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GIG72 - The Vision Of Hargrave Ministries - Part One

This podcast is titled, "The Vision Of Hargrave Ministries," and it is Part One. I want to take this opportunity, since this will be the last podcast of the year, to, number one, thank all of those who have been such a part of Hargrave Ministries during this past year. There are those who have donated finances to the ministry; there are many who have helped and volunteered in part of the processing or the editing of the messages, and other areas that have been very necessary; and I just want to thank all of you from the depths of my heart for your assistance. None of what we are doing would happen if it wasn't for you, and I appreciate you very, very much. I look forward to moving on into the upcoming year with a great deal of faith, and hopefully your continued participation and support with us going forward. This really is a ministry of many, not just a ministry of one.

So, talk about Hargrave Ministries, and what the vision is then. I feel like when I have talked to people over this past year, and I have the opportunity, just face-to-face, to say what we are doing – because most of the time people ask the question, "What does the ministry do, and how does it move forward?" – and I tell them, and it is many times a surprise. They say, "We did not realize that is what you were doing, or what is going on." So I thought, "Well, we better just make this into a podcast and get it to a place where everybody can hear it." So I just want this to be out of my heart an expression of who we are and what we are doing as Hargrave Ministries. Again, it is not just my ministry, or a one-man show; it really is the heart and energy of many who have the revelation of the Word and the teaching that is going forth. So I want to express it, and also open the door for others to have the revelation and to find a way of participating.

The ministry of Hargrave Ministries really is twofold. The first and primary vision is to send the teaching out to the world. These teachings and expository messages from the Scriptures are born from a revelation anointing that is given by God's grace to my father, John Robert Stevens. He was my father in the Spirit, and I was imparted to and raised up spiritually under his ministry. The anointing came when the Lord met him, and commissioned him in his ministry and walk with God. It is an anointing, because many times people say, "Well, what do you mean, anointing? What do you mean, revelation?" To me, it is a revelation of the Scriptures that comes with an anointing to bring God's Word to life in a way that opens the door really wide for believers to have a personal relationship and walk with God the Father under the Lordship and mastery of Jesus Christ – whose proper name, as we know, in Hebrew is Yeshua HaMashiach. It is an anointing. This Word is an anointing that imparts the ability for the believer then to grow and mature in God until, as Ephesians 4:13 says, "We all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ." So it is very much about this maturity that comes following the revelation of the relationship with the Father and the relationship of the Lordship of Christ over our lives.

I believe that the Lord has spoken that this is to be a Word and a message for the whole world to have access to. It is therefore our drive, as Hargrave Ministries, to deliver these teachings by whatever means that the Lord would direct to people, and to do that free of charge. Yes, I know that we have charged at times for books, but basically the podcasts are free. The blogs are all free. The published resources are free. And it is my heart that everything of the Word in the messages would be free to people. I don't think it is something that we want to charge for the Word, and therefore, I try to the best of our ability to do everything without cost; and to find through donations a way to pay for the costs of everything that we do. Because of this, I have really been praying and asking the Lord for more than just donors and donations. I really am praying for those who would have the same revelation about the teaching, about the anointing, and about the ministry. And I am praying that they would join themselves with me, with the ministry, as helpers, partners and friends, to send this Word out to the world.

I know, personally, when I first heard and received the impartation from this anointed Word, it changed my life; and it moved me into the relationship with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit that I had been looking for, but wasn't really able to enter in to or reach for on my own. It is that same experience that I am believing for people to receive through this ministry. And I ask you to pray about being a part of the vision, if the vision is real and alive in your heart, because it needs to be ministered by virtue of a revelation.

I know I have said a lot of things here, and I haven't used many Scriptures about it or taught much on the points; but I wanted it to be first of all a flow from my own heart about what this ministry involves. It is a teaching. It is something that is anointed in its ministry, and I want the flow of that to come as an impartation to people. But I do want to put some Scriptures under it, with some explanations.

