

Dear Friend,

What you hold in your hand — or on your iPad, laptop, smartphone — is the transcript of a very special interview I recently conducted with Deanna Allen, better known as The Prison Lady. I met Deanna nearly a decade ago when I was invited to minister in three Colorado prisons. But I quickly realized her message was one people *in every kind of prison* needed to hear. Not just those behind literal prison walls. Because I for one have lived behind many prison doors that no one else could see.

You can still listen to the audio recording, but since many of us still like to read, I wanted to make this extra gift available to you. Often we learn more — and retain more of what we learn — when we take time for that good old-fashioned activity called *reading*.

I pray the message on these pages sets you free in a significant way.

Abundant blessings,

Donna Partow Founder, Women's Empowerment University Well good evening everybody and welcome! This is Donna Partow welcoming you to an evening of spiritual breakthrough featuring a very good friend of mine, Deanna Allen. She's going to be with us. In just a moment, I'm going to be introducing her but I want to welcome you.

And I just want to tell you a little bit about my background and why I'm so passionate about freedom and why I'm so passionate about making opportunities like this available to people and a little bit about my story. I want to welcome all of you here to Women's Empowerment University's special presentation, **"An Evening of Spiritual Breakthrough."** And I'm going to be really super honest with you as I always am.

Opening Prayer

I'll tell you a little bit about my background so you know where I'm coming from. Maybe some of you can relate to me, some of you are going to think, "Well, that woman's way out there." But here's my story. I had some challenges. I don't really dive into those – a lot of my backstory of how other people hurt me. I used to focus on that a lot. But we're not going to focus on what other people did. I'm going to share just about my journey, some of the mistakes I made, some of the bondages that I walked into and was held captive to prior to being rescued.

So let's pray and we're going to just dive into that.

Father in Heaven, we thank You so much for the people around the world that You have gathered, that You have brought here for this time, for this moment. Lord I believe that questions are going to be answered. I believe that mysteries are going to be solved. I believe that some people are just going to be informed tonight and get some really helpful insight and that's going to be great. But there are people who have called in tonight who are literally going to break free. They're really actually going to note the date and the time. They're going to report decades from now, they're going to be telling their children, they're going to be telling their grandchildren, you know, some of the craziest things: *I was sitting at my computer and I got this e-mail and I saw this event on Facebook and I called in and there was this crazy woman from New Jersey and then this other prison lady and God came down and it was September. It was like September 23rd, it was like eight o'clock at night, it just was amazing. And God met me on that phone call and He changed the course of my life and He changed the destiny of this family.*

This Is For You If....

There's at least one person that's going to happen for because you are going to get so set free. Maybe something that not only has been holding you back, I'm talking about something that maybe has been in your family for generations and you are here tonight and this is it. This is the moment where the madness stops. This is the moment where freedom rings. This is the turning point. And you already know I'm talking to you because I didn't plan any of this.

You're here reaching out. You're looking at your family. You're looking at those who've come before you. You're looking at generation after generation – just crazy stuff. And you've been fighting and you've been pressing in and you've been believing that God is going to do something new in you but it's not happening yet.

Then you look ahead. Maybe you already have kids or you're dreaming of them. Maybe you've already got grandkids and you're seeing some destructive patterns and you're like, "Wait, God. I want to be the one to stop this mayhem." And tonight. Tonight is your night. Tonight is the night that God is going to begin to unlock some things for you.

And so God, we say and I pray Deanna's favorite prayer, have Your way. Have Your way. This hour is yours. This conference line is yours. All that we have, all that we are – we've come here tonight to set some prisoners free.

That's the goal, that's the only goal of this evening is to set some prisoners free. Whether they're in prison to other people's approval – and maybe they're super, super successful. They've got a great house and a great car and a great job but they're imprisoned to the need for approval. And with all they've accomplished, they still feel deep down inside they are trapped in in self-hatred. Or maybe we've got people on the line and they're battling an addiction. Maybe it's an addiction to prescription drugs or an addiction to food. Or maybe just a bad habit or a hang up. Maybe it's a heartache that they just can't let go of. Maybe they've been nursing a grudge. I mean, they've been holding that thing tenderly. Whatever it is, God. You know, You know. And You are coming now. You are sending the Spirit now to set some prisoners free. I believe it, I believe it. In Jesus' name, amen.

