

GROWING IN GOD PODCAST



GIG286 – New Year's Connection With Our Fellow Workers

Hi, and welcome to the podcast. This is a special edition for our *Growing In God* podcast, as it is produced from a Zoom call that we at Hargrave Ministries have occasionally with our donors. When we have these times together and feel it is important for others to be a part of what we are discussing, we create the meeting into a podcast for release. So I hope that you will enjoy this podcast; and if you like being a part of these discussions, I would encourage you to go to our website at hargraveministries.org and join our Fellow Workers.

The next time we are having a session with one another will be in the new year. And I just know that there is such a time of seeking the Lord in my own heart, and I am sure everybody is doing this, to really look to the Lord about the new year and what is happening in your relationship with Him, and what is happening in the world around us in this time of the new year. I think there is the sense of how much God loves newness. I was really thinking this morning about just the fact that we have the ability to take Communion, and one of the greatest experiences of that is new life. It is a new life. It is taking what God has provided in Christ through the cross, through His death, through His burial and through His resurrection, and it allows us to bring all of those realities together in our new day, the day that we are living in. We see it happen again for us. His mercies are renewed morning to morning to morning, so every day can be a new year. And so, I think we should celebrate the fact that what God has provided for us is the ability for His cross to be real in our life, the ability for His resurrection to be real in our life; and so, we really look to this time of a New Year's celebration to see all things made new, because in Him all things can be made new on a daily basis. I want that to be real to us, alive to us, as we approach this day of New Year's coming up next week on Wednesday; and to believe for us, in whatever other ways we are celebrating, to celebrate it in the spirit world of having all things be made new, and we are new creatures in Christ.

As I have been praying about this time of the New Year, I have had just one word that was so real to me, and it kept coming back over and over and over again; it is the word *aware*. I think that what we are going to see and experience and need in this year is awareness. We need the awareness of what God is doing, what the Lord is bringing forth. I know as we go through these days that we are in, if you want to call them the last days or the days of tribulation, or however you personally feel about these times, that what you experience and we have been experiencing is a war for our awareness. It is literally a war over our awareness. And I think that it is necessary for us to really grasp the fact that we must be aware. In saying that, it is not just being aware of everything or anything; it is being aware of the Lord, and being aware of what He is doing, of what He is speaking, of how He is leading us as a people. We want to be aware of Him, because if we are aware of the wrong things, I think that it has a negative impact on us. And that is the purpose, because where we put our focus obviously is where our spiritual energy is going, and it is where we are living our day, and where our life is going.

This thing of awareness is so huge. I think the awareness the world wants us to have, or the demonic world wants us to have right now, is an awareness of anger, of hatred, of division, of the negative things that seem to be playing out there. Our awareness is something that we have to hold as a tremendous

value, and we have to carefully guard it from that which wants to take it off into what God is not really wanting us focused on. Because I think when we talk about awareness, it is something that we have to study, we have to perfect. It is a spiritual gift; it is a focus of our spirit, it is a focus of our mind. We have to learn to take every thought captive to Christ; because, again, where your thoughts are, what you are thinking about, that is your awareness. And if we are constantly thinking about all the negative that is happening, or the bad things that are going on, or what is wrong in our life around us, it is taking us in the wrong direction.

I feel like we have to really fight in this year to have the awareness that God wants us to have, and not be pulled away from where He wants to take you specifically as His vessel. It can be confusing sometimes, because I do not believe that God is out of control right now; so when I look around at what is going on in the world, I do not think God is out of control. I do not think that God is not behind a lot of what is going on. Even if it may seem to be negative, I do not necessarily think it is negative if God is doing something to bring the world into a place where He wants to deal with it. I think especially where the nations are concerned, the prophecies about the end time talk about God calling the nations of the earth into the Valley of Jehoshaphat so that He can bring judgment for the way they have treated His people Israel. So, God can be behind many things that we can look at and go, "That is not good, what is going on?" But our awareness has to be of what He is really purposing; maybe not even in an event that is happening, but in where His purpose is and where He is taking us and leading us.

I am looking for something for myself personally of an awareness. I want to have a ministry in the Word that is born out of an awareness of what God is doing, what He is saying, where He is leading us. And I want it to be a teaching. I want to see a flow this year of teaching that is the teaching of *how*. I do not feel like we just want knowledge, or to have understanding of things. I think we need the knowledge of *how do we....* Like talking about awareness, okay, how do we have the awareness God is looking for? Otherwise, it is just knowledge to say, "God wants us to be aware." Okay, great, God wants us to be aware. I want to know how to have the awareness that God is looking for me to obtain. That is why I think it is a teaching. I think it involves teaching. But I think it is not just any teaching; it is not teaching just surrounding knowledge, or the Bible says this, or the Bible says that. No, how do I enter into that? How do I hold an awareness of what God is speaking until the manifestation of that comes in my life?

