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Part 3 A CALL TO ARMS THE THIRTY-DAY JOURNEY TO WASHINGTON, D.C. (March 10, 1977 to April 8, 1977)

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and he blew a trumpet as A CALL TO ARMS [emphasis added],
and the men of Abiezer came to him.”
(Judges 6:34 The Living Bible)*

PROLOGUE

Jesus called us (that is, myself, Chuck-JOHNEL, and another brother in Christ, Cliff Collins) to undertake a journey of thirty-days, walking from Trinity Lutheran Church, in Des Plaines, Illinois to Washington, D.C.

We eventually came to call this journey **The Thirty-day Journey**, although in our records, written reports and newsletters, and cassette tape reports, we referred to The Thirty-Day Journey variously as: the 30 day journey, the journey, the 30 days, the journey to Washington, etc.

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The Thirty-Day Journey had several purposes:

1. *To warn the Church of coming judgment with a call to repent and to pray.*
2. *To anoint a man that Jesus referred to as “THE LEADER OF THE LAND”—one who would lead a revolt against and overthrow occupying armies to free America at the end of 7 years of occupation.*
3. *To give then President Carter Jesus’ Word.*

We undertook The Thirty-Day Journey on foot with The Staff starting on March 10, 1977 from Trinity Lutheran Church in Des Plaines, Illinois. We completed The Thirty-Day Journey in Washington, D.C. on April 8, 1977.

THE SOURCES

The following text describing The Thirty-Day Journey has been drawn from two sources:

1. Our 1977 records following completion of The Thirty-Day Journey (note that we consulted our records at that time as we made cassette tapes about the trip relating all Jesus has shown us).
2. The now out-of-print book, *The Staff and The Sword* (The Staff and The Sword Ministry, 1979).

THE JOURNEY: A CALL TO ARMS

*Here follows lengthy selections from the now out-of-print book, *The Staff and The Sword* (from roughly pgs. 144–208). Please note that the book never existed in electronic format and never saw a complete and professional edit or proofread. We have purposely tried to preserve the all of the formatting, punctuation, grammatical foibles, etc. from the original book. Obvious misspellings and certain other contextual-type errors have been corrected only where such errors clouded the meaning and intent of the selections. In addition, some of Jesus’ Word to us appears here in boldface type for clarification and for emphasis.*

[QUOTE] *“Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet as **a call to arms** [emphasis added], and the men of Abiezer came to him.” (Judges 6:34 *The Living Bible*).*

Today you enjoy our review of yesterday, a review that is filled with the kind of understanding that comes only after an abundant array of errors, misunderstandings, and divinely devised embarrassments. We have repeatedly found ourselves with a Word from the Lord that demands action; which is invariably compounded by our fears, likes and dislikes, our wonderments and questions and our eternal insufficiency. Doubt never ceases to dog us, and faith never fails to overcome all doubt while there is

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trust in Jesus Christ and obedience to His call. Yet each time we step out in faith, it is endlessly the same as the first time we stepped out in faith. For God rarely challenges us with tasks equal to the one we have recently completed; rather our developed abilities in faith nearly always proves insufficient to the task the Lord gives us. We thereby never cease to need Him, and so cannot fail to grow in Christ while we cling to Jesus.

A brother in the Lord named Fred asked the Lord for a confirmation on the [cassette] tapes, “A Call To Arms.” The Holy Spirit led Fred to Judges 6, in his wife’s Living Bible and to verse 34 in particular. Fred shared this with us on March 20, 1978. Up until that day, we had no idea that “A Call To Arms” was anywhere in the Bible. So it goes that we need to go with Jesus by faith and obey Him in all respects.

Before we began the thirty-day journey to Washington, D.C. we had heard little or nothing of “doomsday prophecies” in the Church. There was David Wilkerson, and his books, *The Vision* [Revell, 1974], and *Racing Towards Judgment* [Revell, 1976]. There was a book called *Like a Cleansing Fire* [Revell, 1974] by John Hagee, that spoke of coming persecution. However, that which the Lord was showing us had a broader scope and much more detail than anything we had read or heard of. What we “knew” from the Lord was seemingly new, and unsupported by revelation in the Body of Christ. That’s what we thought at the time, which caused us to naturally be reluctant about sticking our necks out. But the Lord has His ways of shaking us loose—if we want to serve and obey Him, and we do.

