



1 Cor 10:14 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry. KJV  
 1 Cor 10:14 Therefore, my dearly beloved, shun (keep clear away from, avoid by flight if need be) any sort of idolatry (of loving or venerating anything more than God). AMP  
 1 John 5:21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols (false gods)-- [from anything and everything that would occupy the place in your heart due to God, from any sort of substitute for Him that would take first place in your life]. Amen (so let it be). AMP

The prophets of ancient biblical times were all emphatically committed to one basic and important responsibility. They were insistent about calling God's people back to an intimate relationship with Him, while at the same time, beckoning the people to repent of the idols they'd embraced. In essence, the prophets functioned in the ministry of revivalists. With this in mind we need to recognize that true spiritual revival can't occur until the idols of each generation are cast aside and God is pursued wholeheartedly. Sadly, as I've observed the renewal of the prophetic ministry, I've watched believers become overly concerned about receiving prophetic words, that forecast destinies or direct their situations, while dismissing the call to walk with God intimately and live responsibly. I know this isn't always the case. But, my heart aches as I see an increase of idol worship in the nations, and worse, in the lives of believers, who should be being directed to walk intimately with the Lord.

If you'll take note of the verses in the introduction of this article, observe that both the NT apostles, Paul and John, charged the believers of their times to deal with and renounce idolatry. Obviously, idolatry was more apparent since graven images and stone idols were the usual emphasis in their ancient religions. Nevertheless, we would be foolish to think that we've managed to eradicate this age-old problem in our time. What's more, the apostolic warning still applies because the Scripture message is ageless. We need to recognize that the problem of idolatry is still alive and thriving as we identify the idols of our generation. We should also keep in mind that we're living

# Driving OUT An Unexpected IDOL: *The Idol of* **DISAPPOINTMENT**

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in the days when the spiritual power structure of Babylon is progressively rising to influence everything from governments, economies, leaders and spiritual expressions. Remember that Babylon is also described as the Mother of all Harlotries; (Rev. 18) or the origin of all forms of seductive idolatries. Every human being on the face of the earth will be tempted by the idols Babylon endorses. Idolatry, however, won't be exclusively the problem of the unsaved. The Christian will also be seduced and must learn to stand against Satan's devices with determination and wisdom. This means we need to consider a modern definition for "idol".

I love how the Amplified Bible transliteration describes idolatry in 1 Cor. 10:14 & 1 John 5:21. This version states that idolatry is anything and everything that occupies your heart due to God. An idol, therefore, replaces and substitutes God with something else and then takes first place in your heart and focus. For that reason, an idol is anything that you pay more attention to than Jesus. It's the focus of your thoughts, emotions, and influences your decisions on all levels.

Ask yourself. Do you fellowship with your fears, your worries, and your needs, while at the same ignoring God? When this condition exists, it forces us to realize that there are many different types of idols in our world. Moreover, the majority of these aren't exhibited by carved stone or wooden figures. In fact, our "modern" idols are almost all invisible. This therefore, makes it very difficult for us to identify them.

An idol captures your focus. Subsequently, this key characteristic, along with discerning how an idol operates, can enable you to discover where you've gone astray. Your focus is critical to your spiritual walk. Once you've lost that, and you've looked away from Jesus, in addition to what He's accomplished in His death and resurrection, you're distracted and set up for great difficulty. In fact, if you don't deal with the distractive nature of idolatry, you'll eventually begin to suffer from overpowering mental stresses, fatigue and possible, even mental illness. This is serious. Now, look at Hebrews 12 with me.

Heb 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. KJV

Hebrews 12:1 THEREFORE THEN, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses [who have borne testimony to the Truth], let us strip off and throw aside every encumbrance (unnecessary weight) and that sin which so readily (deftly and cleverly) clings to and entangles us, and let us run with patient endurance and steady and active persistence the appointed course of the race that is set before us, 2 Looking away [from all that will distract] to Jesus, Who is the Leader and the Source of our faith [giving the first incentive for our belief] and is also its Finisher [bringing it to maturity and perfection]. He, for the joy [of obtaining the prize] that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising and ignoring the shame, and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God. [Ps 110:1.] 3 Just think of Him Who endured from sinners such grievous opposition and bitter hostility against Himself [reckon up and consider it all in comparison with your trials], so that you may not grow weary or exhausted, losing heart and relaxing and fainting in your minds. AMP



