

Divine Adjustments & Alignments for 5787 by Kerry Hansher

One of the things I love the most about our Heavenly Father is that He is mindful of us at all times and He “stands at the ready” to release new revelation and insight to us on our journeys. This seems to be especially true as we enter into the Fall Feasts and the start of each new Hebrew Calendar year. Daniel 2:20-22 describes this type of divine intervention this way: “Praise the name of God forever and ever, for *all* wisdom and power belong to Him. He sets in motion the times and the ages; He deposes kings and installs others; He gives wisdom to the wise and grants knowledge to those with understanding. He reveals deep *truths* and hidden secrets; He knows what lies veiled in the darkness; *pure* light radiates from within Him.” (VOICE).

On the day before Rosh Hashanah eve, I had an unexpected revelatory experience with Holy Spirit wherein the released prophetic message resonated deeply in my spirit. I heard the Lord say, “What I’ve shared with you is a word of instruction and encouragement for my Body as we enter into 5787, right in the midst of this season of war. As you pay attention to what I say and demonstrate, you will be better prepared to move forward with new strength, resilience, perseverance, speed and vision just in time for the trumpet blast to sound on Rosh Hashanah!” Below is the sequence of events that occurred during this divine appointment, along with a testimony of the immediate results I witnessed after being obedient to follow each word of instruction I received.

My weekly exercise routine includes walking or cycling multiple times a week. On this particular Thursday I had gotten up early like so many other mornings to beat the heat for that day’s bicycle ride. To be honest, I was a bit hesitant about the morning’s ride as the past few rides had been a bit more difficult, with me needing to press in harder to find the strength to meet my mileage and time goals for each new ride. As I walked toward my bike parked in the garage to put my helmet on I heard the Lord say, “**Check your tires.**” I knew it was the Lord speaking, so before I got on my bike, I reached down to squeeze each tire and quickly discovered that the air in both of my tires was way too low. I got out my portable tire inflator and quickly filled up my tires. It was in those moments that I remember thinking, “Wow ... why didn’t it occur to me sooner that low tire pressure could have been the reason my morning rides have become more cumbersome?”

As I walked across the garage floor I began thinking about the soreness I was experiencing in my right ankle because of my shoes having rubbed up against my foot on my long walk the day before. I was trying to decide if I would be OK and not create more discomfort by wearing my normal walking shoes for this planned long ride. All of a sudden I heard “**Change your shoes. Put on an older pair of shoes,**” at which point I saw the shoes in my mind’s eye that the Lord was referring to. I went back into the house, took off my normal walking shoes and put on the old shoes that had become my gardening shoes. I realized that the curvature around my ankle was different than my normal walking shoes so these would be much more comfortable for my planned bike ride.

I walked back out to my garage and started to get on my bike to leave and I heard “**Raise your seat.**” I immediately remembered having a passing thought about this on my previous ride, wondering if raising my bike seat might actually help me gain better leverage and find more strength to peddle, with different leg muscles being used. However, as a “short girl” with a height of only 5 feet, the thought of raising my seat had been a bit intimidating! I already was having to stand on my tiptoes each time I needed to stop during a ride or use a foot to brace myself for a sharp turn. However, because I knew that the voice I heard was my Heavenly Father’s ... who knows my height better than anyone ... I immediately obeyed His voice. I inched my seat a bit higher and retightened the lever afterward to secure the seat in its new position.

By this point, I knew I was experiencing a divine encounter with the ONE who knows me best and He was equipping me for a more productive and enjoyable bike ride. I again got on my bike and was about to start riding out of the garage and I heard, “**Shift and reset your gears.**” I then remembered how frustrated I had been on my past few rides because of the numerous times I had

to keep changing my gear settings to find the right speed and momentum to make it up the inclines that happened to be on the path. The gears seemed to grind longer than normal with each adjustment, taking more time to level out. Again, I immediately did what I heard Father say to do, and after a final "twist," my gears were securely locked in place and I was ready for my ride.

It did not take long at all on my ride to realize that the 4 minor adjustments I had made at the Lord's instruction had resolved all of the issues I had been struggling with on my previous rides! I couldn't believe it but quickly embraced a sense of relief, and the joy I had previously experienced during my morning bike rides returned. I smiled to myself and began thinking about how intimately we are known and loved by our Heavenly Father and was full of amazement over how He literally cares about every single detail of our lives.

All of a sudden, Holy Spirit began to speak prophetically to me regarding each of the 4 adjustments He had me make for my bike ride. He explained to me that each physical realignment actually represented spiritual, emotional, and mental adjustments that the Body of Christ needed to make to be fully prepared and equipped for this new year of 5787 - a year of Covenant, Double Jubilee, Shabbat Rest, War and the Sword, and a Crown of Authority.

"Check your tires" – The spiritual parallel with the flat tires is that there are many in the Body of Christ who are tired, weary, discouraged, worn down, and in desperate need of deep levels of Shabbat Rest because of the intensity of the war season we have all been walking through in 5786. This has been a year of "staking our claim" for the Kingdom, whether it be in our nations, our families, our ministries, our businesses, educational systems, or governmental sectors that we pray and intercede for. Some individuals have had to really press through with great perseverance to keep moving forward in the assignments the Lord has had for them to complete this year, with demonic strategies and attacks being frequently unleashed to thwart the plans and purposes of God in the earth. While we have taken much ground and the Mighty One of Israel has been faithful to strengthen us, give us prophetic wisdom, revelation and words of instruction, many of the battles we have fought in this year of the "Vav" have been exhausting! With this being the case, as we enter into 5787 each one of us needs to be purposeful in drawing near to Holy Spirit in this season of Shabbat Rest so that He can "fill us up again." There are reservoirs of His living water contained inside of every one of us and He is ready to "unstop the wells" and cause the waters of His Spirit to burst forth again in fullness! **I release grace to each one of you to stop, draw near and rest in Holy Spirit's presence so you can be refilled, renewed, restored and strengthened with the living waters of His Spirit in this next season.**