I was thinking about Elijah this morning with this. God told him to go off into this cave, and we are talking about First Kings chapter 19, verses 11-13. It says, "So He said, 'Go forth and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' And behold, the Lord was passing by!" I think that is interesting; as we read these next verses, the Lord is passing by Elijah. So the Lord is passing by,

And a great and strong wind was rending the mountains and breaking in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after this fire a sound of gentle blowing. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, a voice came to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

I love these verses, because it is like the Lord told him to go be in a certain place and Elijah was obedient; he went and he was in that place. And I think we have to be in the place the Lord is leading us. Then it says the Lord was passing by. I think a lot of what we are seeing in the world and what we are going to see transpire is the Lord passing by. But as far as Elijah was concerned, the Lord was not in the wind, the Lord was not in the fire. He was doing those things, but that is not what He wanted Elijah to be

aware of. The Lord is going to be doing many things, but that does not mean that is where He wants our focus or our awareness to be on Him.

Then all of a sudden you get the still, small voice, and Elijah heard that; he was aware, "This is what the Lord wants me to have. This is what the Lord is speaking to me. This is where the leading of God is for me." I am not saying God was not in the wind, was not in the fire; but He was not in all of that for Elijah. He was not leading him in that. And when you read the rest of the verses, which I encourage you to go do, then we see that what God did in that voice was He told Elijah exactly what to do; who to go minister to, who to connect with, where he was to walk to, all the things. He got his instructions because he was aware when the Lord was in something he was to be focused on, and when he was not; and he heard that small voice and he got the Lord's direction.

I think the Lord is going to lead us and direct us. We are going to know not just what the Lord is doing, we are going to know how to do what we are to do. Elijah left that moment knowing how: "How do I walk with God from this moment on? Where is it that I am going?" He knew the how of his ministry. And I think that we need to know the how to do and the how to walk in what God has for us during this time. But I think it is going to be rare that there are those who really learn the awareness and hold the awareness on Him in order to have that same experience that Elijah had.

I want to go back to Daniel 12, and first I am going to go to verse 8. It is down a little further, and then we will go back up to verse 1. But in verses 8-10 it says, "As for me, I heard but could not understand; so I said, 'My lord, what will be the outcome of these events?' He said, 'Go your way, Daniel, for these words are concealed and sealed up until the end time. Many will be purged, purified and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly; and none of the wicked will understand.'" I think we are in these times. And it says, "But those who have insight will understand." So we can see this almost dichotomy. It is like Elijah standing out at the opening of the cave: there is all this stuff going on, but that is really not the Lord's focus. The wicked are not going to understand. The wicked are going to do wickedly. There are going to be many things transpiring in this time. But there are going to be those who are wise: "Those who have insight will understand."

Now I am going to jump back up to Daniel 12:1-4. It says,

Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued [we loose that, Lord]. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake [that happened when Christ was resurrected, so this is going to be interesting], these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt. Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book.

So again, we see this thing about the insight that is going to exist. And when you look at the marginal notes in this, it says, "the instructors." Wherever you see this thing about those who are having insight and those that are teaching the others, there is this idea of instructors. I believe what we are going to see manifesting out of awareness is that those who can come into the awareness are going to be instructors in this age. Again, not just of a lot of information and knowledge, but of the how to move in and how to become what God is looking for in this day and age.

Look up the word *insight*; I looked it up in Mounce's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words.¹ I like this dictionary, because when I studied Greek, Mounce was the professor who had written the textbook, so it feels comfortable to me to go to him. But here is his definition of the Hebrew word *sakal*, which is translated as *insight*: "To have success, to have insight, wisdom, understanding; to prosper, successful; the potent capacity, to understand and so exercise skill in life." See, it is not just a knowledge, it is a knowledge *how*. "The ability to exercise, to make manifest what you are having the insight into. To exercise skill in life, a state caused by proper training and teaching enhanced by careful observation." See, it is by our awareness.

So awareness brings us to the place where we can be properly trained and taught into the things that we are then able to manifest or exercise as skills in this life. And when you look at that, I think it paints a picture of what I feel like God is wanting to bring us into. But it starts with that awareness, that observation; that is what Elijah had, that observation. He was able to study and see, "Here it is." Then he learned from the voice that came to him what he was to do, and how he was to do it. I believe God is going to use these same principles through the insight to bring instructors in this age; because one thing is, this age is filled with confusion and lack of understanding. That is what we see on the college campuses, that is what we see in the protests and things that are going on. There is no understanding. But there are going to be those who have insight, and the insight is going to manifest out of our drive to be aware of Him in what He is speaking to us, teaching us, creating us. Because, we have a lot of knowledge; in the group I am talking to here there is a lot of understanding, there is a lot that you have been through of training and reading the Word and spending a life in the Scriptures. But now there is that which becomes a skill that you are enabled to apply to life. In other words, we are able to manifest it. So that is what I am looking for, and I am talking about Hargrave Ministries – what do I want out of Hargrave Ministries this year? I want to see the instructors manifest, come forth in the earth. I want to see teaching that is the impartation of the how, not just knowledge, but the how to move in it, how to do what God wants done in manifesting His Word and His purpose on the earth. That is what I am believing for. And I am believing that we see this take place.