Now that you've considered an applicable definition for idol, I hope you're beginning to see how hurtful idolatry is. Nonetheless, this Scriptural passage uncovers just the tip of a massive damaging demonic iceberg. With this in mind, I need to comment about the innumerable people who I've encountered over the course of several years, which have all caved in because of mental exhaustion and fatigue due to distractions and life issues. I believe that this is because many saints have unwittingly lost their focus. They've become overwhelmingly distracted by difficulty. In truth, their seemingly insurmountable problems have entirely captured their thoughts and emotions as they've forgotten what Jesus has accomplished for them in redemption. In some instances, though not all, a subtle form of pride has also developed. Pride in that we think we can fix ourselves without God's assistance. God help us recognize our mess for what it is; idolatry.

According to Paul's writings we can avoid this trap, but not without some concerted effort and godly choices.

**Number One:** *We need to strip off and throw aside every encumbrance (unnecessary weight) sin which so readily (deftly and cleverly) clings to and entangles us.*

**Number Two:** *We need to run with patient endurance and steady and active persistence the appointed course of the race that is set before us.*

**Number Three:** *We must look away [from all that will distract] to Jesus.*

**Number Four:** *We need to think of Him Who endured from sinners such grievous opposition and bitter hostility against Himself [reckon up and consider it all in comparison with your trials]*

**Number Five:** *We must remember what He did on the cross and apply how His sacrifices set us free.*

John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. KJV

Dear saint, don't forget that the thief comes to steal, kill and destroy. Jesus warned us about this. But let me ask you this question? What is Satan stealing, killing and destroying in your life? Could he be targeting and attempting to vanquish your hope, faith, and trust? It shouldn't surprise us. Therefore, has your focus been sidetracked by your unfulfilled dreams, people's broken promises, failures and unrealized expectations? Has an identified grief paralyzed your will, buried your prayer life, and numbed your zeal for Jesus? If I may dare say this: if you're facing these things, you are one of many who are in one of the most vicious battles engaged

against believers today. This brings me to my reason for writing this article.

Would you consider with me, that one of the greatest idols distracting humanity today is disappointment? It is an idol that cloaks itself with reasoning and emotional excuses. But it's an insidious force that distracts you from an active relationship with Jesus and gradually leads you down a path of numerous pains.

Idolatry isn't actually an evil spirit. In fact, Paul wrote in Galatians that idolatry was a work of the flesh. This is probably why the carnally minded believer is vulnerable to idolatry. Spiritually minded saints refuse to be distracted because they've disciplined their minds to submit to the truths of the Scripture, to fear the Lord and honor His character. Interesting, idolatry is also directly linked with covetousness. But nonetheless, whenever idolatry sets up house, disappointment inevitably follows.

*Psalms 97:7 Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all ye gods. KJV*

Psalms 97:7 states that those who look to idols become confounded. According to Strong's Hebrew Concordance, the Hebrew word, Buwsh, translated as confounded, can also mean "to be disappointed." Additionally, confounded means to be ashamed or suffer shame. No wonder that Jesus despised the shame when he hung on the cross. But disappointment also carries with it the sense of being dry or delayed.

Disappointment is more than a feeling. It is a deep ache in the human psyche that develops gradually eroding away hope, faith, trust and personal identity. The idol that disappointment constructs takes time to enlarge. Consequently, when you find yourself entrapped by the distractive nature of the idol of disappointment, you may have even forgotten what the reason was that initiated your condition. Furthermore, disappointment attacks you with lies that whisper into your heart that you're worthless, insignificant, or shamed, as if something is wrong with you. In other words you must not be good enough to be treated honorably. You'll eventually feel like you're "plan B"; not acceptable.

The idol of disappointment establishes it's stronghold once your heart has been repeatedly broken. Needless to say, it doesn't accomplish this process overnight. As a result, it sets up shop by pounding you with a repetition of similar difficult situations. The broken promises and failed expectations with people, and unfulfilled dreams, all lay the groundwork for this idol. These heart breaking situations then lay a foundation of pain that opens a door for the spirits of despair, hopelessness, grief and self-pity

to occupy your life. One biblical example is found in the account of Jeremiah.