In this same period of time, the nation was struck by the coldest weather in over a century and the cold wave that swept into the south brought the first snowfall in Miami, Florida in history (1-19-77) and also destroyed a reported 75% of the vegetable and citrus crop. A severe drought plagued northern California and the Pacific Northwest. Due to no snow in the mountains, river water levels fell so low that salmon couldn’t get upstream to spawn. Illinois was in a ten month dry spell and drought was steadily spreading in every direction. All the drought talk caught our attention—it in effect, “shook us loose”.

1976 was the year of primary races for President. I was only remotely interested in the political scene so paid little attention to what was going on. My interest was and is the Lord’s work. At work, during one of the lunchtime prayer meetings at the G.E. offices, Iris shared a dream she had in which her home had no lights, no heat and no food. Then talk mentioned that a prophecy had come, in which the Lord said that the next President of the United States would be a Born Again Christian. That caused both a mood of joy, and excitement; but the Holy Spirit gave me a deep understanding and I said: “He won’t be the president you hope for.”

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Months passed and the election rolled around . . . One day I would make up my mind to vote for Gerald Ford and the next day to vote for Jimmy Carter. The plain truth was that I didn't care for either man and was seriously thinking of writing in Mickey Mouse, as a protest. We decided to pray and the Lord told both of us to vote for Jimmy Carter, so we did. November 3, 1976 we learned that Jimmy Carter was the President-elect. That day, at work, Jesus said: **“THIS IS HE OF WHOM I SAID: . . . ‘I GIVE INTO THE HAND OF THE HIGHEST CHAIR AN IRON ROD THAT IT MAY COME BACK UPON THEE.’”** A brother in the Lord (named Nick) received the same understanding by the Holy Spirit, as did Cliff. We had instant confirmation that Jimmy Carter is God's man—an instrument of God's wrath.

Later in the evening, towards the end of three hours of prayer at Trinity, Jesus showed us walking with the Staff around the White House. We talk to a guard saying, “Jesus sent us”. We walk into the White House, kneel on the floor and praise God. When the President and a group of men walk up, we say: “Jesus sent us” and speak—the vision ends. I believe we will fly to Washington, D.C., see the President and return home quickly. Jesus tells me that Cliff has the other half of the revelation. I get home from Trinity late and Jolanta [my wife at that time] has just gone to bed. I tell her about the vision and she says, “You'll never get in.”

On November 4, 1976 at Trinity [Lutheran Church], I share the vision of the journey to the White House with Cliff and before I can mention my feeling that we will fly, Cliff says: “I knew we were not through walking.” Now we know that we will mainly walk from Des Plaines, Illinois to Cleveland, Ohio, and then travel by transportation to Washington, D.C. At the end of the evening, Jesus speaks to me saying: **“INDEED, I SEND YOU AND CLIFF TO WASHINGTON, D.C.”** Cliff, at the same time, has a vision of Jesus standing behind us with His Hands, one on each of our heads. We know that we are to walk, and be gone from 30 to 40 days. Much is still unclear and we must pray, fast, and wait on God for further revelation.

On November 5, 1976, Jesus reveals by the Holy Spirit that there is a very great and wonderful hope in this for our nation. I'm deeply touched and exhilarated by the Holy Spirit with a meaning beyond my depth of understanding. Tears well up in my eyes for joy and because of God's very great kindness and mercies towards us. Jesus gives us six things to do:

1. We are to go through the Church on the way to Washington, D.C.
2. We are to write up and have printed God's warning to the nation, in tract form.
3. We are to have shipments of these tracts sent ahead of us, to places where we will be staying—that we can replenish our supply.
4. We are not to talk to the media.

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5. We are to bring with us on the journey special anointing oil.
6. Ask Rev. John of St. Anselm's about this special anointing oil.

The one thing we do humanly, and all the time, is draw “on the spot conclusions” about what the Lord tells us . . . I assumed that we would anoint the President-elect, Jimmy Carter. What is truly wonderful about working for the Lord is that He knows us and He will sooner or later correct our “wrong assumptions”.

Later in this day, Jolanta began to realize that we were taking this 30 day journey idea seriously and expressed considerable anger about me leaving her and our son behind, all alone for 30 days. Before the evening was over, Jesus told me that He would take care of Jolanta and that I should busy myself with preparations.

