity to share Jesus – God help me look out of my world and see others and their journey - help me look beyond myself and my needs – let me bring the big perspective of you in this season. Forgiveness and Reconciliation – Father forgive – heal cleanse and deliver – the cry of the evangelistic in prayer. Father please touch and heal.

At the beginning of this year I felt God say to me – GET READY – the nation is in a shift season!

The church has been in a strong building season so our language has tended to be need orientated - practical, simple, logical and often focused on need and the project in hand but there is now a shift in the nation and spiritual climate.

Now we need to look into heaven and see what the next season is and get ready – we need to be praying in preparation - this is PREPARE THE WAY TIME!.