I don't know where you're at tonight but I know you responded to a call – to come and experience "An Evening of Spiritual Breakthrough." So whatever that area in your life is—that hurt, that hang up, that bad habit, whatever it is—

you've come here tonight because you recognize you are not yet all that God is calling you to be. You're not living in absolute freedom.

Freedom Defined

I define freedom as the power to do what you know you ought to do when and how you know you ought to do it. That's true freedom. True freedom is to wake up everyday, plan the day, and just live it out. But if you're the kind of person who makes a schedule, who sets goals, who makes resolutions, and you're sitting in church on Sunday and you're like, *"This is the week, this is it. I'm making changes. I'm walking this thing out. I'm not going to get mad at my kids. I'm not going to scream at my husband. I'm not going to eat the chocolate doughnut."*

You know, whatever it is but you can't do it. To whatever extent you are controlled by something other than the power of God and the choices that you under the influence of the Holy Spirit—to that degree, you're not in freedom. You're not in freedom. But there is freedom for you. Of course we can't walk totally free of sin because only Jesus lived a perfect, sinless life. But we can move more and more into more freedom from sin and those things that control us. Tonight is for you. If you've got a bad habit, an addiction, an insecurity, a pattern maybe of strained relationships, maybe a pattern of financial losses, whatever it is, something that's holding you back. It's almost like an invisible force that it's like you can go so far and no further. You can get so free but no "free-er." I know it's not a word because I tried to type it and my word processor kept correcting it. But so free and no "free-er."

Donna's Story

You know years ago, I had this vivid vision from God and it was after He set me free. Let me tell you about what God did in my life and then this vision that He gave me afterwards. I made a lot of really bad choices growing up and I'll just tell you about some of those. By the age of about 12, I was drinking straight shots of whiskey after school. I would come home, I would sneak in, dad was at work, mom was at work. I would sneak – that was my choice, I did that. Nobody made me do that. I chose that. And I'd have a couple shots of Irish whiskey.

They say if you can't drink without getting falling down drunk then you're an alcoholic. So that's what I graduated to. If I had a drink, I had to get drunk. And then I moved on to drugs. I was a snorter, that was my thing. If it goes up my nose, I was all in. Crank, Coke, whatever. I was a snorter.

I was also quite entrepreneurial. I figured out the best way to get my drugs for free was to sell them to other people. So I became a drug dealer. That's who I was. I was the kind of person who would give your kids or your grandkids free drugs in the hopes that maybe I'd get them hooked and land a long-term customer. That's where I was.

Obviously that's not where God left me or I wouldn't be on this phone. A group of people began reaching out to me. I always say, "Getting all up on my business." And telling me, "You know, Donna, you're an addict." And I'm like, "I'm not an addict, I'm just somebody who likes to have a good time."

"Really, you're not? Okay, so great. Tomorrow, don't have fun. If you're not really an addict, tomorrow, do it." And I would say, "Okay, great. Tomorrow. Tomorrow, I won't get high." And I could not make it past maybe eight, nine in the morning without getting high. Again I would say, tomorrow I'm not going to get high. Tomorrow – tomorrow, I'm not going to get high. I was in bondage. And they invited me to what I kind of figured was a free vacation. Boy, was I in for a big surprise when we pulled into the Lutheran Brethren Retreat Center. I always say I wasn't nearly as surprised as the church people where when I showed up in a string bikini with drugs to sell.

I argued with them, told them they were idiots and they didn't know what they were talking about. I said my life was just fine and I didn't need their religion, get out of my face.

Somewhere around the third or fourth day, I was sitting all alone along the Delaware River that separates New Jersey and Pennsylvania. And the power of God came down upon me. And I sat down at that riverbank someone who was absolutely powerless to break free of those addictions and chains. And I got up, healed immediately, delivered instantly from those two addictions. To drugs and alcohol. Instant deliverance. That was 34 years ago and I have never again been tempted by those addictions.

I actually believe that God set me free instantly from those two because He knew that I would have so many other bondages and addictions that I would have to battle through because those two were just the tip of the iceberg. I've had to work a 12-step program for one of my other addictions. And for some, I held onto those addictions. I was addicted to rejection, addicted to junk food. I had a package of addictions and it was like the addiction would go from one

place to the other. And it wasn't until, honestly, well into my Christian life that God began showing me that there was more and more and more freedom.

