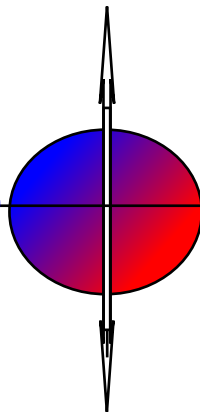




The Firing Line



"Passionately Advancing the Kingdom of God, we boldly go where few may follow."

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Contending As One Man

An Article by Harvey Wittmier

"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in anyway by those who oppose you."

Philippians 1:27, 28a NIV

Paul penned the above words to the believers in Philippi. He had heard about persecution and opposition to the gospel and was encouraging the church to stand in unity no matter what form of opposition or circumstance may face them. Note the scripture says he will know they have stood firm if they were "**contending as one man**". The Amplified Bible translates it this way; *'in united spirit and purpose, striving side by side and contending with a single mind'*. In this day and hour it is imperative that the body of Christ contend in unity against opposition to the gospel in America. Paul implies that they must **contend**. To **contend** is to *strive against or for something*. The word implies that there is tension, conflict, or lack of agreement on something.

There is great tension in America, conflict between good and evil in virtually every institution, government body, and organizational system, including in churches. While about 70% of Americans claim affiliation with Christianity, George Barna's social research finds that only 8% of American's align their beliefs with the seven basic tenants of the faith. Within the 8% there is some smaller portion that is purposeful, assertive, and perseveres



advancing the gospel of the Kingdom of God. ***This is the remnant of God's people in America!*** This small group cannot afford to stand alone and we must know we are not alone. We must find a way to contend as 'one man', without fear of the opposition. It is in this contending together that we gain inner strength.

I think of Elijah, who admonished the people by saying *'how long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal is God follow him'* (1 Kings 18:21 NIV). He knew the people were not contending for the faith as one man, but were divided. This same Elijah, a mighty man of God, after contending successfully against the prophets of Baal,

found himself on the run, in fear, and seemingly alone against the opposition. He allowed fear to enter his mind and believed he was now contending alone. He lost sight of the fact that there were others, including the Lord Himself, in Israel with the same purpose and spirit as he. While hiding in a cave the Lord told him *'Yet I reserved 7000 in Israel---all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and all whose mouths have not kissed him'* (1 Kings 19:18 NIV).

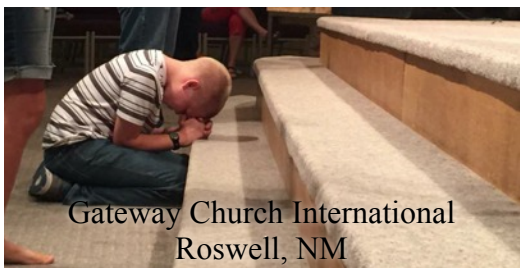
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The Prophetic: Edification, Exhortation, and Comfort (EEC)

Are you called to operate in the prophetic? In the body of Christ, there has been much confusion and controversy over the prophetic. Should we practice it? If so, who should practice it and how should it be done? All of these questions have been answered in scripture. I recently came upon a fantastic resource for the prophetic. Here is an at-a-glance chart of the different levels of the prophetic, who functions in them, and what to expect.

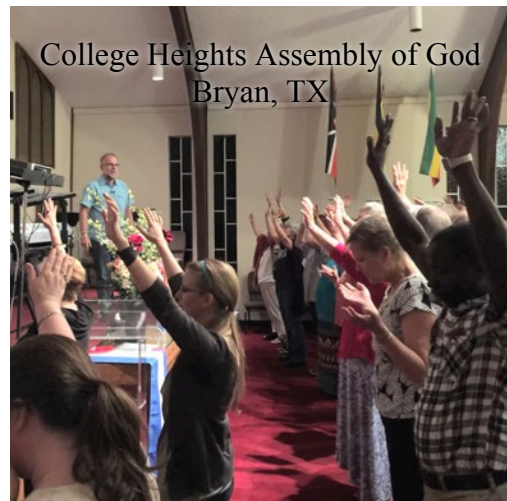
Simple EEC Level One	Extended EEC Level Two	Extended/Full EEC Level Three
<p>All believers are empowered to minister EEC.</p> <p>In daily life, 1-1 and in small settings.</p> <p>Simple Parameters of EEC: Edification, exhortation and comfort</p> <p>In sovereign instances orchestrated by the Holy Spirit there may be a manifestation of any of the nine spiritual gifts of 1 Corinthians 12.</p>	<p>All believers are empowered and many are called to minister extended EEC.</p> <p>In the local church, 1-1, small settings and corporate words.</p> <p>Extended Parameters of EEC: Correction, illumination, impartation, direction</p> <p>In sovereign instances, orchestrated by the Holy Spirit there may be manifestation of the parameters of the prophet/seer; it does not mean a world wide calling.</p>	<p>Fewer believers are called to be a full time minister of EEC.</p> <p>World wide Full time ministry.</p> <p>Extended and Full Parameters of EEC: Rebuke, judgement, warning decree and deliver up</p> <p>Only used in extreme instances, by a choice few. Extended/full parameters represent the maximum depth and strength of the definitions of EEC.</p>

Credit: Jackie Jacobsen, *Led By the Spirit School*, Denver, Colorado.



Remnant Response!

Almost one year ago the Holy Spirit told Deborah and Harvey to focus on America this year. In response to the Spirit they recently ministered in Texas, New Mexico and North Dakota. They partnered with Gary Pack a Prophet, and Debbie T., an apostolic leader in Asia. The people responded with open arms and open hearts as seen in these photos. It was a message to awaken souls to purpose and vision in these last days. In churches and gatherings people embraced the clarion call to worship in spirit and truth, to advance His kingdom, and to embrace the remnant mind set as Nehemiah and Ezra.