*Jer 15:18 Why is my pain perpetual and my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you indeed be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail and are uncertain?19 Therefore thus says the Lord [to Jeremiah]: If you return [and give up this mistaken tone of distrust and despair], then I will give you again a settled place of quiet and safety, and you will be My minister; and if you separate the precious from the vile [cleansing your own heart from unworthy and unwarranted suspicions concerning God's faithfulness], you shall be My mouthpiece. [But do not yield to them.] Let them return to you--not you to [the people]. AMP*

After experiencing several disappointing encounters with people, Jeremiah the prophet fell into despair, and eventually, accused God of being unfaithful. His understanding of God's character had become skewed because of the pain he'd been through. In the scriptural record, God ultimately confronted him telling him to give up his mistaken tone of distrust and despair. To accomplish this Jeremiah was instructed to cleanse his heart from unworthy and unwarranted suspicions against God's faithfulness. Jeremiah had a choice to make. But it wasn't easy. You see, once disappointment takes hold in your heart, your faith and prayer-life will wither and die. This is exactly what the thief wants. If Satan can convince you that God is your problem, then you'll become distracted and lose your focus on the truth. Disappointment will then cause you to magnify your pain to such an extent that you'll cancel out any possibility of effective communication with Heaven. Satan doesn't want you to pray or focus on the Word. As difficult as this is to walk through, you need to recognize that if you've negatively judged God's character, and allowed despair to overtake your faith, you'll have to take responsibility for what's happened and reverse those attitudes with biblical truth. I would also heartily encourage you to rebuke, bind and drive out the spirits of despair, grief and hopelessness once you set yourself into motion against this idol. Despair is an aggressive trespasser and it will attempt to confuse and grip your emotions. That is, until you intentionally refuse its advances. The grief you feel is very real, but it's an illegal resident. It's more than a feeling. If you live in that feeling realm, rather than believing the truth that Jesus took all your grief on the cross, you will remain trapped. Kick these things out.

The process of disappointment is nearly always accompanied by the feeling that "It's not worth" following the Lord. Despair and hopelessness team up to produce a sort of fatalism that generates paralysis in your will and prayerlessness in your heart. It also sets a pattern of

thought into motion to convince you that God, people and situations will always fail, so why try to hope for anything. As a result, when repeated crushing disappointments occur, people give up trying. Fruitlessness brings on a state of quitting. This is described in Malachi 3.

Mal 3:13 Your words have been strong and hard against Me, says the Lord. Yet you say, What have we spoken against You?14 You have said, It is useless to serve God, and what profit is it if we keep His ordinances and walk gloomily and as if in mourning apparel before the Lord of hosts?AMP

Malachi 3:13 reveals that from God's perspective, words of despair against God's character, block spiritual breakthrough. A fear of the repetition of further disappointments fuels such negative attitudes and words. This is why, according to Hebrews 12:1-3 we must lay aside the sins that so cleverly entangle us.

When you despair and yield your tongue to hopelessness, your words rail will against the character of God. Those words bring death. They need to be deeply repented of and recognized for what they are: Sin. People speak in this manner when deep confusion has erupted in their soul and when they don't understand why there hasn't seemed to be answers for what they expected. Remember, Satan wants you to be at odds with God. It's the devil's agenda to break down your relationship with the Lord. This will be one of the ways the enemy destroys faith in the Last Days.

The idol of disappointment is very sneaky in that it plays upon your remaining dwindling hopes by dangling wonderful possibilities in front of you. Then just when you think you will receive what you've hoped for, the answer is snatched away. Beware of this pattern as it is the way Satan gains access to your hope by using false hopes.

All in all, disappointment is one of the primary symptoms of a broken heart. But take hope dear ones. God is especially close to the broken hearted saint. You may not be able to feel His presence. You may even think He's abandoned you. But the truth is, He has never left your side and is fighting for you, even when you feel like turning away from Him entirely. He is near the broken hearted ones. He isn't your enemy. Satan wants you to think that. It's time to gather the remnants of your strength and face this idol of disappointment with the truth.