"Change your shoes. Put on an older pair of shoes" – As we enter new seasons of our lives, we may be tempted to "shed old garments" and lay aside previous assignments, making assumptions that the new year will be so full of new opportunities and new covenant alignments that we will no longer have room for any of the "old ways" while fully embracing the new. Sometimes it may even feel like we have worn out or "grown out of" our shoes because we are consistently being transformed and renewed while walking hand in hand with Holy Spirit through each new season. However, in this prophetic experience I had with the Lord, He purposely told me to put on old shoes, symbolizing the fact that there are some assignments ahead in 5787 which will require us to walk confidently in revelation, understanding and levels of anointing we gained in previous seasons of life. Yes, we need to be willing to let go of the old wineskins, outdated assignments, unhealthy patterns of behavior, and even relationships as Holy Spirit leads. However, this does not mean we should automatically "throw away our old spiritual shoes" and become presumptive, putting limits on God in regard to what harvest fields He can assign us to in each new year. **He is Lord of the Harvest and He knows what "shoes" we will need in our fields!**

"Raise your seat" – Holy Spirit told me that we were going to need to "sit higher" as we enter into this new year of 5787. There are new battles we will fight and stronger devils that we will need to

withstand by the power of His Spirit for ourselves, for future generations, and the nations of the earth. With this reality, we need to be properly “seated” and “positioned” to receive deeper and higher levels of revelation, wisdom and instruction. This means we must make adjustments as Holy Spirit leads, envisioning ourselves sitting beside our Heavenly Father in the third heaven, ruling with Him over His enemies. For some of us, this need to “sit higher” may mean being more purposeful in seeking deeper levels of personal healing and deliverance so the weights of abuse, grief, and depression can be lifted off of us. For others, the “weights” that keep us earthbound may be related to family responsibilities, employment or church obligations, or unhealthy relationships that keep us busy and distracted, leaving us lacking in emotional capacity or time to “sit in the Heavens” with Father. **Regardless of our situation, there is a call to “Come up higher and sit in our seats!”** I love the way Ephesians 2:4-7 in the VOICE describes this blessing of God to us: “But God, with the *unfathomable* richness of His love and mercy focused on us, united us with the Anointed One and infused our lifeless souls with life – even though we were buried under mountains of sin – and saved us by His grace. He raised us up with Him and seated us in the heavenly realms with our beloved Jesus the Anointed, *the Liberating King*. *He did this for a reason:* so that for all eternity we will stand as a living testimony to the incredible riches of His grace and kindness that He freely gives to us by uniting us with Jesus the Anointed.”

“Shift and reset your gears” – As I listened to Holy Spirit to hear what He was saying about the need for us to make a shift and be reset, these verses from Romans 12:1-2 (TPT) came to mind: “Beloved friends, what should be our proper response to God’s marvelous mercies? I encourage you to surrender yourselves to God to be his sacred, living sacrifices. And live in holiness, experiencing all that delights his heart. For this becomes your genuine expression of worship. Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you, but be inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit through a total reformation of how you think. This will empower you to discern God’s will as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in his eyes.”

As we enter into this year of Covenant War, Authority, and Rest, I sense the Lord inviting us to come near to Him so together we can “revisit” and “reevaluate” our thought processes, belief systems, and priorities. For some, the first needed “shift” may be that of finding courage to admit to ourselves and the Lord that we are “stuck” and unable to find a path forward to learn how to genuinely love and care for ourselves. Sometimes the truth is simply that the trauma and abuse we suffered was so severe that our sense of self-worth was demolished, leaving us without any capacity to believe that we are actually worthy of love. I believe the words that Jeremiah penned on behalf of the Lover Of Our Soul in Jeremiah 31:1-4 (TPT) could be keys to bring about the “divine reset” we are longing for and need so we begin to live as those who are loved instead of remaining loveless: “At that time,” Yahweh declares, “I will be the *true* God of every family of Israel, and they will be my very own people.” Yahweh says: **“My people who survived the slaughter and the sword found grace in their *difficult* wilderness. I am bringing Israel to her rest.” YAHWEH appeared to me from another *realm* and said, “I have *deeply* loved you with a forever-love; that is why I have been so patient and kind to draw you *to my heart*. You are precious to me, and I will build you up again. Yes, Israel, you will be *rebuilt*!** Once more, you will be decked out in your best *attire*, take up your tambourines, and go out dancing with great joy.”

For those whose love tanks are already full, it is possible that “resetting our gears” may relate to the need for us to lay down priorities we picked up in former seasons that are no longer on God’s calendar for this new season. This can be difficult as clinging to the familiar is often easier than having to “find our footing” on new ground. Yet, if we keep turning around to look at what was and is no longer intended to be, our journey forward will inevitably be hindered. **Remember Lot’s wife? She turned back with a deep longing in her soul for the past and she forfeited her future.**

I honestly do not know if the “shifts” the Lord is calling us all to make are drastic or gentle ... I just know that He is saying there are adjustments and changes that He will be asking each one of us to make so He can “reset us,” “shift us” and “steady our feet,” ensuring that we are firmly planted on each new path that He has destined for us to walk on in this new year of 5787. Regardless of what your path looks like, remember that we are a covenant people and we serve a Holy and Loving God who ALWAYS keeps his promises. **No matter what you do in this coming year, remember to consistently “Check your tires,” “Change your shoes,” “Raise your seat,” and “Shift and Reset your gears.” And don’t forget that some days we may even need to tighten the strap around our helmets of salvation!**