On November 6, 1976, I drove over to St. Anselm's to speak with Rev. John about the anointing oil. While waiting my turn to talk with Rev. John it came to mind that Samuel, the prophet, anointed Saul and David as Kings of Israel. I tired of waiting, so decided to write Rev. John a note and ask about the special anointing oil. Without much thought I wrote: What kind of special anointing oil would be needed to anoint the “leader of the land?” The expression “leader of the land” seemed strange, I was curious as to why I did not write the President—but I was in a hurry to get going. Just as I was about to leave, Rev. John opened the door to his office and asked me to come in. I handed him the note. It is a strange feeling to hand someone a note you have just written when you can talk. John read the note and asked a question by the leading of the Holy Spirit: “Did you see in your vision you and Cliff anointing President Carter?” I said, “No.” John asked: “Why do you think you will anoint President Carter?” I could not answer that question other than to say: “Who else would be anointed?” Then Rev. John said: “You may talk to the President; but Samuel anointed Saul and David King, before they were Kings. Prophets are sent to anoint those who are going to be King, not those who are!” I recognized the Holy Spirit moving John, I knew it was from God, but it made it no less baffling to know that God was behind it. Rev. John did not know of a special anointing oil but indicated that he would ask his Bishop if there was such an oil. I left, as I had no more questions—such is the way the Lord leads us.

On November 7, 1976, after receiving communion at Trinity Lutheran Church, the Lord Jesus began to speak to me very clearly. Jesus said He was calling Trinity to maintain a 24 hour a day vigil of prayer for the nation, once the 3 months time of prayer for the Net of Prayer is completed. Jesus told me that we would move from Des Plaines and then said: **“THIS IS YOUR FAMILY AND YE SHALL NEVER BE APART FROM THEM OR THEIR LOVE”** . . . At the time I thought it applied to Trinity, but today I know it applies to the whole Body of Christ. I was both thrilled and rejoiced in my

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spirit when Jesus spoke of the walk to Washington, D.C., Jesus said the temperatures would be cool to cold and that it is indeed a long way. He said when brethren in Christ, who supply our needs along the way, cannot meet our needs, that Jesus' angels will be sent with baskets of food to sustain us. Jesus said that neither wind nor cold will harm us for His angels will flock about us. Then the Lord tells me to read the book of Hosea. I do.

On November 8, 1976, Bill and I are praying for three hours at Trinity in the Net of Prayer. I begin to share with Bill about how the Lord told us to bring special anointing oil and to talk to Reverend John, and about anointing the President, when Bill interrupts before I could mention Rev. John's comments and says: "You will not anoint the President—I don't know who you will anoint, but it is not the President."

We read through the book of Hosea, and find in Chapter 2, verse 22: "*And the earth will respond to the **grain**, to the **new wine**, and to the **oil** [emphasis added] . . .*"

Now we understand that we are to mix in equal parts three elements:

1. Corn oil (which is representative of GRAIN.
2. New wine.
3. Olive Oil.

This will compose the special anointing oil. How wonderful is our Lord our God, Jesus Christ our Savior! God could have spelled it out perfectly, telling us everything we needed to know and we could have followed every step as in an erector set, but that is not His way. God gives us a direction in His Will and Plan, much like a father handing his young son some tools and setting before him something to repair or work on. So He guides us, empowers us, encourages us, and allows us to grow in Him through faith and revelation as well as our reasoning powers.

The Holy Spirit flooded us with understanding through Hosea. We now know that in the time prescribed by God that this nation, if it does not repent and return to God through Jesus Christ, will cease to be a nation among nations and a people among peoples. Yet within this understanding of coming judgment, we knew that God had prepared a way for His people, to bring them through and that God would restore the nation. The special anointing oil was wholly symbolic—for the NEW WINE symbolized that gladness would return to the land and CORN OIL as GRAIN symbolized the return of abundance in the land and OLIVE OIL symbolized healing of the land, the people, and the nation under God. We would learn later by the Holy Spirit that the "Leader of the Land", the one we were to anoint, was called of God and would in years to come, re-build and restore the defenses of America by God's mighty power and gather the remnant out of chaos and misery into order and peace through Jesus Christ.

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We realized that we were to walk from Des Plaines, Illinois to Cleveland, Ohio because after the earthquake and flooding there would be no intact road systems west of Cleveland. On November 12, 1976, Cliff told his girlfriend Anna Marie that we were being sent thirty days to Washington, D.C. by the Lord. Anna Marie replied: “You are going to see President Carter.” The Lord led Chuck to take a walk at lunchtime, and while he is walking he is told to prepare a two-page letter to send to Churches along the route, telling of the journey and asking to be received to share His message of warning. “A Call to Arms” seemed a bit odd to me, but Jesus repeated it a second time, so we obeyed the Lord.