To me there are two major directions or focuses that we have here. The first is, to me, this Word. You say, "I thought it was Israel." Well, our focus on Israel comes out of our understanding of the Word, and what we are doing in Israel is a manifestation of the understanding and the learning, the insight that we have. The insight that we have about Israel and anti-Semitism, and the prophecies of what God is going to do, that is all insight that we have to learn through the teaching, the instruction of, "How do we manifest what God wants in Israel?" That is what becomes urgent to us and important to us. And I think that therefore the teaching, the *how teaching* that I am looking for, I want to see manifest through Hargrave Ministries. I want it in the podcasts, I want it in the blogs, I want it in the study guides. I want it in everything that we are producing to put on our website, however we are sending it out, whether it is in Facebook or little videos on Instagram. Wherever it is going, however it is being done, I want it to be the teaching of how. I want it to break the impasse of ignorance. And believe me, the wicked are going to do wickedly, and there is going to be what is going on and a lot happening. But we keep our focus, and our hunger drives this want of awareness that we are to have.

And so, I am blessing, I am believing, Lord anoint me, anoint us as a people, anoint those who work for Hargrave Ministries. I bless the directors of Hargrave Ministries, appreciate them. We have many of

¹ Mounce, William D. *Mounce's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old & New Testament Words*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2006.

them with us here this morning. And I bless the few employees that we have in Hargrave Ministries and the volunteers that we have. I bless us. But I bless all of you that are a part of the Fellow Workers and part of these videos. I think the importance of who you are and what you are doing is being with us in this so that we create a synergy for all of this to happen. It is not going to happen because of me. It is not going to happen because of one or two. It is going to happen by us creating a synergy out of our drive to see these things take place and to manifest. And I believe that that breaking into the teaching of *how* is going to be something that God is going to give; and it is going to be born out of this awareness that we have, this fixed focus that we have upon Him to draw from Him. So, I bless us all with that and believe for it to be something that we are into.

Sil just gave me some notes here. She is saying, by the way, we are nearing the end of the year and we are coming up to podcast 282; so we are close to 300 podcasts, all of which are still there and available on the website. This is one thing we want to be able to do, to bring people to the website so that they can get these. They are all archived there, people can listen to any of them at any time. Also, we have had 97,000 downloads of the podcasts, and we are looking for that to increase. We have about 540 blogs; again, those are all archived and available, as well as we have the study guides. We do one of those a month, so we have 66 study guides that are there and available.

One thing I want to just let everybody know, if you are seeing a change in those resources as you go to the website, we have made a change in the website. And so, if you try to download a blog, it is probably saying, "Hey, this is secret material," or something like that. It has some kind of note like you are not going to be able to get in there. What it is doing is asking for a name and an email address. As soon as you do that, it puts a cookie in your browser, and it should not ask that question again. It just does it once. The purpose of it is when people come to the website and ask for a blog or a study guide, we want to get their email address so that then when we send out emails, we can reach back to those people. That is the purpose of it. So if you look at it and panic and say, "Oh my God, I can't get in anymore!" No, just put in your name and put in your email address and it should send you an email. You click on that and it opens it back up so you can get to the blogs, get to the study guides. It is all there for you, and it is not to be a block or something that is a problem. If you erase the cookies out of your browser, then the next time you go, it will happen again, it will ask you that same question. So, don't erase your cookies out of your browser.

Now we made a change in the study guides. We used to have a lot of pictures throughout the study guides, and we have changed that as of now, for two reasons. One is because people were saying, "Hey, if we want to use this in a study group, it is very hard or expensive to print it and hand them out so that everybody has a copy of it." And so, people were requesting that we not do that, that we just have a nice cover and then from there just have the text, so that people could have the text and they could use it more easily; they could print it and hand it out to people, like we used to do with *This Weeks* or whatever. And so, that is a change you will notice in the study guides, as well as this change about the first time you go there, that it is going to ask for your name and your email address.

The other thing that you will notice now with the study guides is because of the reformatting that we have done, you can now get those in all the language translations. As you know, if you have ever played with that on the website, the blogs translate into all the different languages, but the study guides did not. And the website, of course, does too, for the most part, unless there is text in a little picture. We are still polishing that a little bit so that everything on the website goes into the other languages. The blogs are all available in other languages, the study guides are all available in other languages, and so

are the show notes. The transcripts are not available in other languages yet. But we have it so that the show notes for the podcasts are in other languages, and we are going to work towards getting the transcripts in other languages also. So again, we are trying to make the website a place where people can come from all over the world and get this teaching, get the Word, and be a part of what we are doing. So, you will see those changes.

