

The Vision: The Lampstand Light Center

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I'm not one to share everything the Lord tells me because I like to pray into the vision and protect it for the future. As a friend from Africa once told me, "If you tell everyone what you're doing, then the enemy can work against you." However, for this particular vision...God has been impressing on me not to wait and to share the vision publicly. This verse has come to mind. Habakkuk 2:2-3 "Write the vision, and make *it* plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry."

I need to start in spring of 2024 where the Lord gave me a dream about 2 eagles in the sky. There were flocks of black birds flying around chaotically above my head. I was riding in a car with two people who were builders that were helping my mother build a new garden in her yard. As we drove south on Arden Nollville Road in their vehicle, this flock of birds starts swarming over our vehicle in the sky. Then, out of nowhere two eagles swoop in and scatter the black birds. I start yelling with a large amount of excitement, "Double eagles! Double eagles!" The birds turn and circle back and repeat the movement. The battle is done. I noticed that the smaller eagle was flying in tandem with the larger eagle and it had a different look. It's head was spotted like an Australian Shepherd. Again, these eagles flew in tandem to complete their mission.

The interpretation of this dream that I received in May 2024 was that God was going to use our business and our ministry in tandem to take down spiritual darkness and chaos in our region. The eagle that looked smaller and different was the one representing our ministry. It's going to look different than most churches because the Lord has designed it to be something to meet specific needs in our area.

So as I felt led, I began praying into this dream and prophesying these things to come to pass in God's timing. Then at the end of October, Christina and I were finishing up our Tuesday school volunteering and she said, "Where do you want to go?" I said "Let's go downtown." We were eating lunch in downtown Martinsburg at a restaurant on mainstreet. It wasn't very busy and I was thinking, "How is this place going to make it through this down economy?" Then, the Lord dropped a thought in my mind of a worship band in the front window and the doors open to the streets at night. I saw and heard the worship music flowing out onto the sidewalks at night, and people being drawn into the building. I saw pizza ovens, and teens hanging out. I saw a coffee bar. I saw transformation of a space to a place of God's glory. I told Christina that of course God would want to place a beacon of

light in the middle of the darkness of all of our towns across our nation. We're not called to stay in our comfy homes and study the Bible by ourselves. We're called to go out into all the world and make disciples. The vision made perfect sense!

For about 1-2 weeks I continued to be drawn to that vision of the worship in the middle Martinsburg burning in my heart. We continued to eat lunch at that location one or two more times. Then as Christina and I were walking north on Queen street shortly after one of these lunches, we passed by the 1902 building. We looked into the windows and noticed how tall the ceilings were. I immediately thought of Christina leading her worship flag classes in that room. I asked Christina to research the history of the building...as I was holding bags in my hands. She pulled up the history online, and read that the building was the first Jewish department store in Martinsburg and had been owned by the Katz family. The building was formed with the first elevator in town. I remembered a dream I had had in 2021 about being in a 3 story building and there was an elevator. I felt led by Holy Spirit to ask Christina to tell me the meaning of the name Katz in Hebrew. (We've been learning that Hebrew names are very meaningful.) The name Katz means "Righteous Priest." I looked at Christina and said, "This is our building." So we began to pray over this building for about 1 ½ months. I researched who the owner of the building was and found it is a conservative podcaster from Chicago named Tim Poole. We began to pray for the owner and that the Lord would bless him so that the building could be used for God and that it would be a place that people could come to be redeemed in Jesus' love.

For multiple weeks we drove by the building praying over it and asking God to make it clear what He wanted for this location. All I could see day after day was the huge windows full of light, spilling out into the roads. I could see men coming in off the streets to hear preaching and learn about Jesus. I could see women flagging and learning to walk in their God-given identities. I could see youth activities and hang out spots. I saw deliverance counseling on the second floor and painting on the third floor as people prayed and worshipped the Lord. It's an altar for Yeshua, the one true and living God. It's a place of healing and reformation. It's a place where the Holy Spirit moves and works. It's the heart of Martinsburg...emanating with the light and love of Jesus.

On the night of December 9th, Don said let's look at the photos of that building online. We discussed how the basement would be a great place to store our many collections of costumes and worship flags that we're accumulating. As we were looking at the photos a strange listing popped up. I couldn't tell for sure, but it almost looked as though the building was for sale. About 24 hours later, I saw that it was listed online for \$900,000. Maybe I'm naïve about building pricing, but that was 2 to 3 times the amount of money I expected the building to cost. After pondering and praying for a day, we decided to go and

look at the building with a realtor so we could see the different floors and pray over the building for the vision. As with most things we feel Holy Spirit tell us to do...sometimes the plan becomes apparent as you walk through in obedience. Even when it looks impossible at the outset. Don set up an appointment to view the building for December 11th, but it was cancelled due to an accident. Then we rescheduled for December 12 at noon. When I woke up the morning of the real estate appointment, it occurred to me that it was 12-12-24 at 12 noon. That morning Christina texted me a memory that popped up in her Facebook memories. It was Matthew 10:16, "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." This verse really spoke to me and I went to Matthew 10 to read the surrounding text in the Bible. The first thing I read was, "And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease." I was overcome by the Holy Spirit. Wow, the passage was speaking to me! This place was to be a discipleship hub to operate in healing and deliverance. The number 12 really jumped out in these verses and also we had just finished the Martinsburg Christmas parade where the Lord had us take 12 worship flaggers north on the parade route in a prophetic act, walking the river of God up mainstreet.