The Holy Spirit conveyed an understanding that we were called to give up our all for Jesus, and that we would suffer the loss of our comfortable ruts; that we are called to go on an all-out offensive against Satan’s kingdom on earth in Jesus’ Name and to stand up in God’s armor and fight like a soldier in Christ.

Both Cliff and I were seeking confirmation and were praying about the entire matter. Cliff called a retreat at his folk’s farm up in Wisconsin. A number attended and the subject of this journey to Washington, D.C. was talked over in detail between prayer and praise sessions. A brother in the Lord named Nick had brought with him a new Good News Bible. I took it up and opened it absentmindedly. My eyes fell on Exodus, Chapter 23, verse 20: *“Behold, I send an angel before you to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared. Give heed to him and harken to his voice, do not rebel against him, for he will not pardon your transgressions; for my name is in Him”.* (Exodus 23:20 RSV).

I received it as a revelation from the Lord, then shook my head in disbelief, marked the place, but during the course of the day’s activities, forgot about it.

At about 5 p.m. the women are cooking supper, and Jesus leads me to take up the staff (which we brought along for the retreat) and to go out for a walk. Walking in the open field is cold and I’m complaining with the Lord about possibly losing my job ([my current job was] with Bagcraft). Jesus tells me that I have a good job. (He means my job as a prophet.) Jesus said: **“I PROVIDED THIS EMPLOYMENT AND CAN PROVIDE ANOTHER”** I crossed over a barbed wire fence and strolled into a wooded valley. Jesus said: **“STOP!”** I stopped. Jesus asked: **“WHAT DO YOU HEAR?”** I said I could hear the background noise of cars, a jet airliner flying high overhead and the hush of the woods. Then Jesus said: **“BEHOLD!”** Before me stands an angel of the Lord, beautiful and very strong and powerful and about eight feet tall. Jesus explained: **“I SEND HIM BEFORE YOU AND CLIFFORD TO KEEP YOU SAFE AND BRING YOU TO THE PLACE I SEND YOU—OBEY HIM FOR MY WORD IS IN HIM; DO NOT GRIEVE HIM, OR REBEL AGAINST HIM FOR HE WILL NOT**

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TOLERATE IT. MY WORD IS IN HIM. OBEY HIM QUICKLY AND DO EVERYTHING I TELL YOU.” The Lord was quiet. The Lord introduced me to His Angel by name, which I decided to forget. I told the Lord that I must pray, fast, and wait for confirmation. Jesus said: **“ONCE YOU KNOW IT IS I WHO HAVE SAID THIS—OBEY HIM (the Angel), QUICKLY.”** The Lord told Cliff and I to walk every weekend and that He will instruct us. Looking at the Angel of the Lord, I thought to test the vision and so plead the Blood of Jesus Christ on the Angel. I saw the Blood of Jesus come over the Angel, who then began to praise and glorify the Name of Jesus Christ with a mighty voice. The Angel is transformed into a giant Angel: he stands over the trees and his legs are thicker than tree trunks. He held a huge sword in his right hand. I turn from the Angel, and decide to walk deeper into the woods. After a few steps Jesus suddenly speaks: **“STOP! GO BACK!”** I stopped and turned back to the same place. Jesus then upbraids me saying:

“YOU ARE QUICK TO HEAR ME, QUICK TO DISBELIEVE AND DOUBT IN WHAT I ‘VE TOLD YOU TO DO, THEN YOU BEGIN TO DO IT BEFORE I SEND YOU! LISTEN: I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, WALK WITH ME WHILE THERE IS STILL LIGHT . . . ”

My memory fails me from that point of what else Jesus said; yet I know I remembered what He asked me to remember. Then Jesus told me to **“GO”**, so I started down into the valley and this time noticed a barbed wire fence in front of me that I had not seen before. Except that the Lord stopped me, I would have walked right into it. I started back to the house. I looked back and saw the huge Angel following me. The Angel stopped, pressed the massive sword into the earth, and seemed to rest on the hilt. I shook my head and said: “Jesus, I must pray and fast and test this.” Jesus said: **“YES, I KNOW, AND WHEN YOU KNOW, OBEY QUICKLY AND DOUBT NO MORE!”**

On November 17, 1976 Carolyn told me that the Lord spoke to her about me. The Lord said: **“. . . HE FIGHTS ME, BUT I CAN DEPEND ON HIM, FOR MY PROPHET OBEYS ME.”** On November 20, 1976 Cliff and I walk around Des Plaines and cover about 12 miles. We talk, and discuss and argue over the thirty-day walk, the Lord gives us Luke 12 to read five times. We read it and consider what it says. We try to set up a complex set of conditions for the Lord to meet, something like a “fleece” but with more characteristics of a rat maze. If the Lord met all the conditions, then we would know it (the 30 day journey) was from God.

