#### STUDY GUIDE

# Be All that You Can Be in Christ Jesus—Through the Imprint of Prayer, the Prophetic, & His Glorious Presence

"And He called to the man clothed in linen at whose waist was the scribe's kit. And the Lord said to him, 'Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and make a mark on the foreheads of the people who groan and sigh over the abominations which are being committed in its midst." (Ezekiel 9:3b, 4)

#### I. The Impact of an Indelible Imprint

Certainly, as scripture shows, when you receive a mark from God, you become set apart unto a calling to fulfill a divine destiny in the Lord. It is an indelible imprint that can never be reversed! When the Hand of God touches you, nothing ever stays the same!

Even in times of weakness, the Holy Spirit will empower and equip you to push back the enemy forces of darkness, in Jesus' great name! The following are a few testimonies of how God has empowered others in the area of prayer, the prophetic, and the presence of God, for His great glory.

#### **II. The Purpose of These Power Encounters**

#### **Empowering Encounters throughout History**

The annals of history demonstrate that one heavenly God encounter can forever transform the course of a person's life. The following is a sampling of how power

encounters changed the lives of many ordinary believers to become some of our "Heroes and Heroines of the Faith."

- A. Jacob's encounter with the living God—in a dream in the wilderness at Bethel—changed him from a deceiving schemer and trickster into Israel, "prince of God," and father of a nation of the people of God.
- B. Moses' encounter with the living God—in a burning bush—changed him from a stuttering backcountry shepherd into a bold leader and deliverer of a nation who could confront the Pharaoh of Egypt, the world's most powerful leader.
- C. Deborah's encounter with the fierceness of God changed a respectable judge into the deliverer of a nation who rendered courageous counsel to those in authority and vanquished the enemy's army.
- D. Saul's encounter with the risen Christ—in a vision on the road to Damascus—transformed him from a fire-breathing persecutor of the Church into Paul, a fire-igniting apostle and evangelist who carried the gospel of Christ throughout the Roman Empire.
- E. Augustine's encounter with God—through a voice that said, "Take and read, take and read" led him to Romans 13:11–14. That passage changed him instantly from a doubting skeptic into a confirmed believer in Christ, and bequeathed to the Church one of its greatest theologians and thinkers.
- F. Joan of Arc's encounters of visionary guidance from the Lord changed the life of an uneducated peasant girl into that of a renowned counselor, strategist, military leader, and consecrated martyr for the purposes of God and France in her generation.
- G. Bertha Smith's encounter with the conviction of the Holy Spirit and the healing presence of God catapulted an obscure Baptist missionary into a preacher of historic revival in China.
- H. Dwight L. Moody's encounter with the calling God—during a prayer meeting in a hayfield—changed him from a poorly educated, unconfident shoe salesman into one of the greatest evangelists of modern times. He preached revivals across England and the United States where tens of thousands came to know Christ as Savior.
- I. Kathryn Kuhlman's encounter with the relentless love of God changed an ordinary, red-headed country girl into a world-impacting, miracle-working minister—all for the glory of God.

J. Billy Graham had an encounter with the Holy Spirit's empowering presence—over 70 years ago, in a hotel room in Los Angeles, California—and was thus transformed into one of the Church's all-time great evangelists who ushered hundreds of thousands of souls into the Kingdom of God.

### III. The Prophetic Challenge: "Be God's Unique Vessel"

#### A Journal Dream of the Prayers of Commitment towards Destiny

I received a dream in 1988 where I could read pages of a journal. This contained prayers and commitments that were made by various believers. In the upper lefthand corner of the fourth page, I could read a prayer of mine.

"I, Jim W. Goll, vow to be the unique vessel that God has called me to be. I vow to be all that I can be in Christ Jesus and to help others be all they can be in Christ." After this prayer of commitment, there was a list of names written out after mine of people volunteering to be mentored. This was followed by blanks where people in the future "could fill in the blank."

### IV. Four People Who Released Imprints in My Life

The Holy Spirit has released significant believers into my life, in different decades, each being a representative of one of these areas of the prophetic, prayer, and the presence of God. It truly has been an honor.

#### A. The Lineage of Prayer from the Life of Dick Simmons

I learned the sustained power of praying in the gift of tongues and the Breaker Anointing from Dick Simmons. I also gleaned the principles of How to Remind God of His Word and Historical Prayers for Revival. Dick founded *Men for Nations* and was the Director for the *Supreme Court Prayer Watch* in Washington, DC. I dedicated my book, *The Lifestyle of a Watchman*, to Dick Simmons as I was deeply impacted by his constant life of prayer. In recent years, he has graduated to his heavenly reward.