Vision of Setting Prisoners Free

I remember this and this is a vision. This was not long after I became a Christian. God gave me a vision that I was in a prison cell and somehow I get a hold of the key. I don't remember that part of it—if someone gave it to me. I don't remember. But I got out of the prison cell and started running for the exit. I suddenly stopped in my tracks and I turned around and started running up and down that prison, that hallway, that corridor – unlocking, unlocking, unlocking, unlocking all the other prisoners.

It was like God showed me, "Donna, it's not enough for you to be set free, you've got to go back and set the other prisoners free."

That's what tonight is all about. Like I said, whether you are like me and you're addicted to drugs, alcohol, that big stuff. But eventually, it wasn't that anymore. I had been a Christian for quite a while when I finally realized, *My addiction to approval and applause is just as powerful as those other addictions because it controlled my life.*

Introducing Deanna

We think it was a little less than a decade ago that I was invited to speak at three Colorado prisons. And when I arrived in those prisons, I met a woman that

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just blew me away. She moved in such power and authority behind those bars, setting those prisoners free. And tonight, that woman is here with us, her name is Deanna Allen. We have become great friends and ministry partners in the years that followed. I've traveled in ministry, a lot of you know me, some of you don't. I've traveled in ministry on six continents and I've met a lot of powerful, incredible people of God. But I do not know anyone who move in more prophetic accuracy than Deanna when she prays. I'm not exaggerating.

Before I introduce you to her, I want to remind you our goal for this evening is to give you both spiritual and practical tools for your freedom and we're believing as I said, that people literally are going to break free of some stuff. And for some of you, this hour will be just the blessing you needed, just what the Great Physician ordered, just what the Great Deliverer ordained for your freedom. And you'll move forward, and you'll continue walking out these truths. And the tools that we are about to unleash.

But some of you are going to be so powerfully touched by God and will so clearly see that there's a further work of freedom that God wants to do in your life and you're so absolutely serious about entering into all that God has for you, understanding that it is in fact for freedom that Christ has set you free. For those people, Deanna is going to be sharing very briefly at the end a special invitation to join her for the support and encouragement that you need to walk in that freedom. But for now, I'm excited to welcome Deanna and to dive into the teaching. Deanna, welcome sister.

Deanna: Thank you, thank you, thank you! It's always a very special time to do anything with you, Donna. Anything.

Well, we do have a lot of fun together. Now, you've been called "The Prison Lady." You've been part of one of the fastest-growing prison ministries in the country. Would you tell them first of all – I'd really like you first of all to tell them a little bit about your testimony and how God gave you this passion for prison ministry and then we'll dive in.

Deanna: Well, you know, you've said one time while you were speaking that I won't really go into the "mess-timony" so I'm not going to give a drunkalogue. I went through every type of abuse that you could imagine as a child, very hurt, very hung up on a lot of things, didn't trust, rebellion, anger, all kinds of stuff. Looked for love in all the wrong places, became a very broken young lady, and just trying to comfort, cope, and escape – I found methamphetamines. So alcohol, other things just played into that but I was a hopeless dope fiend for ten years and at the end of that ten years, I became a dope less hope fiend when I cried out to God.

And I had a very, very, very intense next nine years as God had to help me grieve, not only what my childhood was but what my childhood wasn't. I had to totally transform my entire way of thinking about life, myself, Him, people, the world in general. I wrote a book about that process of what I had learned in that journey of going from the one word that described my life at that moment that was tempting to what my one word is today which is abundance.