Psalms 34:18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.KJV

Not only is He close to the broken hearted one, He is also waiting for you to let him heal your wounds. Psalms 147:3

promises He will do so. But what must you do to position yourself to receive?

Psalms 147:3 He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.KJV

The promises of God are real, trustworthy and belong to you as a believer. But they aren't automatic. They are possessed with intentional faith, attitudes and actions. A person with an entitlement attitude will never see the promises of God and His power realized in life. This attitude causes one to believe that all of the promises and care by God are deserved. However, In God's original creation of humanity, humanity was made to be co-laborers with Him; not just children who expect to be taken care of without personal responsibility and action. As a result, you must engage with the truths of Scripture to see them owned. This requires deliberate lifestyle.

In order to own those precious promises, it is critical that you recognize the idol of disappointment for what it is. It's a trespasser! You need to hate it. You must also make the choice to look away from it. Remember it gained your attention because it distracted you from focusing on Jesus. Don't give it any more of your attention. Choose to focus on Jesus and what He's done on the Cross and in the Resurrection for you! Pray according to the truths of Hebrews 12:1-3 declaring what's been done for you. This is where we start.

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, KJV



Secondly, re-own your hope. Whether you feel like it or not, when you became a believer, filled with the Holy Spirit, you were granted a living hope. (1 Peter 1:3, Rom. 5:1)This hope was renewed to us through the resurrection of Jesus. It's a wonderful, amazing energizing that no human effort can imitate. Declare this truth with your mouth repeatedly. You have to take back what belongs to you exposing

how disappointment has had its way. 1 Peter 2:5-7 explains that when you believe Jesus, as part of that holy priesthood, you won't be confounded or disappointed. This is why you absolutely have to fix your attentions on Jesus!

1 Peter 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.7 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,KJV

Thirdly, as you begin to retake what is yours in Christ, endeavoring to destroy the idol of disappointment, you must fix your feeling, thoughts, imaginations and desires on the things that are above. You will never defeat the idols and demonic attacks waged against you if you're postured underneath them. Take your proper position in Christ as seated above and not beneath your enemies. Lock your thoughts and feelings on the truths that are found above in the new life in Christ Jesus, and get on top of your battles. Put them under your feet. Stop allowing yourself to be abused by the agenda of the devil.

Col 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.KJV

Col 3:1 IF THEN you have been raised with Christ [to a new life, thus sharing His resurrection from the dead], aim at and seek the [rich, eternal treasures] that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. [Ps 110:1.]2 And set your minds and keep them set on what is above (the higher things), not on the things that are on the earth.3 For [as far as this world is concerned] you have died, and your [new, real] life is hidden with Christ in God. AMP

Genesis 15:1 After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward. KJV

Eph 6:16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. KJV

You may not feel like it, or even understand it, but you've been made a co-laborer with the Lord. He has promised to be your protection, but along with that, as a co-worker in Christ, you're created to rise up in spiritual authority. Cooperate with God and be dressed in the armor of God. But especially, raise the shield of faith so that you can extinguish the fiery arrows the enemy shoots your way. We can't be passive, expecting God to care for us, without taking personal responsibility in the privilege He has restated to us through the New Birth and redemption. He will lift His shield of help, salvation and truth for you. But you must now cooperate



with Him and appropriate the truths of who you are in Christ, but raising the shield of faith He's granted you.

Fourthly, allow Him to heal your broken heart. He alone knows how to restore the wounded soul and mend the damage disappointment; grief and fear have caused you.

Finally, disappointment most usually and frequently occurs because people fail us. They break their promises. They let us down when our expectations of them weren't unfulfilled. But the actual problem isn't their failure. Our expectations, instead, are what we need to address.