The Holy Spirit led us to talk to the second elder of Solomon’s Porch about our “set of conditions”. On November 21, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., we visited with the second elder, Pierre, and shared with him the current revelations and our “set of conditions”. Pierre looked straight at us and said: “If you know it is God then do it, regardless of resistance or disagreement.” Pierre added that we should do what the

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Lord told us to do, and if it is not in God's will, He will stop you. He will close the doors and make it impossible. We already knew and recognized the Lord's voice. We "knew" it was Jesus speaking to us and after talking to Pierre, we abandoned the "rat maze", for we realized that we were putting God to the test. When the first elder found out about the meeting with Pierre, he would rebuke Pierre, then later enlist his help to stop us from going to Washington, D.C. It was unbelievable.

On November 24, we know by the Holy Spirit that the two men who arrive at the White House, will not be the same as the two men who started the journey, but will be full of the authority and love of God and would indeed be His spokesmen. On November 29, 1976 while driving home from work and listening to a cassette tape by a Rev. Burton Seavey, he said [something like] "When you hear the Lord call your name, you know His voice, you recognize His voice. . . ."

With that Jesus spoke to me: **"IT IS I THAT SENDS YOU TO WASHINGTON. IT WILL BE VERY COLD, PREPARE FOR THE JOURNEY. AT TIMES THERE WILL BE NO FOOD, THEN WILL I SEND MY ANGELS TO FEED YOU. "I SEND YOU TO JAMES CARTER, THE PRESIDENT—YOU AND CLIFF WILL EACH GIVE MY WORD TO HIM. I WILL SPEAK TO YOU AGAIN."**

The Lord also imparted an understanding that we were not to stay in the White House more than 24 hours and that we will offer or be counsel to the President. The Lord repeated this very same word to me on November 30 and December 1, 1976.

On January 7, 1977, a Vietnamese Christian [named Coung] asked if he could come along with us to Washington D.C. I prayed and asked the Lord who reminded me to ask Cuong if he would follow Jesus Christ even to death? I asked Cuong, who thought awhile and then said: "I've got to pray about that." At this point we realized that what the Lord had told us to do before the three day walk through Chicago now applied to the thirty-day walk.

Jesus brought those previous instructions for us to review:

1. Speak to the children OF GOD along the way.
2. Avoid speaking to newsmen about "the Leader of the Land" when they approach us.
3. Ask any who want to come with us: "Will you follow Jesus Christ even to death?" If they answered yes, they could come.

Before, during, and after the three day walk through Chicago, excepting those that joined with us on the third day, we met no children, no newsmen approached us and no one asked to come with us. On

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the thirty-day journey to Washington, D.C., we spoke to the children of God along the way, newsmen approached us, and two asked to come with us.

It was a shock to realize that Jesus was speaking to us about the 30 day journey at the same time He spoke to us about the three day and night walk. It did not occur to us that He was now speaking of more than one journey at the same time. Prior to the 30 day journey to Washington D.C. we KNEW that we could not have handled this trip had we not been “mini-trained” by the Three Day and Night Walk through Chicago.

In this time we received confirmation, upon confirmation, through many Christians and also Christian prayer groups. We met a sister in the Lord, a young prophet named Sammy who shared with us that she was overwhelmed when she read and saw the title “A Call to Arms”. Sammy, while praying in October 1976, heard the Lord give her the name, “A Call to Arms”. She was excited in her spirit, but didn’t know what it meant. We were also stunned to learn this, but later got used to it, for that’s the way the Lord deals with His Body, the Church.

On November 30, 1976, Cliff and I prayed and began to plan the route we would take to Washington, D.C. and the day to begin the journey. The Lord had told me to pick dates in the March and April months. We never imagined that our arrival in Washington, D.C. on April 8, 1977, would be Good Friday!

We worked out a route we would follow as the Holy Spirit led us, and as seemed practical—for we would be making a journey of 700 miles for 30 days and nights!

On December 28, 1976, the Holy Spirit prevailed on me and moved me to shave off my beard, and a few days later (New Year’s Eve) to shave off my moustache and side burns. I did not know why I did this, and on New Years Day my heart was heavy with sorrow and woe and I wept deeply in my spirit and soul. I did see a glimmer of hope, but it was fast fading into the distance.