I reached out to a few friends to pray over our visit that day. Tuesday night I had a conversation with Melissa Tapio Fort and shared with her about the building and what I thought it could be. She stopped me and said, "Do you want to know what I'm hearing?" She said the entire time I was talking to her for the first 2-3 minutes she heard, "For the Kingdom, take it back." She said nothing is random and everything matters. As we prayed over the 1902, she started saying things like, "There is a rolling back of time. Back to the ancient pathways. A rededication for the right time and place. By the blood of Jesus there will be healing, and praise, and worship. There will be thanks and praise coming from this building. Ancient flight patterns of birds, underground railroads, secure passageways, and spiritual tunnels. I see a reversal of waterways...water flowing back the way it was meant to be. Then she began to pray fervently in tongues. She said, "Wait...He's showing me something right now. From the throne room of Heaven, as we speak, coming down, it's a tunnel from the throne room. Opening wide, all the way down into the soil under that building. Nothing can penetrate it. It's a Holy Spirit tunnel of love. Lives to be saved to go home." She finished the prayer up by saying that she prayed we have peace in the chaos, that the building is ours, the gates are open, and that God is our provider.

The next morning I was feeling pretty excited and jittery about viewing the building at noon. I called my friend June from Morningstar to pray over our realtor appointment. June and her husband had just been visiting the week before and we told her about the building. We drove around Martinsburg and prayed over our town. During that morning conversation in

the barn...my friend June heard me say, "The Lampstand Light Center" and she said, "Wow, I just got a zing on that phrase! I think you just named your building!" June also mentioned that the 24/7 prayer movement at the Bob Jones Vision Center is called "The Moravian Lampstand." Wow! God is just speaking to people about His heart. And maybe 24/7 prayer and worship is at the top of His list of importance right now.

At noon, we went to see the building, I was just praying to the Lord to show me ideas and strategies for how this building could be used. I saw on the basement level a Sunday school area for children and also a storage area for supplies. On the main level, I saw the worship space and a possible bookstore/gift shop area. The second and third floors were stunning and the light just shone in the huge windows. The views of Martinsburg were just overwhelming. My initial thoughts of putting offices on the second floor went out the window...literally. You would never want to cover over the beauty of that wide open space. The kitchens and bathrooms on the 2nd and 3rd floors led me to wonder about hosting events/classes on those floors and feeding people meals.

As we walked away from the visit, I was feeling a little down. The repairs and price made the project seem impossible. My husband didn't sound very optimistic or interested. But God!

That night I googled "Moravian Lampstand." I thought if this is meant to be a lampstand movement...I need to remember what that is all about. In 2023 we had traveled to Moravian Falls, NC to research the Moravians and learn about the spiritual encounters people had in that region. It was a powerful trip. I had heard a word from God on top of that mountain during worship. The Lord said to me, "How can you be a beacon of light for your community if you refuse to stand on your lampstand?" I have held that advice near and dear to my heart as I never want to be in disobedience to God. At that time I was debating going live with our revival on Facebook. God made it clear how He felt about it. So we went live.

Another word I received on that trip was a few days later. I was sitting in Morningstar Ministries 2nd service and I began to sketch a photo of a tent peg. I heard, "The tent peg will become the lightning rod." I'm revisiting that here and now because I think it relates to the prayer Melissa prayed over the building. The tunnel from the throne room that flows down to the soil reminded me of that vision of the tent peg. It just felt like the same idea. A conduit of God's love and power, flowing down from the throne through the pulpit or building and down into the soil. It showed the planting of a tent peg into a place to hold down that territory for the Lord. Then the light emanating from the pulpit that would go out into revival.

Circling back to that night of December 12th. As I researched the Moravian Lampstand, I found that there was a school called Ekballo in California that taught discipleship. They had

two tracks you could sign up to study. There was a worship track and a media track. They also had a Moravian Lampstand movement at their school. As I researched it further...there is an Ekballo school in Hawaii and they have an agricultural component where the students harvest coffee beans. It was an AHA moment for me. The marketplace ministry aspect connecting to agriculture! This was the only other place I had seen this other than in my mind. That's when God revealed the plans for the 1902 building. It's a lampstand movement partnered with a ministry school. The 2nd and 3rd floors will be for classes.

The most exciting thing about this vision is that it is reproducible to any main street in America, possibly with local partnering farms. Can you picture what this would do to governmental strongholds in our nation? Can you picture what the Lord could do with 50 Holy Spirit filled students at the heart of our town? Can you picture how the stores would change; how the guests drawn to our town would change; and how the crime and poverty would change. There's infinite numbers of positive outcomes that we haven't even fathomed yet.

Lastly, we met as a Dove's Landing team this past weekend to update everyone on what's been going on. Chris has been out of the loop with the team, and we hadn't had time to share the vision and the photos with him yet. While we were discussing the project, we all agreed that we feel like this project is for now. I shared how Joseph Z has been prophesying a tough first 2 quarters of 2025 but he sees a tent peg staked in the ground at the half-way point. I said to Christina, "What day of the year is exactly half-way?" She searched it and found it to be July 2, 2025. As we were wrapping up our meeting Chris said, "You know 1902 is 7:02 in military time." I said, "I think God has date-stamped our project."

So we're bringing this to the team tonight for prayer and consideration. Consider praying regularly over this building as you drive through Martinsburg. Also, consider planting a seed into our ministry for this project. We have faith that if God gave us this vision and so, so much revelation in a short period of time...that He is wanting movement and action on this project.