Again, everything we are doing is to try to get the Word out. And of course, as I have said many times, I appreciate all of you in your support financially as well as spiritually, because our desire is to try to get the material created and out in people's hands without charging for it. And so, again, we appreciate all of the volunteers in Hargrave Ministries that do all of the work on the Word; and there are many, and a lot of effort and time goes into that. All of your donations help produce these materials, and that is the main focus that we have, to get this Word produced so that we can get it out and make it available in many, many ways and in many places. So we appreciate your help and your prayer for all of that.

Okay, so that is one big focus, and again, we are going to be really going after that this year. What I personally want to see done too is to be able to spend more of my time in research, study, and preparation for this; because like we were reading in the translation of that word, through the proper training and study is how we get perfected and move in this insight as one who is able to instruct. So there is more study of the Word, more prayer, more meditation, more waiting on the Lord that I personally want to do. And I believe for there to be another whole level of this anointing – which, as many of you know, was imparted to me by John Stevens and came from that apostolic anointing. I know that that is the source, and I know that it is something that is still the flow that comes directly from the Lord through that anointing and impartation; and I am very much appreciative of that. It keeps me connected to not only the Lord but to that apostolic anointing that rested upon John, and I think it is something that gives a very specific impetus to the Word and the teaching that we have; and so I am believing very much for that to continue.

The other thing I want to talk about, and there is more we could go into with the Word, but I want to take a little bit of time and talk about the other aspect of what we do in the ministry to Israel. This has been from the beginning a big part of who we are at Hargrave Ministries. I know a lot of you have been a part of that in one way or another, by donations or by solidarity tours, or just your prayer and your intercession for it. But in this coming year, as we hit the beginning of the new year, I would kind of like to rewind a little bit back to the way we began the ministry and the giving to Israel. And so, what I want to do is take a minute and explain how it all started, either because you never heard it, or because it has been so long ago since we have heard it that it needs to be refreshed in our hearts and minds.

The original burden, when we first started Hargrave Ministries, was so real to me for Israel. I felt like whatever we are going to do with and through the ministry of the Word – believing for the Lord to anoint us in the Word, to bring donations for the Word and what we are doing – it has to have some type of an outflow of blessing. It is like if the Lord gives, you give. And we have that principle of tithing that we all know and understand. This is really where in my commitment to the Lord, and this was something that I just worked out with Him, I said, "Lord, if I am going to do this thing with Hargrave Ministries, then what I want to be able to do is to tithe from Hargrave Ministries, I want to tithe to Israel." And that was the beginning of everything that we are doing for Israel and with Israel, was my drive to tithe.

What I started out with was a number, which was \$48,000. I arrived at that number because of looking at eight organizations in Israel that I really felt we were to bless. If God was blessing us, we were going

to bless somebody else. If God was giving us finances, we were going to tithe those finances and minister from those finances to these places. And so we put a lot of time and energy into this, because we studied these organizations. I did not, number one, just want to give to any organization. There are many, many wonderful organizations in Israel, all with a heart and a purpose, and there is no end to where we could donate. But I wanted to have what we do come from a relationship that we had with these people and with these organizations. So we started researching, looking at which ones seemed like the Lord was leading us to; and born out of that actually contacting them, speaking with them, ultimately going to Israel and visiting these organizations. And we did end up with eight entities that we really felt like we knew the people, we knew the burden, we watched how they handled their finances, which is very important. You know, if I am going to give, or if I am going to encourage somebody else to give, I want to know those finances are being handled properly. And so, we looked into the aspects of these organizations and how they function and what they do and all of that. At the end of the research and the visitation and all of that, we ended up with these eight organizations that we have been supporting. I can give you the names of those organizations, and that would be probably helpful at this particular point.

The eight organizations that we have been supporting and are still supporting are: the AMI Jerusalem Center for Biblical Study and Research. Shiloh Israel Children's Fund, that works with traumatized children. The IDF – Israel Defense Forces is I-D-F – IDF Widows and Orphans organization, that works with families of those who have lost their father, their mother, who were serving in the IDF. Yad Eliezer, which is an organization that distributes food and clothing and baby formula and all kinds of things to needy families; mostly food distribution, but really everything, jackets during the cold weather. Then, through the International Christian Embassy of Jerusalem, we support two of their burdens that they have. One of which is Aliyah, helping people who are trying to make aliyah to Israel; also the Haifa Home for Holocaust Survivors. Those are both functions under the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem, but they are two different, very distinct programs that they have. Number seven is the City of David Foundation, which finances all of the archeological digs and work that is taking place in the City of David in Jerusalem, which is unearthing so many amazing things, proving almost day after day that the Word of God in the Scriptures is true and accurate. Then we have the Jewish National Fund, Keren Kayemeth Lelsrael. What this organization does is plant trees throughout the land of Israel, and we support them. We plant trees. We have been there, planted trees ourselves.