The Lord revealed why I had shaved:

1. To humble myself before God and man, that I, a man of small worth, stumbling, of no account has been called to this work.
2. I mourn, even now, for the millions of souls to die and be cast into eternal hell, who shall suffer God’s wrath because those called to witness them, those called to pray for them, have rebelled against God’s will and gone their own way.
3. As I weep, I know that it is but a ripple of God’s weeping, for He would have mercy.

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Already I bear shame. Men do not hear me and men do not listen to me, for God has given me a Word, a call to mercy, a call to life, and they will not receive me, nor He who sends me. The very shame that is in His Church on this account I bear symbolically on my shaved or naked face. By the leading of the Holy Spirit I will shave no more from the end of the 24 hours of prayer and praise in Trinity. Henceforth, from January 8, 1977 at 4:00 p.m. you are called to humble yourself before God and come and pray to take up the mourning for the lost and reach out by the Holy Spirit and bear witness to Jesus Christ, and should you refuse the call, then you will bear your own shame before God. This was printed in the Net of Prayer newsletter on January 3, 1977, and sent to those in Trinity on our mailing list—there was no response to the call.

Later we discovered, quite by chance that from the time of the end of the 24 hours of thanksgiving, prayer and praise and the beginning of the time for 24 hour intercessory prayer for the nation (January 8, 1977) to the beginning of the journey to Washington, D.C. (March 10, 1977) was exactly 62 days. We believe today that it is possible that the judgment would have been modified or cancelled, had the Trinity congregation interceded in prayer for the nation—it is probable that the Lord would have cancelled the 30 day journey, if there was prayer! But there was no prayer! Exactly 11 days later, the elders would call us to assemble at St. Anselm's, and send us out to give the warning and proclaim God's message, (January 17, 1977 7:00 p.m.). On December 31, 1976, the newspapers state that President Jimmy Carter has resolved to meet people on "a one-to-one" basis. This encouraged us.

On January 2, 1977, the Holy Spirit led me to read Jeremiah 12. Verse 6 of Jeremiah 12, proved appropriate to what we were experiencing. Then on January 3 we re-read Jeremiah:

“. . .they shall harvest a crop of shame [emphasis added], for the fierce anger of the Lord is upon them.” (Jeremiah 12:13 LB).

“. . .They love shame [emphasis added] more than their glory. . . .they shall be ashamed [emphasis added] because of their alters.” (Hosea 4:18–19 RSV).

On January 5, 1977, Jesus told me to write down a letter to my wife from Him. In part the Lord said:

“THIS WORLD IS BANKRUPT AND THE END OF IT IS NEAR. DO NOT SET YOUR HEART ON THINGS THAT CANNOT SATISFY OR THEY WILL BECOME TRAPS TO YOU AND IDOLS IN YOUR HEART BRINGING BITTERNESS AND UNENDING DISAPPOINTMENT. COUNT ALL THINGS AS ASHES AND DUST. VALUE ABOVE EVERYTHING THE SALVATION I GAVE YOU IN ME; FOR WHEN ALL PASSES AWAY—I AM.

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. . . I AM SENDING MY SERVANTS OUT BEFORE KINGS AND RULERS THAT THIS YOUR HUSBAND BEAR MY TESTIMONY TO THEM. IT IS I THE I AM, THE ALPHA AND OMEGA, THE BEGINNING AND THE END, THE GOOD SHEPHERD WHO SENDS THEM TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AND TO THE PRESIDENT, AND TO DO MY WHOLE WILL. THEY ARE MISTAKEN IN SOME SMALL POINTS, AS BEFORE. BUT AS THEY GO THIS SMALL ERROR WILL FADE INTO UNDERSTANDING, I AM MAKING IT ARIGHT AND THEY WILL WALK FAULTLESS BEFORE ME IN ALL THINGS, BY MY HOLY SPIRIT. . . .OH THEY SHALL BE HATED WITH INTENSE HATE BY THOSE THAT HATE ME AND ANY MAN THAT DARE TO LAY A HAND UPON THEM WHEN THEY WALK WITH ME, THAT MAN SHALL SURELY DIE. THEY HATE THEM, THIS YOUR HUSBAND AND CLIFF, MY OTHER WITNESS, BECAUSE THEY HATE ME— YET I SEND THEM IN LOVE, IN MEEKNESS, WITH JOY AND SWEET GENTLENESS, WITH PEACE AND STRENGTH THROUGH FAITH FULL OF HOPE THAT MEN WOULD HEAR, RECEIVE AND DO AS I CALL THEM TO DO . . .”

