

God is a God of purpose and from the beginning God purposed to have a people for Himself who would express His life, His power and His glory on the earth, (Genesis 1:27). The man and woman were the beginning place, the foundation of the House of the Lord – the place where He would live and reveal Himself in the earth. It is through this union that God intended to manifest His character, His authority, His dominion over the earth and to subdue Satan.

Many things are being restored in our day and perhaps the most significant is the restoration of relationships in the body of Christ. God is moving by His Spirit today to reconcile races, cultures and denominations. But the foundational relationship – that between male and female – must be restored, not only in individual couples, but in the corporate Church as well. The enemy knew that the success of God's plan to reveal Himself through Adam and Eve depended on their unity and trust. Without unity, without trust, God's plan would fail and He would not be able to do accomplish His purpose through the two of them. That is the reason the enemy fights hardest against this relationship being restored. But if this relationship is not restored then we (the body of Christ - the Church) are not restored.

An integral part of the ministry of Aglow is the restoration of women, healing their brokenness. The purpose of that restoration is that women would be awakened to their value and the place they have in God's plan alongside the men. Aglow seeks to awaken women and to raise awareness of the power of the life that is within them, to see women filled with His Spirit and fully aware of God's vision and purpose for their lives. In 1981 Jane Hansen first spoke this message about the awakening of women. But what has unfolded over the years is the broader purpose which is the restoration of the body of Christ – male and female – for the church to fulfil its destiny. Women restored will help bring restoration to the foundation of the House of the Lord (the Church). But it is through the man and woman together that God is fully revealed and the restoration of that relationship will again return us to the place of abundant blessing and the purpose God revealed at the beginning of time.

Male/female reconciliation is an end-time calling and mandate on this ministry, as is Islam and Israel. These are all pointing to the culmination of the age and the return of the King and the fulfilment of His purposes.

Isaiah 46:9-10, 11b

Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure.' ...Indeed I have spoken it; I also will bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it.

Prayer

O, Lord! Let there be a great restoration such as has never been seen in the earth before, male and female, the foundation of Your House, joined together in respect, in honour, valuing one another as indispensable to Your plan. Let us go forth in might, in power, in the full revelation of Jesus Christ on earth according to Your original design, fulfilling our mandate declared at the beginning of time. For Your sake, Lord, for Your glory, for Your purpose, we pray! Amen and amen. So be it!