If you look at these names, you can find these organizations on the Hargrave Ministries website. Go to Projects, Israel, and you can see in there all of these names very clearly for you. When you look at them, you see that the scope of what is being given to is covering a broad, vast gamut of organizations. Everything from AMI Center, which is biblical studies and taking people to Israel to tour, all the way to taking care of children, to feeding the needy, getting people out of foreign countries and bringing them back to Israel, to planting trees and making Israel green. Part of what I really felt in praying over all this, and again, I am trying to rehearse to you where Hargrave Ministries started, where it all began and how it all happened, is just that I want to cover the needs of Israel. I want to cover what is going on in Israel. I am not saying that it cannot be expanded from these eight; it can, and I am hoping it will be expanded from these eight. But if it does expand and we do expand, I want to follow the same pattern. Number one, I want it to be giving to people we know and love. I want it to be giving to people that we have literally gone to Israel and met and been with. We have looked at the organizations, we know how they spend and handle the money. And also, that it is part of this kind of coverage of the whole of Israel and

the whole need of Israel and the people, the land. All of it is covered by what we are doing. It is not just like a microscope on one little thing or another.

So if we expand, I want to be able to expand in that same way. And I want it to be out of the same heart, which is I want it to be a tithe. I want us to tithe out of the blessing that God is bringing to what we are doing as Hargrave Ministries in and because of the Word. And so, originally when we landed on these eight, I told the Lord, "Okay, we are going to tithe \$48,000 to these organizations." That is \$500 a month to each of these eight, split evenly among the eight organizations. We are going to do that every month. And it is a tithe, Lord, which means that by the end of the year I should look at my accounting and see that You blessed us with a half a million dollars in giving that we are able to tithe from. And so, do I want this to increase? Of course I do, because I want the Lord to continue to bless the ministry of the Word and all the things that we are doing that are not just Israel, but they are this teaching, getting into imparting the how of people to walk with God in another way. So as that grows, of course it can grow.

So I want everybody to understand how we started giving to Israel, the way we started giving to Israel, because one thing I am wanting to do as we begin this new year, I want to get back to our foundation. Because we have changed off of that quite a bit over the years, and for good reason, but I really want to try to realign us back to the way and the how of our ministry to Israel. So I am looking very much to do that. Therefore, we are going to change some of the ways that we are receiving funds. And I will tell you, the reason it is changed is because of all that has been going on in Israel. I mean, we are years now where Israel has been in desperate trouble and desperate need. First COVID came along and it just changed the landscape of the need of Israel. Some things became more important in our focus than other things did, and I think that was right. I do not have a problem with anything that we have done. But we took up specific offerings for specific of these organizations, and for other organizations. Like after October 7th, which was another major shift in the needs of Israel and what is going on in Israel. I mean, the world changed for Israel forever after October the seventh. And so did the needs, but especially the urgent needs at the moment, after what transpired on October 7th.

We even started supporting other organizations that we had not. We still did some due diligence with it, but as you remember, United Hatzalah, we started supporting them. We went and visited them, and we tried to keep the same vetting process that we have done for everybody. But that was not an organization that we had given to in the beginning, and in the last months we have not been giving again. We stopped the special offerings and giving to them because, again, we are trying to move things kind of back to a foundation that we had in the beginning in what we are doing. Now if we should support United Hatzalah, then that is not off the table. Nothing is off the table right now. But I feel like what we need to do first is move back to the center of where we started from, and we need to grow from that place, rather than just having to respond to the urgency and the emergencies of the timeframe that we were in.

So, again, what has transpired over this time that is changing is that it used to be that when we would raise money for Israel, we would raise money for Israel. And what we bought in for Israel would be divided by eight equally to these eight organizations that we were giving to, and we would give to them on a monthly basis. That is how we would say in our emails and announcements, "Hey, here is what is going on with Shiloh Children's Fund," or, "Here is what is going on with the IDF Widows and Orphans organization." But as we were taking money, it was very clear to us that we were taking money for Israel. "Help us help Israel. Help us support the needs that Hargrave Ministries is supporting in Israel out

of this tithing.” We were bringing in more money so that the tithe could grow. And this is where we were at.

Then we started taking money as needed for specific organizations that were really in need. One of these over the time has been the AMI Jerusalem Center, because they have been at a precipice financially. And, as everybody knows, I know Bruce spoke to us a couple times ago on the Zoom call of what he is doing with AMI Jerusalem Center; he is now the president of AMI Jerusalem Center as one of the directors. I am a director on it. There are others here who have also come into being one of the general directors. So there is a lot of support that we have given to AMI Center because like I said, it has basically been on a precipice. I do not think it is necessarily off the precipice yet, but I think there is a lot of help that is going into it and a lot that is being done for it. Bruce has really shifted most of his time, his focus and his effort, into the AMI Jerusalem Center and what is going on there, which I am believing this is going to be a great year for them. And you are going to be hearing a lot from Bruce. Bruce still remains a director on Hargrave Ministries, but this is going to consume more and more of his time as it goes along; and I think we are very much in agreement that that is what he should be doing and how he should be functioning now. So that is one of the areas where we started giving directly to AMI Center, taking up offerings for AMI Center, sending money to AMI Center.