On January 8, 1977, towards the end of the 24 hours of thanksgiving, prayer and praise, I heard a “swishing” sound at the back of the Trinity Church and see the angel of death standing there with a scythe in his hands. He’s waiting, for in time he will reap a vast harvest among the rebellious. [UNQUOTE]

THE SCRIPTURES

Continuing to quote from the book, *The Staff and the Sword* (pgs. 155–156):

[QUOTE] In this time the Lord gave us many scriptures that confirmed, expanded, explained and clarified many details of the 30 day journey to Washington, D.C. These being:

[(DATE) Scripture Reference]

(9-24-76) Ezekiel 2

(11-1-76) Luke 11:7–16

(11-1-76) Acts 1:7

(11-3-76) Revelation 11

(11-4-76) Zechariah 4:1–3, 11–16

(11-7-76) Hosea

(11-13-76) Exodus 23:20

(11-20-76) Ezekiel 2

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(11-20-76) Ezekiel 3
(11-20-76) Luke 12
(11-20-76) Mark 4
(1-2-77) Jeremiah 12
(1-2-77) Luke 14:16–24
(1-15-77) Isaiah 41:9–13
(1-15-77) Isaiah 34:13–5
(1-15-77) Isaiah 44:1–2
(1-15-77) Isaiah 63:11–14
(1-15-77) Isaiah 55:4–7
(1-15-77) Isaiah 42:1–7
(1-15-77) Psalm 27:1–6
(1-15-77) II Chron. 7:14
(1-15-77) Jonah 3:10
(1-27-77) Isaiah 61
(1-27-77) Luke 9:57
(2-6-77) Matthew 7:1–12
(2-6-77) Matthew 11:7–15
(2-6-77) Matthew 11:7–15
(2-6-77) Matthew 16:13–20
(2-6-77) Matthew 21:33–46
(2-6-77) Matthew 23:29–39
(2-6-77) Luke 7:11–17
(2-6-77) Joshua 2
(2-9-77) Jeremiah 25
(2-18-77) Isaiah 61
(2-18-77) Luke 4
(3-4-77) Daniel 8

On January 17, 1977 the Elders of Trinity (Edward, Alyce, Carolyn and Christine) and the Elder of St. Anselm's (Reverend John) advise us that it is God who has revealed this coming judgment and that we must go and proclaim these warnings. Rev. John said that my wife must be in agreement before I go. The others say the same. That night Edward anoints us and sends us out in the Name of Jesus Christ. A day or so later Jesus gives me a deep peace about this. At breakfast one morning, I look at my wife and say: "The Lord has given me a peace about this, that it is put in your hands to decide whether we go or not. If you say "stay home" I won't go, and if I won't go, Cliff won't go, but if you say we can go, we will

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go.” My wife, who had been strongly, even violently opposed at times, looked at me and said: “You can go—I don’t believe I mean it, but I do, it must be the Lord!” This on the spot change of heart astounded me; indeed closed doors were opening.

On January 28, 1977, the temperature was minus 10 degrees F. While at work the Lord gave me a vision. Ever so faintly I did see a steady rainfall, a goodly rain followed by warm sunlight. Crops grew well. It began to get hotter. There was a quick sun shower, then no rain—the heat is intense, drying up the land. Here and there rain still comes, in other places none at all. The summer heat strains the energy output. I see a man with a gasoline hose in hand—he shrugs his shoulders and puts it away, for there is no gas. I see cars that have overheated, with hoods up. Other cars abandoned for lack of fuel. Sad times. By the Holy Spirit I know that it is not now, not yet, but it is near.

On January 29, 1977, Cliff shares with Chuck that of the three years from September 9, 1976 to September 9, 1979, six months have passed, and as of March 10, 1977, only 30 months of the 36 months remain. Each day we walk will be equal to 1 month.

The Lord tells us to take the *Famine Message of 1974* and have it printed in tract form to distribute it as we journey to Washington, D.C., and to pray for the sick as we go. We clearly know that we are commissioned to warn of judgment over the three years from September 1976 to September 1979: we are to warn the whole nation, ignore all resistance, and persist no matter what we see or do not see. We are to expect that all who receive us along the way to Washington, D.C. will reject the Lord’s message and us. We do not understand how we can reach the nation with our meager finances, but our ultimate resolve remains: “If God is sending us, a way will be made! [UNQUOTE]

THE ROUTE

All during The Thirty-Day Journey, we kept a careful record of not only the events along the way, but also our route. The following compilation of the exact dates, places, and notes has been derived and paraphrased from the more detailed descriptions of the events of each day as written in the book, *The Staff and The Sword* (pgs. 170–209):

March 10, 1977	Start at Trinity Lutheran Church, Des Plaines, Illinois.
March 11, 1977	Oak Park, Illinois.
March 12, 1977	Chicago, Illinois.
March 13, 1977	Portage, Indiana.
March 14, 1977	Michigan City, Indiana.
March 15, 1977	South Bend, Indiana.

