

## **AVC Prophetic Roundtable summary – November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

### **Key scriptures:**

*“Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior.” (Habbakuk 3:17 – 18)*

*“You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.” (Psalm 51:16 – 17)*

### **Prophetic summary:**

God is at His purposes and will, not ours (alignment). Be prepared to do battle (be righteous, cleanse yourselves, gird for battle). Don't take a defensive posture despite the magnitude of the opposition or the circumstances. Don't be afraid or alarmed. He has not given us a spirit of fear. Don't look to the natural (education / knowledge / material), but look to the supernatural. Many are depending on the natural and may get hurt. God is putting the whole armor of God on us, equipping us, and training (preparing) us for the end-time trials and battles.

### **Lead team response:**

- I appreciate the investment in intercession and the receiving of “words” that is operating in the church. Thank you for your ministry. I am encouraged even when the “fields seem to produce no food” – thanks.
- Battles: purpose-based ministry; communication; stewardship; church planting; fear
- We need to corporately look to the Lord for the strategies.
- How do we tie these prophetic insights to new attenders and young believers? How should we be shepherding them, Lord, with these insights?

### **Roundtable happenings:**

Scott Benjamin spoke to us on submission and authority, beginning with a jewel that came forth from the mouth of one of his children, “The ultimate submission is giving your life to Jesus Christ.” He shared from John 13 and Philippians 2, emphasizing that we must take teachable moments in our lives to not wield power & authority, but to humbly serve those around us, to demonstrate the love of a heavenly Father on His knees, to take the message to the marketplace. His desire for the AVC is that people would not see hundreds of individuals but that they would see Christ and see us as one. He discussed mutual submission, closing with the thought that even when we know we're right, we are called to submit to and trust the leaders and structures that God has placed around us.

We discussed submission and authority, and public prophecy in Sunday morning services. Many encouragements were given, including that it is important that we show our vulnerable side to each other (dancing porcupines), and that the AVC would be a safe place. My Aussie-Thai friend shared that in the Thai language, the word for “will of God” means literally a river that flows from God's heart.

To be in God's will is to be in submission to Jesus Christ and to one another, and as we submit in humility, vulnerability, and brokenness, we will be able to rest in the river of the Father's love in a greater measure, without fear, allowing Him to prepare us for whatever lies ahead.