

*whose eyesight had dimmed so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place.*

*Romans 12:2 AMP – Do not be conformed to this world, this age, but be transformed by the entire renewal of your mind, by its new ideals and its new attitude, so that you may prove for yourselves what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect in His sight for you.*

### **3. Powerful Decrees**

*Job 22:25-28 AMP – (25) Make the Almighty your gold and the Lord your precious silver treasure, (26) then you will have delight in the Almighty, and you will lift up your face to God. (27) You will make your prayer to Him, and He will hear you, and you will pay your vows. (28) You shall also decide and decree a thing, and it shall be established for you; and the light of God's favor shall shine upon your ways.*

*Matthew 16:19 AMP – I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind (declare to be improper and unlawful) on earth must be what is already bound in heaven; and whatever you loose (declare lawful) on earth must be what is already loosed in heaven.*

Once we have prophetic vision burning in our hearts we can then speak the word of faith and make powerful decrees.

When we get to the place of decreeing we are at the place of birthing, bringing forth the vision.

# **THE TIME OF AWAKENING**

## **Part 2 – Springtime is Wartime**

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### **REVIEW - SIX SIGNS OF SPRING**

*Song of Solomon 2:10-13 AMP – (10) My beloved speaks and says to me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. (11) For, behold, the **winter is past**; the rain is over and gone. (12) The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. (13) The fig tree puts forth and ripens her green figs, and the vines are in blossom and give forth their fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.*

1. The Rain is Over and Gone.
2. The Flowers Appear on the Earth.
3. The Time of Singing Birds Has Come.
4. The Voice of the Turtledove is Heard.
5. The Fig Tree Puts Forth and Ripens her Green Figs.
6. The Vines are in Blossom and Give Forth Their Fragrance.

### **INTRODUCTION**

Springtime is wartime! It's a time to sow and it's a time to war.

*2 Samuel 11:1 AMP – In the spring, when kings go forth to battle, David sent Joab with his servants and all Israel, and they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.*

Advancement and acceleration come at a price.

## I. PHYSICAL PREPARATION

We must develop an attitude to run a “marathon” and not a “sprint.”

*I Corinthians 6:19-20 AMP – (19) Do you not know that your body is the temple (the very sanctuary) of the Holy Spirit Who lives within you, Whom you have received as a Gift from God? You are not your own. (20) You were bought with a price, purchased with a preciousness and paid for, made His own. So then, honor God and bring glory to Him in your body.*

Our usefulness to God sometimes can be related to how well we are mentally and physically.

Some people have believed that neglecting our natural bodies elevates us to a higher status spiritually – but the only thing it leads to is a works mentality.

We have a tendency to abuse our bodies through poor eating habits, insufficient rest and lack of exercise.

We must take care of the Temple so that we can produce endurance in our lives and fulfill the destiny and calling and not be taken prematurely.

## II. SPIRITUAL PREPARATION

### 1. Patient Faith

*Hebrews 6:11-12 ESV – (11) And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, (12) so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.*

Faith requires the fruit of patience in order to stand long enough to see the promise come forth.

Patience – standing under trials, temptations and tests.

*Ephesians 6:13 AMP – Therefore put on God’s complete armor, that you may be able to resist and stand your ground on the evil day of danger, and, having done all the crisis demands, to stand firmly in your place.*

*Hebrews 11:1 AMP – Now faith is the assurance, the confirmation, the title deed, of the things we hope for, being the proof of things we do not see and the conviction of their reality, faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses.*

**Endurance is the ability to stand up under adversity and trials.**

**Perseverance is the ability to move forward in spite of adversity and trials.**

*Hebrews 12:1b AMP – Let us run with patient endurance and steady and active persistence [perseverance] the appointed course of the race that is set before us.*

### 2. Prophetic Vision

*Proverbs 29:18 ESV - Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law.*

*I Samuel 3:1-2 AMP – (1) Now the boy Samuel ministered to the Lord before Eli. The word of the Lord was rare and precious in those days; there was no frequent or widely spread vision. (2) At that time Eli,*