# **B.** The Power of the Prophetic Life of Cindy Jacobs

I have been wonderfully and powerfully marked by the life and ministry of the Co-Founder of Generals International, Cindy Jacobs. She has been given the lifetime achievement award by Global Empower 21 and he has been the Chairman of the Apostolic Council of Prophetic Elders for the past 25 years. She knows how to shift atmospheres of cities, cultures, and nations, and walks under the shadow of the Almighty.

Some have referred to my dear friend as the Momma, and me as the Poppa, of Prophetic Intercession. Few have cheered me on in recent years like that of this global fire starter, Cindy Jacobs!

# C. The Impact of the Presence of God from the Life of Mahesh Chavda

I have been deeply touched by the impact of the presence of God upon Mahesh's life. I received an impartation to begin "Ministry to the Nations" through the anointing upon this dear man. Mahesh and Bonnie Chavda have started All Nations Church, led the "Watch of the Lord" and host conferences in their home church.

Mahesh has accomplished two forty-day fasts each year for multiple years. Michal Ann and I were healed of barrenness and thus have a family through the healing ministry of Jesus through Mahesh Chavda. I will always be deeply indebted to God for the presence and power of God operating through this man of God.

# D. The Imprint of Proclaiming God's Word from the Life of Derek Prince

The person who has impacted my Christian life and ministry the most other than God the Father, Jesus His Son, the Holy Spirit, and the Bible, has been Derek Prince. His teachings impacted my life in a profound manner. Derek Prince was known as the "Teacher of Teachers" in the International Charismatic Movement.

He lived a life of impeccable integrity, dignity, and lived an example of

memorizing and declaring the Word of God. I studied his outlines and I often said that his fingerprints are all over my study guides. I learned God's heart for Israel, Prayer and Fasting, the ministry of deliverance, breaking of curses, church government, how Jesus emptied Himself, followed by the steps of exaltation. I have often stated, "God sent Derek Prince to come and etch his name in the foundation of my house when the cement was still wet." That is how impactful the life and ministry this scholarly British man had upon my life.

# V. Four Lives Which Have Been Imprinted by My Life

- A. The Testimony of Beth Kennedy—Melbourne, Australia
- B. The Testimony of Bjarki Clausen—Iceland
- C. The Testimony of Shelli Miller—Wichita, Kansas
- D. The Testimony of Justin Goll—Sun Valley, California

## VI. The Disciples of Jesus Asked Him a Question!

#### A. As Recorded in Luke 11:1:

"And it came to pass that, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, one of His disciples said unto Him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."

## B. Passionate Inquiry and Reply from Michal Ann Goll:

"Do you long for a genuine 'God encounter' in your life? Do you wonder whether or not such experiences still happen today? Do you wonder whether it could happen to you?

"Then take heart! God encounters do happen, and not just to 'super-Christians.' They also happen to ordinary people. How do I know? Because God encounters have happened to me and my husband, Jim (as I fondly refer to him), and we are ordinary folks raised in the rural USA. Believe me, if God Encounters can happen to us, then they can happen to you. Cry out to Him

and make yourself available to Him; He will not ignore you."

# C. What Distinguishing Mark Do You Desire Me to Release to You?

If you were a part of *Mentoring with James*, what **Indelible Mark** do you desire to have imparted to you? What aspect of prayer, the prophetic and the presence of God are you hungry for? How?

# VII. Prayer for the Holy Spirit's Imprint in Your Life

This prayer comes from the closing chapter of the *God Encounters Today* book, coauthored by James W. Goll with Michal Ann Goll.

Father God, I present myself to You. I believe that Jesus Christ is Your great and only Son. I come to present myself, my family, and my future to You. I need You more than I have ever needed You before! Come, Holy Spirit! Come and invade my unholy comfort zones with the love of God. Change me. Shape me. Drive fear and unbelief out of me. Consume me with the fire of Your holy Presence. I welcome Your ambassadors—the angels of the Lord—to do Your bidding.

Take control of my life. Bring me close encounters of a heavenly kind. Release the prophetic power of the supernatural to change my life. I ask for life-changing encounters, Lord, as I seek You first, Your Kingdom, and Your righteousness. For Your holy name's sake, amen and amen!