First of all, we realize that this ministry is a gift. The gifts and the ministries of God that He brings are imparted – both imparted and received. God imparts them, and we as believers must receive them. We see this relationship through the New Testament Scriptures, as well as the Hebrew Scriptures, all the time. I want to go to Second Timothy the first chapter, starting at verses 5-6. It says, "For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well. For this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands." Now, this is great, because Paul is recognizing that Timothy had a faith; he was raised with faith. I know I personally was raised with faith. I did not encounter this ministry and have it be something that brought me into a salvation experience. I was already in a salvation experience, and reaching for a deeper relationship for the Lord. This is what my faith was. What this did was impart to me on a deeper level, and it opened a door for me to experience the Word of God on a deeper level, and the impartation from God. So Paul recognized with Timothy that he had been imparted to by his grandmother, by his mother; that he had a faith that was in him when he first was introduced to Paul. But it was because of that faith that he encouraged him to kindle afresh the gift which Paul had imparted to him through the laying on of his hands.

Paul had something that he received. He was an eyewitness. He had been caught up into the Spirit, he had seen the Lord, been commissioned by the Lord. And because of that, he was able then to lay hands on Timothy and impart to him the same ministry and drive for the Word, the

same revelation that he had. And even though Timothy had not necessarily met the Lord the way Paul did, the experience of Paul was imparted, and the gifts from Paul were imparted.

Verse 8 goes on to say, "Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God." Paul, again, is asking Timothy, "Join with me. Come on, be one with me as a fellow soldier in the Gospel of Christ." And this is the way this works. The gift and the ministry are imparted from those that have it, and then you join in the ministry with them; and you are not ashamed of the Gospel nor of the vessel that imparted it to you. That is the way I feel, likewise, in my experience.

I want to go to 1 Timothy 4, at verse 13: "Until I come, give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching." I love this, because one of the things that I feel there is such a drive for in Hargrave Ministries is this reading of the Scriptures, this impartation of a hunger and a revelation of the power of the Word of God in the Scriptures that we have. And Paul was encouraging Timothy along those lines. Publicly, even, read the Scriptures; give the exhortation; give the teaching through that gift which has been imparted to you. Remember how he told him to kindle afresh. In verse 14, he goes on and says, "Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed on you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the presbytery." And I can say for me, this is a drive in my life. I do not want to neglect what has been imparted to me. To others, it may not be a Word from God. To me, it is a Word from God. It was imparted to my heart, to my life, and to my spirit by the one who was placed over me as a fathering ministry. It is through that impartation that I receive the spiritual gift, and I do not want to neglect that. I want to move forward with all the ability that I have. And I want those likewise that have similar revelation to not neglect what has been imparted to you, but to find the way to press into the Lord and impart it. It has come to you through impartation and prophetic utterance, with the laying on of hands of the elders, and you now need to engage in that same process.

He says in verses 15-16, "Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them, so that your progress will be evident to all. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you." I pray that my salvation grows, and that I find the grace of God in my life. But I also pray that I am able to impart that same salvation to those that hear these teachings, as they come to them and fall into their hands. Lord loose this Word into the hands of the hungry hearts that You have prepared to hear it.

In Romans the first chapter, at verse 11, it says, "For I long to see you" – this is Paul's drive, talking to the church in Rome – "I long to see you so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established." You must understand that the things we have received, we can impart. Paul was that way. He was driven to go to the churches and to lay hands on them, or to speak to them; and by doing that to impart to them the spiritual gifts and revelations that he had had and received from the Lord. He wanted them to receive it and to be established in it.

In 1 Corinthians 4:7, he says, "For who regards you as superior? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?" I think this again is a great one. What do we have in God that we did not receive? We received it by someone. Someone witnessed to us about salvation; someone imparted to us the gifts or the Word or the anointing that we move in. And that is what I have. This ministry, there is nothing of boasting or pride in it, because it is not something that I broke through into God and had received from Him. No, it was imparted to me. It was given to me as a gift of grace, and there is a thankfulness in my heart for what the Lord has imparted to me; that He has brought people, not only John Stevens, but others in my life, to impart to me His gifts and His anointing and His Word. His love, and His faith, and all of the things that we walk in, someone has imparted them to us – whether it has been by prayer or prophetic utterance or the laying on of hands, whatever it is, we have received these things. All the gifts and the anointing are given to us. They are free gifts of God, imparted by faith, and we must receive them by faith and walk in them with a thankfulness and a humility.