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March 16, 1977	Niles, Michigan
March 17, 1977	Elkhart, Indiana
March 18, 1977	La Grange, Indiana.
March 19, 1977	Angola, Indiana.
March 20–21, 1977	Wauseon, Ohio.
March 22–23, 1977	Toledo, Ohio.
March 24, 1977	Port Clinton, Ohio.
March 25, 1977	Sandusky, Ohio.
March 26, 1977	Vermillion, Ohio.
March 27, 1977	Suffield Lake, Ohio
March 28, 1977	Harborview, Ohio.
March 29, 1977	Baldwin-Wallace College, Ohio.
March 30–31, 1977	Akron, Ohio.
April 1-2, 1977	“Pat’s Town.” [See Note 1]
April 3, 1977	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. [See Note 2]
April 4, 1977	Norristown, Pennsylvania. [See Note 3]
April 5, 1977	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
April 6, 1977	Wilmington, Delaware.
April 7, 1977	Langley Park, Maryland/Executive Mansion. [See Note 4]
April 8, 1977	Washington, D.C./The Capitol Building. [See Note 5]

NOTES:

[Note 1]: *From Akron, Ohio we were given a ride to Canton, Ohio. In Canton, Jesus’ Angel directed us to turn sharply to the right at which time we experienced a blinding flash of light. We were directed to take a bus to a destination we were not to share with anyone—a long ride. Arriving in a place we now call “Pat’s Town” we found this man (the one Jesus referred to as “The Leader of the Land”) and anointed him as the Holy Spirit directed. In “Pat’s Town” Jesus told us that we were being followed by the F.B.I. and that when we turned sharply to the right, the Holy Spirit blinded the F.B.I. from seeing us. The two Angels that took our appearance led them off so no one would know where we were going. After arriving back on our route (Pittsburgh) we would meet a man who had seen us in a town in Ohio (we were not there) who also talked to us (we never met him before) and later met a couple who saw us walking to Pittsburgh (we were on a bus).*

[Note 2]: *While praying in a chapel, Jesus walked into the room with us (others present fell to the floor under the power of the Holy Spirit) and showed me a vision of the coming judgment. The vision was very detailed and very intense and it flew by me so fast that I could not contain nor remember*

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it except a very brief outline. It was wholly "imparted" to me by the Spirit of God. Later, Jesus gave me some of those details in His Word of April 21, 1977.

[NOTE 3]: *Just before we were to speak to the congregation of St. Martins of Tours Catholic Church in Norristown, Pa. FIRE AND LIGHTNING flooded into The Staff from Heaven above. It became so white-hot that neither of us could hold the Staff when this happened.*

[Note 4]: *Although the White House scheduling staff tried to get us in to see President Carter, his schedule was too tight and so they wanted to reschedule us to see him the next day. Jesus told us that we were not to see him the next day, it was today or not at all. They arranged for us to meet one of the president's advisors (a Caroline Wellons) in the Executive Mansion. We met her later that day and told her that Jesus had sent us to be a help to him. However, now Jesus only had us tell her that he would now face troubles of all sorts, that inflation would surge ahead during his administration, that the U.S.S.R. would become aggressive and go to war and that he was to call the nation to pray and ask God's help to overcome these things. Jesus sent us to be a help but President Carter missed his "appointed time" (Job 7:1, Jeremiah 8: 7.) One year later (1980) and America was swallowed up in raging inflation (21%) and two years later the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan.*

[Note 5]: *This day, April 8, 1977, was Good Friday and we did not miss the significance. The Holy Spirit direction was to take The Staff and go to the Capitol Building. As we walked with the Staff a foreboding overtook us, for in the distance we could see a beam of light from the heavens shining on the upper part of the Capitol steps, with Angels of God standing, waiting for us. The Staff burned hot in our hands. God the Father spoke in with a fiercesome wrath against a nation and people that knew His Son but rejected Him and poured out His precious Blood in contempt. So we were led to prophesy judgment on America. Striking the Capitol steps three times, told us the judgment would fall in full in a three year period of time. We returned home on April 8, 1977. The Thirty-Day Journey was ended. Jesus' Will was done.*