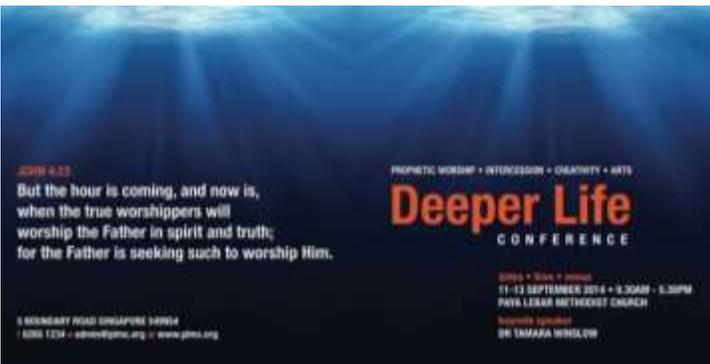
If you're going to destroy the work of the idol of disappointment in your life, then you must change HOW you determine your expectations. Expectations are a type of hope, but they can be either godly or ungodly depending upon how you look at life. Godly expectations will not develop if you relate to people and things from a carnal and prayer-less perspective. Thankfully, God knows the possibilities and ways of every human being and situation. People will let you down with their words and how they appear. The only way to get past those shadowy, temporal expressions is to live a life of genuine spiritually-minded prayer. You need to grow in divine revelation: the kind that only God can give. That revelation is often identified as "light"

1 John 1:7 But if we [really] are living and walking in the Light, as He [Himself] is in the Light, we have [true, unbroken] fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses (removes) us from all sin and guilt [keeps us cleansed from sin in all its forms and manifestations].AMP

There is a great benefit in walking with God that is rarely appropriated because it is seldom taught. You need "light" or revelation from God concerning how you must relate to people. It is impossible to interact with other people, specifically other believers, if you aren't walking with God and listening to what He says your expectations should be in relationship with how you interact with the people you must deal with. Therefore, every time your emotions, natural desires and personal wishes come into play with another person, and you don't have revelation from God about how that relationship should be, you set yourself up for great potential disappointment. But God can reveal to you the things you need to be aware of with the people you know. You don't have to be overcome by their broken promises or failed dreams. I would think, though, that the majority of us don't consider God's perspective on how to relate to others, and then suffer ac-

cordingly. Obviously, every human being has a will, and won't always do what you had thought God had revealed to you. Nonetheless, take the time to get God's LIGHT in the matter of your relationships so that disappointment doesn't take you down into sorrow.

The idol of disappointment is very real. But, you can choose to tear it down. Make daily choices to fix your eyes on the Lord Jesus; on what He's done, and the victories He's granted you through His resurrection. Then, dear friend, you will begin to see healing spring forth in your life as His presence takes 1<sup>st</sup> place in your heart. Flee from all such idols as you run the race with patience toward Him in knowing Him more deeply than you can even imagine is possible.



## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

- August 6-17* Writing & preparing for recording
- August 18-22* Fly to Apple Valley, CA to work on live recording mixing at New Wine Recording & Mastering Studio.
- August 23-September 6* Writing & preparing for ministry time in Singapore
- September 7* Leave for Singapore
- September 9* Arrive in Singapore
- September 11-13* DEEPER LIFE Conference, Paya Lebar Methodist Church 9:30a.m.-12 noon; 2pm.-3:30p.m; 7:30p.m.-9:30p.m.
- September 14* Speaking at both morning services for Paya Lebar Methodist Church
- September 16-18 (Tue to Wed)*, 7.30pm-10.00pm, Evening Seminar at Church of Our Saviour Anglican Church auditorium
- September 18 (Thurs)*, 10.00am-11.30am, Sharing at COOS Staff Worship Session
- September 20 (Sat)*, 3.30pm-5.00pm COOS Adult Service
- September 21 (Sun)*, 8.30am-10.00am & 10.30am-12.00 COOS Adult Service
- September 22-23* Rest, fellowship & meet with friends and Institute people
- September 24th* Return flight home
- October 15-18* Attend International Gospel Fellowship Conference 2014; Tulsa, Oklahoma



