

Hello and welcome,

Thank you for giving me the next 15 minutes of your time. My name is Hilary East and I am the President and Founder of the Azusa Street Mall.

I would like to share with you something the Lord has given to me that I believe will significantly affect and empower the body of Christ.

Let me ask you these questions. What if we could knit together the financial power of believers? What if God has a plan already underfoot, here and now? Would you want to know about it?

How can Christians walk in power in the financial arena? As I said in my covering letter, in 1998, the Lord gave me a vision based on John 17:21 which says "being in a place of such oneness with each other and with God that the world would know that Jesus had been sent from God." In other words, our unity is a witness to all the world that Jesus is Lord!

The Lord said to me, "Look around – there are many places for the world's people to gather – where do My people go? The world has malls to shop in, theatres to be entertained in, restaurants to eat in, centres for concerts – where do My people go?"

It seemed to me that there were very few places set apart for God's people. We are scattered all over the place! When we want to gather, we're at the mercy of the world – either spending our money to procure a place, thereby putting our finances back into the world's system, or not even being allowed to do our Christian thing in their institutions.

Then the Lord gave me the vision of a Christian mall. Every business owner, every professional involved in it was a Christian. He gave me the outline of the building and some of the details of the inside.

The whole thing was exciting but it scared me too. Why had God shown this to me? What did He expect me to do about it? I was a teacher, with limited resources, limited time, and absolutely no business experience whatsoever. I resisted the whole concept for about 3 months. However, the vision would **not** go away. It was continually in my thoughts. I finally agreed to take on the vision and turn it into a reality. As soon as I said 'Yes' to the Lord, the vision stopped! Obviously it wasn't the time to do anything about it and I certainly wasn't ready! But the idea has always stayed there in the back of my mind and over the last few years it has become stronger and stronger and more and more clear.

I am a distinguished honour graduate of the Sarnia Word of Faith Bible School - a video Bible school under Pastor Jim Kaseman's Association of Faith Churches and Ministries. As I grow in faith and love and act on what I'm learning, the Lord continues to reveal more of this vision to me. Now it is time to take the next step and share the vision with others. I believe the Lord has already prepared the hearts of many to be a part of this vision.

The Christian mall is to be a tool with a two- fold purpose, for now. First, it will unify the Body of Christ in the area of finances: (A) Store owners and professionals will be able to support each other and edify and encourage one another; (B) Christian shoppers will be able to keep their money in the Kingdom as they shop and seek assistance from other Christians.

The 2nd purpose for the Christian mall is to be an evangelistic tool right where you live. Non - Christians will be **most** welcome to shop here. When they do they will see the unity and authority and power Christians have as we come together. They will see 'Jesus' in operation. There will be love and peace and joy in the mall. People praying with each other will be the norm and not the exception; people will be fellowshipping over food and sharing the Word; people will be getting healed; God will be honoured and praised! People will be getting saved and set free! The shopping experience will take on a whole new look - **a God kind of look!**

I originally thought there was to be only one mall but in the summer of 2004 God let me know that there will be many, many malls, all over the world.

Now, for the mall itself. Did you know that God thinks in terms of 'round'? The earth is round, the moon and sun are round. I just found out the other day that heaven is round too! Wheels are round, wedding rings are round. So many things good things in this world are round. Well the mall is round as well! That was the first thing God showed me. The Lord keeps unfolding the vision of what the mall will look like. Let me share a few more details.

The main floor will consist of stores around the outside, with a food court in the middle. The 'upper rooms' will be for professionals such as doctors, lawyers, dentists, counselors, etc. There will be an auditorium in the middle. Near the front entrance, there will be a 2 story atrium where people can go and just soak in the presence of God. There will be four entrances, each one laid with marble. Etched in the marble will be 1 Cor. 13:4-8 so that when people enter the mall, they will be entering in on God's word of love. The exits will also have God's word etched in the marble – this time with encouraging words to equip and arm people to go back into the world. As a matter of fact, the whole floor of the mall will be tiles of marble. Each one will be for sale to anyone who wants to have a favourite scripture etched into it, thereby giving people a type of ownership to both the mall and to God's word. There will be a room dedicated to showing the life story of Jesus with someone on duty to answer questions and lead people to the saving knowledge of Jesus. Each entrance hall will have a 'Laughing Wall, as opposed to the 'wailing wall'. On it will be praise reports of God's goodness in people's lives- family members getting saved, healing testimonies, financial breakthroughs, relationship restorations, and other things.

In June 2005, the Lord gave me the name for the mall. It is to be called the Azusa Street Mall. Two months later I heard about the Azusa Street Centennial in April 2006 in Los Angeles. God continues to astound me with His ways!