And as you know, hopefully, that I have said many times, when we raise money for things from Hargrave Ministries, we do not take anything out of that. In other words, in most organizations, when you raise money you take 10%, 20% to cover your overhead, because honestly, there is a lot of overhead. When we are doing the work that we are doing, we are paying employees to do this stuff, to create the ads, to put up the ads, to send the money. We pay the wiring fees, we incur banking charges. So there is a lot of money that Hargrave Ministries just bears the overhead of, and we always have done it that way; and I just want to make sure everybody knows that. Because, you know, a lot of times people think, “Oh, you are just raising money because you want to get rich off of raising money for Israel.” Well, believe me, we do not get rich off of raising money for Israel. We are losing money. We are gaining the grace of God and the blessings of the Lord, but we are not making money by raising money for Israel.

We have done this, gosh, over the last few years, where we will take up money directly for something, leaving out the other organizations for the most part in those special offerings. So I want to try to bring it back. I feel like we are in a place where we can bring it back. I know that AMI Center is in real need, but we are at a place now with Bruce there as president, myself as a director, where we have been working to see the organizations get on their feet organizationally, and now we are in a place where you can donate directly to AMI Center. And in a sense that is no different from some of these other organizations. I do not want you to feel like we are saying, “Hey, stop giving to Israel and give to Hargrave Ministries.” I am saying no, give to Hargrave Ministries. You say, “Well, are you just trying to get the \$48,000?” No. If you want to donate a million dollars to Hargrave Ministries for Israel, we will give a million dollars to Israel. But we are going to divide it by eight, and we are going to give it to the organizations that we are supporting. So we are no longer going to be having people say, “I am going to give a million dollars and I want it to go to this organization in Israel.”

I do not think it is necessary for us to do that, because most, and I think I am correct to say all, of these other organizations, with AMI Center coming in the same way, you can donate to these organizations; they have US offices, so you can donate to that office and you can get a tax deduction from your donation if you give it to them in their US office. This was part of kind of a service, if you will, that Hargrave Ministries was providing for people in giving to Israel. Because if an organization does not have

an office in the US that you as a US citizen can give to, you can give, but you are not going to get a tax deduction. So in the past, if you would have given to AMI Center and just sent them money, they would gladly receive your money, but you were not going to get a tax deduction because they are an Israeli organization, and the IRS is not going to accept that donation as a tax deduction. Now with the steps that have been taken, if you feel, "Hey, I want to donate to AMI Center," or if you are in Israel on a solidarity tour and you are going to give an offering, it can be given through the AMI Center office which is in San Diego; it has been for years and years and years, but it was not really functioning the way it needed to be. But now with Bruce in charge, you are going to be able to donate to the AMI center in San Diego, send it just to AMI Center, and you will get a tax deduction at the end of the year for that.

And like I said, do not get the impression that we are not encouraging giving. But what I want to do is go back to the roots of our relationship to Israel, how we started giving, why we started giving, what we were looking for. And again, part of what I am looking for is that I really want to bless Israel as a whole. I love AMI Center. Obviously, I am a director of AMI Center. I love Shiloh Children's Fund. But I do not want to just start giving to the IDF Widows and Orphans and start encouraging all of you, "Give to IDF Widows and Orphans," and then we do not give to anything else. The heart in the beginning of giving from Hargrave Ministries to Israel was, let's bless Israel. And let's try to make this like a comprehensive, anointed blessing that helps them in all that they are facing, in all their needs, at least in a representative form. That is really what I have to say is my heart. And it does not take away, each one of these is very special; each one is its own unique burden and its own unique ministry within Israel. But I do not want to be limited to just any one of them. When in Israel they think of Hargrave Ministries, I want them to have this awareness and feeling that we are ministering to the land and the people of Israel, and we are doing that comprehensively. That is what we are hoping to do, is to be a blessing to all of these. And as I said, I would love to grow it. I would love to see it grow. But I do not want it to grow by focusing on one thing or the other thing, or getting just limited in our vision for all of Israel.

So I hope that makes sense. I hope you can understand that. So when we raise funds and you see an email come out and say, "Hey, look what is happening in planting the trees, reforestation Israel." And that is a need now, because look at on October 7th how many fires there were, how many missiles blew up in the forested areas and burned down really valuable forest land. So, I mean, gosh, that is a need, and I want them to know we are there for that need. It is hard to be there for everything, but I want at least as much as we can to be there for everything. So when I ask you to give to Israel, I am asking you to give to Israel. I am asking you to help in this burden that I have, that we have at Hargrave Ministries, for the whole picture. And if we can grow that picture together this year, let's do it.