The Gospel Without Borders



About 5% of Syria's population is Christian, primarily Orthodox (Greek or Syriac). The conflict between the Assad government and the Sunni rebels followed by the invasion of ISIS has led to dramatic increases in persecution. While some Muslims are also victims in these conflicts, Christians have borne the brunt of abuse. The Sunni rebels in Syria are supported by the Western coalition led by the USA. However it is from these rebels that persecution initially formed against Christians. The Sunni rebels offer Christians four choices: Convert to Islam, pay a heavy tax to keep their life, be killed, or leave without their belongings. Under classic Islamic law 'People of the Book' (Christians) should only be given the first three choices, but in Syria they have been allowed the fourth choice thus leading to a massive exodus we now see in international news. ISIS is even more severe.

In the last few years about 4 million people have fled Syria, with a small percentage being Christian. The US has taken in 1800 of these refugees, mostly Muslims. The President has announced he will accept 10,000 more this year. The UK recently announced it will receive 20,000 Syrian refugees. Germany announced itself open to 500,000 refugees, then backtracked on that number. However, statistics from the UN refugee camps indicate there are very few Christians in

them. The vast majority of occupants are Muslims, with many being radicalized within the camps. According to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the UN camps dominated by Muslims have kept Christians away. The Archbishop said in a recent address to the UK House of Lords *'within the camps there is significant intimidation and radicalization, and many—particularly of the Christian population—who have been forced to flee are unable to be in the camps.'* Christians have endured beatings, forced compliance with Islamic customs, and other persecution causing them to find shelter in surrounding towns and villages where they are not eligible for UN refugee status. This effectively discriminates against the most persecuted segment of the Syrian and other Middle Eastern refugees...Christians. Rev.

Andrew White, known as the vicar of Bagdad, also criticized European governments saying they should help those most in need of help, Christians...many of whom are still in Syria and Iraq under persecution. Many people in the Middle East hear of open doors in Europe and see this as their opportunity for a more prosperous life, especially life in Germany where free social benefits are the greatest. Therefore most people immigrating are not those most persecuted.

As Christians we must view our brothers and sisters in Christ as our first priority for assistance in the Middle East and for asylum. They are part of the 'body of Christ'. Scripture says that *'The Name of the Lord is a strong tower and the righteous run to it and are safe'* Prov. 18:10. If we carry the name of the Lord we will attract the righteous (the believers) to a place of safety in America. However that can only happen if policy makers see the primary need is for Christians, not Muslims. America currently accepts 100,000 Muslim immigrants through legal immigration each year. We should be able to accept an equal number of Christians from that part of the world. †



10:15 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Pre-service Prayer

9:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

Crossfire meets at:

**3001 S. Acoma St.
Englewood, CO**



Bring your children ages 4-12 to Children's Ministry with Pastor Peggy Nelson



Nursery for infants - age 4 provided

Crossfire Events

Oct. 23rd-29th - Group trip to The Gathering in Munich, Germany.

Nov. 9th - Remnant Prayer @7:00 PM.

Nov. 18th - Women's Ministry, see web site for details.

Nov. 20th - Worship Night @7:00 PM.

Dec. 11th-12th Women's Getaway.

Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve Service @ 6:30 PM

Deborah Ministries International

Oct. 23-29th
Munich, Germany
The Gathering

Oct. 29th - Nov. 14th
Uganda
Tanzania

For more information log onto:

www.DeborahMinistries.org

(*Contending As One Man* cont. from front.)

There are many believers and some churches who want to go it alone. That is not God's plan in this day and hour. **The Holy Spirit is encouraging the remnant in America, those who have not bowed to and kissed Baal, to rise up TOGETHER to advance the Kingdom of God in spite of opposition.** Contending as one man elevates our spiritual confidence, magnifies our strength through agreement, and reflects the nature of the body of Christ, unified for His kingdom rather than advancing our own kingdom.

Note that Paul began his encouragement to Philippi by saying 'whatever happens'. There are and will be many things happening in this day and hour that can stir up fear and doubt in the minds of believers. But...we can and must live our lives worthy of the gospel contending as ONE MAN firmly moving forward in our call, purpose and destiny for His kingdom. The remnant hearts in North Dakota must stand with those in Texas. The passionate, purposeful churches in Colorado must stand with those in New Mexico. The intercessory warriors of America must partner with the pastors, prophets and apostles of the remnant hearts. **Now is the time. Now is the hour for**

Guess What! Harvey and Deborah's messages are now on video!

Did you miss a Sunday? Do you live in a far off place and can't come and be a part of Crossfire on Sundays? Or, maybe you are fully engaged in a local church body but would still like to keep up with the messages for the Remnant. Check out our You Tube channel!



Search for **CrossFire International Alliance** on www.youtube.com

Or, email katie@deborahministries.org to be added to our email list and receive notifications when new video messages are posted!

Current Available Titles:

- *The Remnant is Rising!* (Harvey Wittmier)
- *The Error of Balaam* (Deborah Wittmier)
- *Fulfillment in 2015* (Harvey Wittmier)
- And more....

Quote of the Quarter: Regarding the apostolic and prophetic moves of God Dr. Bill Hamon writes: "*When truth is in the process of being restored to the church, it usually swings extremely to the right, then to the left, and finally hangs straight with a balanced message, like the pendulum of a grandfather clock, in the middle of two extremes.*" (from Apostles, Prophets and the Coming Moves of God, 1997)