On July 5<sup>th</sup>, as I was driving home, down Academy Blvd in Colorado Springs, my mind was wrapped up in thought about many things. Additionally, I couldn't help look at the greyish blue peaks of the mountain ridge against the golden sunset glow. In my heart it seemed as if the mountains were scraping the sky, crying out to God. Living here hasn't been my desire. The spiritual warfare in this city has been extremely difficult, as many ministers will also attest. Moreover, many years ago the Lord spoke to me about the power of darkness over this state and I've been aware of that ever since. But while driving, I was pondering the challenges of this state, as well as thinking about key historical events that are still without question affecting modern residents of the State. I was especially deliberating about the Native Americans who were massacred by soldiers who violated treaties and killed innocent women, children and men at Sand Creek. In the past years, I've also been aware of numerous intercessory actions that, although, sincere, haven't seemed to accomplish a lot. Nonetheless, as I rolled these things over in my mind, I found my heart internally stirred to prayer wondering the entire time: Why has God had us live and base here for so many years? Why hasn't there been tremendous fruitfulness as we lived here? It's been tough on all levels. Then, to my surprise, In these moments of consternation, the words to a prophetic song began to roll spontaneously out of my mouth for Colorado. I fought back tears as the song was born still trying to drive to get home. I arrived home safe and sound and literally ran into the house to write down the fresh lyrics and melody. What a powerful song! But as the music was born, I realized that this new song would fit perfectly in the Prophetic worship concert I was going to record on July 26<sup>th</sup> at Victory Christian Fellowship in Greeley, Colorado.

This particular prophetic worship recording includes many my newly composed praise and worship songs,

as well as numerous spontaneous spiritual songs also including some of my older praise choruses. Eric Uglum, owner, engineer and producer of New Wine Recording and Mastering Studios from Apple Valley, California flew into Denver on the morning of the concert and recorded the evening's music ministry. I was also grateful that Jennifer Beamer was able to drive me to the airport and then on to Greeley for the meetings. The concert carried many surprises for me. I can't remember the last time that I received so many spontaneous prophetic songs in a concert situation, let alone a live recording. I had also managed to arrange a sound track background for the COLORADO song that incorporated sounds similar to tribal flutes and more. But, to top it off, I learned one week after the recording that a traveling minister had prophesied in Colorado, on the same day of the concert, that God would use prophetic worship to break open the move of the Spirit for this state. Interesting! I would like to share the lyrics of that song with you as follows:

### **COLORADO**

*Grayish blue peaks out to scrape the evening sky  
When the mountains cry and the sunset glows  
Pine trees and the sandy rocks where cattle run  
Where once tribes were born  
Still the Father up in Heaven longs to make His presence known*

#### **CHORUS:**

*For men have died and warriors still remember  
As right and wrong continue to contest  
For in this ancient land the conscience is wrestling  
While intercessors pray for Heaven's best  
For Colorado, You must hear God's Spirit cry  
The eyes of many hearts are watching you  
Oh Colorado, there's more to you than meets the eye  
For though a power has had you bound,  
He'll tremble at the glorious sound  
When people will lift their song and pray for Colorado  
Dark the canyon deep and where the water falls  
There the eagle flies, while God's Spirit calls  
The farmer sows his seed in hopes of great return,  
But the people weep as they watched the forests burn*

#### **CHORUS**

*You have been divided by a mountain range  
Waters dance apart and then divide  
Truth has been regarded as something strange  
But God will open up your eyes, God please open up  
their eyes, open up their eyes to see!!  
For men have died and warriors still remember  
As right and wrong continue to contest*

*For in this ancient land the conscience is wrestling  
While intercessors pray for Heaven's best  
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## **REVIVED CREATIVITY: PAINTING ONCE AGAIN**

*"The Ripple Effect"*



This past June I was privileged to visit the International Gospel Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma founded by Dr. LaDonna Osborn, and pastored by Pastor Chyanna Mull Anthony. While there, they announced the upcoming recreational building project that they wanted to build debt free. One of their avenues for raising the funds was to be a sale of art works. Upon hearing that, I decided to get my oil paints out and paint an oil painting portraying a pond with many ripples colliding into one another. The message of this painting is to communicate how that in life, what we do is like the ripples in a pond. They collide into one another and it's never completely ordered or fractal perfect. Then once the piece was completed I sent it to them in hopes they might be able to sell it for the building project. The Ripple Effect was completed mid-July, and before I sent it to the church in Tulsa, I was able to get it professionally scanned so that I can offer for sale print reproductions on canvas. I shared the progress of the painting on my Facebook pages and was very encouraged by the comments of my friends who saw it. I so thoroughly enjoyed doing this art work again that I have decided to begin painting anew. You might say that it's been revived. Now hopefully, I will be able to offer some unique message pieces for sale soon. Check out the ORDER FORM page if you would like to order a Canvas Giclee' reproduction for yourself.

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