And again, like I said, do not feel like it limits you in any way. You say, "Well, I have to give to the Hargrave Ministry General Fund, and it...." Yes, but when you give to the General Fund, we tithe. That is why I like it being a tithe. Because you can give all the money you want to the General Fund and you are still giving to Israel. Anything you give to the General Fund, the tithe is going to Israel; so you can feel like you are a part of everything when you are just making a donation. But if you just want to say, "Hey, Hargrave ministries, I want to donate this amount and I want it to go to Israel," we will just say, "Great, we are in," and we will pass that money along. But I want to be honest, it is going to be divided by eight. So if you say, "I want this thousand-dollar check to go just to this specific need," then we are going to say, "Hey, awesome. You know what? Here is the address of that specific needs office. You can send it to that specific need." We are not going to be passing on specific offerings to only individualized burdens and organizations within Israel.

So I hope that makes sense. Like I said, your giving is your business. Your tithing is your business. Who you want to give to is your business. I am not trying to limit you to say, "Only give to us for Israel." You can give all of your money to any one of these places, or find something else to give to. Like I said, there is a multitude of very worthy NGOs in Israel that you could give to. But whatever you want to give to, you are free to give that out of your heart. That is your business with God. And that is why this is important to me, because this is something between me and the Lord when we started, and I love the fact that people have participated, want to participate. But I want you to have that feeling, when you are giving to Hargrave Ministries, number one, if you are just giving to Hargrave Ministries with nothing said, you are still giving to Israel, because the tithe goes to Israel. And if you want to give specifically to Israel, awesome; just know it is going to be divided among the organizations that we support equally within Israel. So in a sense, it is just getting back simply to our roots, and it is not going to stop anything or hinder anybody or limit what you can do.

There is still going to be a lot that is happening and that you are going to be hearing about with AMI Center, because of course, like I said, we have other new ones who are directors now of AMI Center and are focusing on AMI Center. But again, that to me is not taking away from who we are or what we are doing. That is AMI Center, and it is one of the things we love. We have known AMI Center for years, and we are going to continue blessing and being a part of AMI Center as life goes on.

So, I hope this is really clear, because I think, boy, we have to be very clear in our hearts and minds of what we are giving to, how we are giving to it, what is happening with our finances, where it is going. I want you guys to really, really be aware. And if you have questions, hey, write to us at info@hargraveministries.org and ask your question. I know we have had people ask, "Where is the money going to? What do you take out of it?" We do not take anything out of it. We receive it, we put it in a special accounting where we know what came in, and it goes out, and it goes to those organizations.

So, anyway, that is how it works. But again, if I am not being clear, ask a question. And we have a few minutes; we are a little over time, but we could take one or two questions now. Patty, do you have a question?

Patty Swanson: Yes. In your email you said you gave \$90,000, instead of \$48,000. Is that correct?

Gary: That is what happened this year.

Patty: That's awesome.

Gary: Yes, that is how much came in, that is how much went out for Israel. So yes, we are going over that amount. But what I am saying is some of that money was given as specific to specific ones of these organizations, and I want to go back to, if we are giving, I want it to be equal to everybody. And if we want to expand it, good. Lord bless our finances so we can expand it.

Anybody else? Mitch, I saw your hand.

Mitch White: I am just curious, when you figure the tithe, do you do that on a monthly basis by what you get in every month, and then you tithe on that month? Or do you do it annually?

Gary: We do it annually. I mean, we send it more often than annually, we send it monthly. We send the funds monthly that have come in. But we do the calculation, because it is a tithe that is based on what we get during the year. So in the final analysis, it is an annual tithe that is given. But because we have money coming in and we know there is money coming in, and we can kind of look at it and see where we are, we do give monthly; and when it goes out monthly, it goes equally to the eight organizations.

All right. Well, I hope this is good, I hope it is clear. I hope it gives us a feeling of where we are going. I know for me it is a wonderful feeling, and I want us to be such a blessing to Israel. I just really want this to continue. I want it to be exceeding, abundantly above all we could ask or think, and I am believing for that manifestation to be there.

All right. Bruce, do you have anything you want to add?