In Romans 12, verses 5-8, Paul goes on to say, "So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness." So he begins to talk about the Body. Why? Because, again, what was his drive? His drive was to take that which he had received from the Lord and bring it as an impartation to the Church. He recognized that we are all different members, and each member has a gift which is differing according to the grace that was imparted with it. Paul realized that in this impartation, he was creating this complete picture of a body. Let this Word do the same thing. It is going to land on different hearts and different ears, and in different peoples and cultures in different ways. It is going to impart gifts, and those gifts may differ by the grace that was given; but that difference should not divide us. That difference should give us a reason for drawing together as the Body of Christ, so that each of us can impart as we have been gifted, and it can manifest to others as we move forward in the formation of the Body of Christ. I love that, because this revelation of oneness in the Body is very much a part of Hargrave Ministries in its foundation.

2 Timothy 2:1-2 goes on to say, "You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." See, he emphasizes this even to Timothy himself. "What you have received from me, be strong in those things; stir up the gifts, but impart them. You impart them to faithful witnesses." This is the way the Kingdom grows. It is imparted from one heart to another heart, to the next heart. And it goes on – it should multiply exponentially as we move forward as believers.

And once again, I am looking for that out of this ministry. I am looking to see this Word that we have, this anointing, be handed out to the world, be imparted to the world. And when it is, I am looking for it to bring forth those who will teach others also, and will take the same gift. This should not become an end in itself. It is not given for a handful of special people. It is given to

the world; it is spreading the seed on many waters, to see how it will grow and manifest in God. I bless it as it goes forth. And I bless those who receive it, not to say, "What do I do now?" But to understand that you find those who are faithful; you impart to them, and let them impart to others who will also teach. Lord, bless this vision of this Word, how it works, and what it really means.

And it is a Word from God. In 1 Peter 4, starting at verses 10-11, he says, "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." If we are speaking and teaching, if we are prophesying, we are to do it as the Lord is speaking. If we are serving, it is to be the Lord's hands and feet that we represent. He is moving through us to serve and to strengthen.

All of these things we do to minister – what is the purpose of them? As Peter is saying here, we are to employ these gifts, we are to employ these ministries, in serving one another as good stewards. God allow us to be good stewards. Allow this ministry, allow myself to be a good steward of the gifts and the impartations and the anointing that You have given, that it might be for the purpose of serving the Body of Christ, bringing them to maturity, and raising them up for Your purposes in the earth.

In 2 Peter 1:19-21, he says, "So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God." The Word of God comes. Peter is saying, "Look, we were eyewitnesses of these things. We saw the majestic glory when He appeared, and therefore we have this prophetic word made more sure; and you do well to cleave to it until the same revelation, the day star and the morning star, arises in your own heart." See, if you cleave to the Word of God, if you open your heart to receive the revelation that God is speaking and the revelations that He is showing as a Word from God, then that same day star, that same revelation, will arise in your own heart. And that same impartation will be within you to give to others. He says, "Remember that the prophecy of Scripture, it is not for one's own interpretation." We are to be very careful that we only are interpreting the Word of God according to the Holy Spirit who gave it; and let that be a plumb line for us in this ministry at Hargrave Ministries, that what we see coming in the Word and what we teach from the Word be that which is taught and brought forth by revelation, by the Holy Spirit.

In Hebrews, Paul says, chapter 4, verses 11-12, "Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience." He is talking about the unbelief of the children of Israel in the wilderness. He says, "For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart." When we are reaching in and moving in a revelation of the Word of God, the Scriptures, then we realize, and we must realize, what we are imparting has a power to it. And that is what we loose – this power to go forth into the world, to speak to people's hearts, to be sharper than a two-

edged sword, to pierce as far as the division of soul and spirit; to wake people up, to bring them into the revelation of the Lord and into that place of a walk with God.