Jesus is coming back soon and He is coming for a glorious church which has neither spot nor wrinkle.

One look at the body of Christ today will show you we still have a few spots and wrinkles to work on! We have been separated, isolated, ineffective and somewhat powerless. Why? I believe one of the main reasons has been our lack of unity.

Jesse Duplantis wrote an article on 'Unity' in his Feb. 2005 Voice of the Covenant magazine. He said, "It seems like people will gather together in the name of Baptist. They'll gather together in the name of Assemblies of God, Church of God, Word of Faith, Full Gospel, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Catholic and every other Christian religious sect. But few are putting aside their differing interpretations of God's Word and gathering together simply in the name of Jesus.

The Bible is an interpretive book. Until Jesus comes and sets us all straight, there is always going to be one group of people who interpret one scripture to mean one thing and another group of people who interpret the same scripture to mean something else. We may not all be able to agree on all the teachings of the Bible, but wouldn't it be nice if we could unite in our agreement that Jesus is Lord? Jesus is God's Son! Most Christian denominations agree on that - otherwise they wouldn't call themselves Christian."

He goes on to say..."I can hardly imagine what would happen if everybody who claimed Jesus was the Son of God came together in unity. Imagine the power of our prayers!" Amen!

David Damiens, director of Nations Canada, said that corporate unity releases corporate authority and corporate authority releases the nations. And hasn't the body of Christ been called to the nations in the Great Commission?

Kenneth Copeland once said that the unity of faith is THE most unlimited, powerful thing of the Earth! Eph.4:13-16, "till we all come to the *unity of the faith* and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head – Christ - from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love." The whole body, working together, sharing what each one has – the end result – the body grows in oneness.

By the way, 'oneness' isn't just a spiritual law - it works in the world too. For example, it is said that homosexuals make up about only 2% of the Canadian population but see what happened as that 2% united and rose up with one voice? They were so powerful that they caused the Canadian government to redefine the definition of 'marriage'!

Oneness doesn't mean we all become the same. We will have doctrinal differences but our **foundation** MUST be the same. We must believe that Jesus is the Son of God, that He died for us, redeeming us from the curse, that He was resurrected and now sits on the right hand of God, making constant intercession for us.

Just as the hand and the foot and the eye and the nose are all part of the human body, each one is different and has a different purpose. We, as Christians, are all part of the Body of Christ, but we are different from each other and have different purposes.

The body can function without the eye but it is limited.

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So too, the Body of Christ can function without being in unity but it is limited.

The Great Commission is to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. We can go separately and be effective to a point **BUT** how much more can be done when we go as 'one'? We can reveal God to the world through our 'unity' as His body.

If you study out the Gospels you will see that the ONLY thing Jesus taught on was the Kingdom of God. What was going on in that Kingdom?...prosperity, health, no sin. Jesus told the disciples to pray...'thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Therefore, prosperity, health and no sin should be the norm down here as well. So why are so many Christians walking around broke, sick and submitting so easily to sin? One of the reasons is that they are not walking in unity and therefore have little power. Christians are divided by doctrines, scattered geographically, and isolated, trying to survive alone in many areas of life. Now, what kind of impact can we have on the world walking around like that?

God created Adam to have dominion over the earth. He committed high treason and gave his authority to satan. Jesus paid the ultimate price and bought it back for us. However, many, if not most Christians behave as though satan still had the dominion. Pastor Myles Munroe from the Bahamas, talks about belonging to the Kingdom of God and how we are actually ambassadors here on earth, representing our homeland - heaven. As ambassadors we are **totally** taken care of by our home country - in other words – there should be no lack in our lives! According to Deuteronomy 8:18 God **has** given **us** the power to get wealth that He may establish His covenant.

The world recognizes 'unity' as power. The world recognizes 'money' as power as well.

So let us show the world our unity. Let us show the world our financial power. It's time for Christians to unite, to take back what the enemy has stolen and to win souls for God's Kingdom.

Please pray and ask the Lord if He wants you to be a part of this vision in any capacity. The Azusa Street Mall is in need of a team. We are looking for prayer warriors, board members, shareholders, and office staff. We are looking for an architect, a financial advisor, a real estate agent, a graphic artist and designer, builders, electricians, plumbers, landscapers, etc.- all the man power necessary to actually build the malls. Whatever talents, skills and vision the Lord has given to you, if you feel led to be sharing them with the Azusa Street Mall Corporation, please contact me ASAP! I excitedly wait to hear from you!

Thank you for letting me share this with you.

May God richly bless you!

Eph.3:20