Bruce Larson: Oh, well, I would just say that Gary and I have talked about all of this. I am in full agreement, and I have to just voice my deep thankfulness and gratitude to Gary and Silvana, really first and foremost because they have been faithful to the anointing of the living Word. And what he said today about awareness is crucial, to be aware, aware of the Lord and aware of what the Lord is doing. To me He is doing two great things. He is fulfilling His Word over us, He is maturing sons; and He is fulfilling His Word over Israel. It is amazing to see it and be aware of it. And we know satan is constantly battling to wear us down, but that is where life comes from, to be aware of the Lord and His Presence and what He is doing, and to be able to actually witness and see with our own eyes God fulfilling His Word, personally and over Israel. It is tremendous. And I am grateful also for Gary's commitment to Israel. And by the way, you know, he said he does that accounting. Well, here is the thing: when they do the accounting, if they do not get enough money, they still give \$48,000. Even when it goes over 10%, that is their minimum commitment. And if God were to bless them with a big year and it went over that income amount, they would give more. So the more they get, the more they give.

And I am grateful for their love and support of blessing, not only to Israel, but specifically to AMI Center. Gary said he is on the board. Well, he is not just on the board, he has become the most active member on the board. He and Silvana both are really giving their time to AMI, I am very grateful. And like he said, this is not limiting anyone. If anyone feels like, "Hey, God has really put it on my heart to give to this organization," it is still possible. If anyone wants to give directly to AMI Center, it is real simple. You say, "For the AMI Center," and if your contribution to AMI San Diego says that, it will 100% go to Jerusalem. I am watching it very carefully, and there is integrity there. The lady who is running San Diego is working closely with me. It is easy to do, you get a tax deduction, and it works. So thank you, Gary. Thank you again for your amazing faith and support.

Gary: Silas, I am going to ask you in a minute to just bless this whole time together as we enter this new year. But one thing along with that, we will start this as of the first. So if you want to mail a check through us to a specific organization, then do it quickly; otherwise Kevin is going to be writing you back and sending you a nice note saying, "Thank you so much for your check, here it is," and maybe helping you with an address of how you can forward it on to the organization. The other thing I do want to remind you is, which I know Bruce has been here hounding me about my taxes and everything I need to do to get ready for the end of the year. So, do not forget, one of the things you can do is give to Hargrave Ministries. You can do it online through the website with a credit card. You can mail a check in, whatever. We are getting close to that cutoff time if you need more deductions. We do not take physical deductions, you know, goods, so do not send us bicycles or old clothes or anything like that, just finances. But this is our last week, and I told Sil, "Monday I am going to be sitting down, working on the finances, figuring out what I have to do before the clock ticks into 2026." But we bless your new year. We bless this time. Let this be a fruitful week, and, you know, find friends and family to be with, those you can bless. Let it be a time when we do cry out to the Lord for this awareness. Let us feel like Elijah as we stand on the precipice of this new year, that we are standing before the Lord with an awareness to hear the instructions and the how that He is trying to teach us as we move forward.

So, bless you all. Love you very much. Have a happy New Year, and we will see you at the next call, which I believe is the 10th of January. We will be there for that. Love you all, bless you very much. Now I am going to have Silas bless this time.

Bruce: Gary, can I add real quick? I am heading back to Israel January 7th, so I wanted to let everyone know that I am not going to be on these Zoom calls for a couple months. They take place in the middle of the night in Jerusalem. But I love you all and I am carrying you all in my heart to Israel. I love you guys, and we are going to stay one whether we are in the US or in Israel together.

Gary: Great clarity. Okay, we are going to have Silas bless this time. And one of the things too, just do not forget to pray for Silas and Mexico; because there is a wonderful trip that is going to be coming up towards the first of the year surrounding Passover for the School of Prophets, and Silas is going to be going there. We have Janneth with us again today, and probably others from Mexico that are a part of the call. Thank you, Janneth, for being with us, and we love you guys. Give all of our love to everybody in Mexico. We are going to see real blessings come to you and Mexico during this year.

Alright, Silas, can you bless us, please?

Silas Esteves: Two quick things in the blessing. Number one, the awareness call from the Holy Spirit is in motion when you talk about going back to the original focus of the Hargrave Ministries. I think that is a major deal. Number two, awareness of the Apostolic original anointing that has been growing and growing, maturing sons through Hargrave Ministries. And Janneth is here with me. For seven years now we have this daily prayer meeting, and the whole flow of this last few days is that 2026 is an explosion of the Word to the world. We believe that, we bless that, we bless the finances, Internet or whatever means, and podcasts, whatever. It is you creating many voices and many instruments, all of us to be that. So to me, that is part of the awareness. The war is over. We are over seven years past the beginning of a transition, now, boldness. That is what the Holy Spirit is speaking, just boldness. Speak the word boldly. That was the prayer from Paul, and that is what we believe. So we bless this time. We bless the manifestation of His glory through sons and daughters who become the Word the Lord has entrusted to our hearts. So we believe for a wonderful, different year, a year of victory, a year of joy; a year of deep, deep joy of the Holy Spirit that will be the strength, the healing, a spirit, soul and body healing that we all need at this point. And being aware of His Presence, that is where the joy comes from. Thank you, Lord, for this time. We bless you all. I love you all. It is very special to be here.

Gary: Okay. All right. Love you all. Bless you. We will see you soon.