

# Trumpet Call

## The Present Day: Trumpet Call to Pray

### *Intimacy, Identity and Authority*

In January 2003 we began a journey that was to be both challenging and exciting. We believed God was saying that we had been preparing the way of the Lord; we had removed the stones and pebbles but that now we had come to the boulders. He showed us that He was going to remove the boulders Himself. It was going to be a completely new stage on our journey and very different, a new level. It was going to be like the return of the Ark of the Covenant in King David's time and we had to take a step at a time, bringing a sacrifice. We had to be prepared for this new level and God showed us how. God gave us a very strong promise from Zechariah 2 and 3 that during this time He himself would be a 'wall of fire around us' and 'the Glory within'.

The first thing we had to do was to lay down all the past ways of doing things. The things we had built up over many years were to be laid down in readiness for the next part of the journey. By the end of 2004 the prayer breakfasts which had been taking place for many years were laid down. What remained were the relationships that had been established between the people who were praying for the county.

As the time of preparation progressed we became aware that the Lord was sounding the trumpet, calling us to Himself. Since January 2005 we have met together in response to the sound of the trumpet. Our instruction was to not concentrate on the consequences of the breakdown of God's order in society but to focus on the restoration of His order. From Genesis we saw that the key things are the restoration of intimacy with God, which leads to the restoration of our identity and then of authority.

Worship was to be the foundation of this journey. God made it clear that in establishing greater intimacy with us He wanted to share with us the secrets of covenant. He emphasised some key elements:

- ♦ The Cross as the central point of focus as it always must be. At the cross we submit ourselves to Christ afresh and call upon His name. Here we rededicate our lives, renew our focus and regain a proper perspective on life. Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.
- ♦ The covenant/communion table, representing the basis of our relationship, our intimacy with God and its outworking in our lives. We renew our covenant with Him, and recall His covenant with us. We can particularly bring to His remembrance those qualities or ministries of His that we need at that moment, such as His health, strength, wisdom, discernment, healing, etc.
- ♦ The importance of holiness - clean hands and a pure heart. 'Who can ascend the hill of the Lord?' Psalm 24 (We have a wash bowl in place in the prayer room to help us focus). This is not the ceremonial washing of the Pharisee, but for the confession of sin, proclamation of our forgiveness, and the remembrance and renewal of our baptism for a clean conscience. Here we remember that the Lord has rolled away the reproach of Egypt, the land of bondage, and set us free.
- ♦ The Flame – signifying a place where:
  1. **○ God of burning cleansing flame, send the fire! Burn up every trace of sin!**
  2. To put ourselves on the flame of total surrender. We not only submit to the fire of His refining, but also bring those weights that encompass our lives and slow us up to be burned up in its heat. The Lord gave us an illustration of the race horse: if it wants to keep up front it has to be the right weight. Some of the things we surrender may be good and apparently harmless but they are not for now, not for this stage of our journey towards intimacy and holiness.
  3. To move into being a carrier of His Glory. Revive us, Lord, and let it start with me!

4. I declare I will never walk as a powerless believer, but as one who contains the flame of the Holy Spirit, and a carrier of His Glory!

Then as a consequence of knowing who we are in Him we find the restoration of our authority in God. So that as we carry the sword of the Word of God, God Himself can wield it at any time and in any situation as we respond in obedience to the prompting of the Holy Spirit. This was a journey into, not only a new phase of our lives with God, but a new dimension in Him

Early in 2007, we moved into increasing new levels at each Trumpet Call where God began to lead us specifically to release His power through worship.

At this time God began to speak to us about getting things in order.

We began to have an increasing understanding of the Kingdom of God and that in restoration of God's order we were looking at the restoration and advancement of His Kingdom. This is to do with land and people.

The Lord was impressing on us in our journey that we are being led into what God had already put into place, for example when we were recently introduced to the National Director of 'Freedom in Christ' we saw God's provision already in place for the people who we were going to be set free through prayer.

At that time we felt the Lord was leading us to look to our borders. This led to a meeting with some church and prayer leaders from Lincoln, Leicester and Derby. The result was Regional Trumpet Call. At a meeting of representatives from the 4 regions in 2008, a picture was given of a grafted apple tree. Although the four apple trees were grafted into the same root they retained their individuality. We believe that God is strengthening us in joining us together in the call He has given us to prepare the way for Him to destroy the Strongholds in our nation. See *Regional Trumpet Call* page: [http://www.prayer-network.org.uk/about\\_rtc.php](http://www.prayer-network.org.uk/about_rtc.php)

In 2008 the Lord began turning us to Revelation 4.

*"I saw a door open in Heaven"...*

*"I heard a voice and it sounded like a mighty Trumpet blast"...* (an urgent sound)

*"I saw a throne and One sitting on the throne"...*

This began to lead us to new levels of worship where we experience the weight of the Glory of God.

Chapter 5 talks about John weeping because of the desperation of the situation, much like today is for us. One of the elders says to John, *"Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals"* Then John saw the Lamb. (Rev 5 v 5-6)

This is what God began to say to us as we looked at the situations around us – 'Stop weeping – here is the Lamb'. We realised we have been given the answer. As we create a space for Him through worship, we come into the throne room. This is the place where we find out what God wants to do. We then release the word He gives us through declaration and proclamation He is able to change the situations, enable us to 're-write the laws' (as in the book of Esther) and to see His order restored. What an amazing privilege.

God began to show us the importance of the children being involved and hence they started to attend with their parents and become an integral part of our journey. As we release God to work, He is raising up people to Pray for the city in a new way, to partnership with people working in the city, and to begin to stand with London and others places around our Nation in Prayer and support. See:

*Network Partners:* <http://www.prayer-network.org.uk/partners.php>

*Pray for the City:* <http://www.prayer-network.org.uk/pray.php>

When we partner with God, Heaven begins to connect with earth and amazing things begin to happen.