What we are handling and working with here is the Word of God. It is the Scriptures, the Hebrew Scriptures, the New Testament Word of God that He has given and imparted to us as He imparted it to the disciples; as He imparted it to Moses and the prophets; as He imparted it down through history. He is imparting it again in this generation, letting that Word come alive in our generation. It wasn't supposed to die, it was supposed to continue to live. When we are dealing with the Scriptures and we are seeing by revelation what they are saying to our hearts and our lives, then they are filled with power. And it is that power that changes the lives of individuals, that imparts to them the gifts and the ministries and gives them the ability to also impart. We release this in what we are doing. Let it be that which divides between soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It judges the thoughts and intentions of our hearts before God. It brings us into this place. This is where the Spirit convicts us; and under that conviction, and under that repentance and seeking of God, we are able to grow and mature into His perfect will for us in this day and age.

In Psalm 119, verses 17-18, David says, "Deal bountifully with Your servant, that I may live and keep Your word. Open my eyes, that I may behold wonderful things from Your law." We are looking in this because it is a revelation, and it is born from a revelation. As Peter said, "We have that revelation. Cleave to it until it grows in your own heart." That is what we must do in this time. We must take this anointing and we must search the Scriptures and find the wonderful things, the wonderful things that are yet to be discovered in the Word of God. You say, "Well, I thought it should be very simple, and it is plain and it is open to us." No, it is interesting, because without this heart to seek Him, without the impartation and the drive to walk with Him, it is like the pearl of great price which is hidden in a field. It is hidden in plain sight, but there has got to be something in your own heart that triggers your ability to see it. And that is what we want this Word going out into the world to do, is to trigger in people's hearts that revelation where they can begin to find the pearl of great price and the walk with God that is looking for us all to have. So we ask, Lord, that You show us the wonders of Your Word, that You remove from us the blindness that has rested over our hearts.

Yeshua talks about this in Luke the eighth chapter, starting at verses 9-10: "His disciples began questioning Him as to what this parable meant. And He said, 'To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.'" And we have to recognize that we today live in a world where many people are blinded under this prophetic pronouncement, made by Isaiah the prophet, that closed the eyes to see and closed the hearts to understand what the Word of God was. Yeshua was saying to His disciples, "Look, I have removed that, and to you it has been granted to understand the mysteries." I think that we are in a day when the seals are to be taken off of the book, and the mysteries that are hidden in plain sight are to be unearthed by revelation, and they are to be imparted to the hearts of people who will continue to impart it to others.

In Matthew 13, verses 14-16, Yeshua said, "'In their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, 'You will keep on hearing, but will not understand; you will keep on seeing, but will not perceive; for the heart of this people has become dull, with their ears they

scarcely hear, and they have closed their eyes, otherwise they would see with their eyes, hear with their ears, and understand with their heart and return, and I would heal them." But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear.'" Getting this Word out to the world is with a drive that people's eyes begin to see, their ears begin to hear, that it break, it break this old prophecy that was made by Isaiah the prophet that closed up the eyes and stopped up the ears. We want people in this generation to be released from that. Right now we live in that state where many hear, but they cannot hear; they see, but they cannot see. They can read the Scriptures and be an atheist. Something has to come that is the power of the Word turned loose in the lives of people until they are broken loose from this inability to understand. So we release this and believe for it. I have a great deal of faith for it.

Now this is Part One, and we are going to go into Part Two. I just want to give you the first introduction of it, because I said in the beginning that this ministry was twofold in its focus. The second expression of our ministry is to the Jewish people and the land of Israel. In Part Two, I will be giving the details of how we minister that, and how we move in order to accomplish that second aspect of the ministry.

Now normally, at the end of the podcast, I give some points for you to review and to remember. What I would like to do with this podcast is two things: One, I wish you would listen to it again, and let it sink even deeper into your heart. Number two, I hope that you will go next week to the second part of this podcast and receive the impartation of how Hargrave Ministries moves in this twofold expression, with the second half being to the Jewish people and to the land of Israel.

Lord, I ask You to bless this to our hearts. Let it be impartation. Let it be powerful. Let it change our minds. Let it set us on a course. God, I ask that You especially speak to those who are to be a part with it, that are to be partners in doing this, that will help in different ways, including providing the finances so that we can continue to do what we do for free in handing this Word out to the world. Amen.