



# GARDEN CITY

## CHURCH

### **Prophetic Word 1/14/2024:**

Just as in the days of Joshua, Prepare to advance to claim territories and tear down strongholds for the name of the Lord and the reign of His kingdom. The territories will be your spheres of influence where you partner with Me to see My Kingdom come forth. As you steward and cultivate the land according to My instructions you will be a fruitful vineyard that brings forth My new wine. The new wine will come in the form of new vehicles, new strategies for ministry expressions, new callings and ways in which the Kingdom of Heaven will take root. The Lord will give tangible grace and impact in response to faithfully cultivating the new lands and territories.

It is required to operate in My strength, joy, and anointing to keep our vineyard fruitful, by being positioned in adoration, pursuing discipline, the Word, and the pace of the Lord. We must also pursue holiness and purity and combat apathy in order to expose any obstacle to what the Lord desires to accomplish corporately and individually.

AWAKE, ARISE, ASCEND

### **Scriptures:**

- Joshua 1:1-6 (prepare to advance and claim territories)
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 (tearing down strongholds for the reign of God's kingdom)
- 2 Corinthians 10:12-18 (stewarding our spheres of influence for the advancement of his reign to new territories)
- Deuteronomy 7:13; Joel 2:19; Matthew 9:17 (new wine)
- Isaiah 5:1-7 (being a fruitful vineyard)
- Joel 2:19 (joy, anointing and strength)
  - The LORD will answer and say to His people, "Behold, I will send you grain [STRENGTH] and new wine [JOY] and oil [ANOINTING], And you will be satisfied by them; I will no longer make you a reproach among the nations.
- Deuteronomy 10:12 (positioned in adoration, pursuing discipline)
- Prov 15:19; Gal 6:9; Hebrews 11:6 (combating apathy)
- Psalm 119:3-13; Deuteronomy 7:2 (pursue holiness and purity and combat apathy to expose every obstacle/positioned in adoration, pursuing discipline and the word)

### **3 C's alignment:**

- **Communion:** Being With Jesus is Our Greatest Pursuit
  - First and foremost, a fruitful vineyard flows from being positioned in adoration before our King, choosing to obey His words in discipline that is fueled by deep love for Him. We cannot manufacture adoration for Jesus, it can only be attained through beholding and abiding in Him.
- **Community:** Where We Become More Like Him
  - A vineyard is not made up of one vine, nor is a territory won by the fight of one soldier. It is through a community of people partnering together that we become a full vineyard and garner the strength to take territories.
- **Cultivation:** We Will Bring His Kingdom Everywhere We Go
  - By viewing our spheres of influence as lands or territories to be won for Jesus' kingdom, we are honoring the Lord with what He has given us to steward in our lives. As we do this, more and more places in our lives and in our city will pour forth the glorious light that Jesus is the one true God.

### **Action steps:**

1. Ask the Lord to expose any lack of adoration and ask Him to renew your time in the secret place. That time with Him would flow out of adoration instead of self strength.
2. Ask the Lord to expose and reveal any obstacles to moving forward in stewarding/ taking new land. Repent specifically for any apathy and compromise exposed in your heart.
3. Pursue a lifestyle of being rooted in the Word. Ask the Lord to reveal new ways He wants you to walk in alignment with His Word. In your spheres of influence, let the Words of God define your values, character, and actions. Know His Word and become His Word.
4. Ask the Lord “what is required of you to keep your vineyard fruitful?” Pray for Him to give you grace to yield to a process of crushing and pressing (just like the real process of grapes becoming wine). In the **crushing** ask the Lord to give you a **surrendered heart** and a **willing Spirit** so that in the **pressing** you can follow and obey what God is asking of you personally.
5. Ask the Lord to reveal to you what your individual spheres of influence are and what new land(s) He desires for you to take in 2024 (your family, your career, your school, your ministry etc.).
6. Conversely, ask the Lord to give you revelation of how you can take part in pursuing what the leaders of Garden City have determined the land is that God desires our community to take in 2024 (disciple making, GCC east, local/global impact, Lebanon, Israel).
7. Ask the Lord to reveal his pace and pray for grace to keep in step with Him through the Holy Spirit by not moving ahead of Him or lagging behind Him when taking land and cultivating new territory.
8. Study the book of Joshua and ask the Lord to give you wisdom and revelation of the strategies and truth that is displayed for our own pursuit of the expansion of Jesus’ Kingdom in our city.

### **Over arching Theme of 2024**

To experience (know) the Lord and to exalt (honor) the Lord (John 17:1-4)!