Different Types of Prisoners

When my editor asked me, you know, "This book is so incredible, this book can reach anybody, any age going through anything anywhere in the world. But who did you write this book for?" And I hadn't even thought about it, I just wrote it. I was just traveling around, speaking the hope and help that He had given me. And immediately, I said, "Prisoners. I wrote it for prisoners." And I thought, *Where did that come from? I wrote it for prisoners?*

And she said, "Prisoners, like people behind bars?" and I said, "Yeah. I mean, prisoners that are behind bars like my little brother but prisoners like me that are behind invisible bars, emotional and spiritual bars, living life very small wondering if there's ever hope to get out of this small, confined space." So that's who the book was written for. And the day that that manuscript was finalized, the day that I was going to tell my editorial staff and my publishing team you know, "Sign it, seal it, stamp it, print it," my little brother hung himself in San Quentin Prison. The one prisoner that was closest to me died wandering in the wilderness, never experiencing the Promised Land. And that radically switched my mission. I no longer was the church lady that was helping churches all around the country set up recovery programs. I became the prison lady and I went with the message of hope.

Some people won't make it into our churches, won't make it into our Bible Studies, won't make it into our programs to find out that there's hope and help available and some of us need to go to them. And that's what happened. God sent me. I said, *"If You could use anybody, Lord, You could use me."* And it's been over a decade now and I've been traveling around prisons. Prisons in prisons, and prisons in churches, and prisons in houses, and prisons of family, even. Prisons. Yeah, I was going to say because the things that you bring totally apply whether it's a literal prison cell or the way we imprison ourselves. I remember sitting in an airport and I had been speaking to thousands of people, it was at the University of Illinois in Bloomington. Thousands of people gave me a thunderous standing ovation and I was just high as a kite! And I was sitting in the airport and just crashing, crashing, crashing, and I'm like, *"That's always kind of the way it is after I speak."* And God said, *"Yeah, because you're an addict."* I'm like, *"What do you mean I'm an addict? I'm not an addict. God, You delivered me. You delivered me. How can You say that?"* and He said, *"You're addicted to their approval, You're addicted to their applause. If people don't applaud you and approve of you, you fall apart. It's just like when you didn't have your drugs."*

It's the same thing and, Deanna, I know that you see that in your ministry. So tell us about the breakthrough process of how someone gets set free. Maybe even what does a bondage look like, how do you know you've got one? Obviously people are here because they recognize, *"There's something holding me back."* I gave my description. Do you have one and then what is the process of getting out of it?

What Is a Bondage?

Deanna: You know, for me I think that bondage is any area where you feel trapped, where you feel confined, where you feel like you're not living in a wide, open space. The Bible says that where the spirit of the Lord is, there's freedom, there's liberty. And if you have an area of your life that is not liberated then that's an area that you're held captive.

And I love what Ephesians 6:12 says. It says, "For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world and against evil spirits in the heavenly places." I feel like I tried to wrestle so many things out in the flesh and the battle just wasn't in the flesh. The weapons of warfare that we have are mighty by God for the pulling down of strongholds. Those things that have – maybe once seem to like, they were insignificant, they were just something that you know, we dabbled in it. And now, all of a sudden like you said, we can't go past eight or nine in the morning.

Maybe we can wrestle with our flesh but we are obsessing on these thoughts. There is so much mental space being rented that we're actually kind of tormented and – the process is really interesting. Proverbs 3:5-7 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do and He will show you which path to take. Don't be impressed with your own wisdom."

Breakdown or Breakthrough

I love to relate breakthrough like this. I believe that there are only two directions that we will go. We will either have a breakdown and I don't necessarily mean a mental breakdown although that is a possibility. Or we'll have a breakthrough. There's only two roads to take and if we run from God and the things of God then we're going to continue to experience breakdown in whatever that prison cell area is. Right now as we run to God, we will experience breakthrough, tremendous breakthrough. And I love, love, love this. If you can imagine a GPS, a GPS is of course a Global Positioning System. But with God's Positioning System, the very first thing we – most of us have a vision of where we want to be, some of us may not even have that. But the way that a GPS works, the very first thing that it has to do is pinpoint where you are.

And so many of us, we put on a mask and we try to tell people, "I'm fine, I'm blessed." We wrap all these Christian-y things, we carry all these titles, we are too proud to admit that we need the help that we need. But Jeremiah 6:14 says that we can't heal a wound by saying it isn't there. And Ecclesiastes 11:4 says we're not to wait for perfect conditions because we'll never get anything done. So the beginning part of the process is being honest and being humble before the Lord and letting Him see us for who we really are and let us see ourselves for who we really are. And let's get the address of my exact location so that now I can partner with God and we can get a vision for my future. And then you know, the process –

That's Just The Way I Am

Hey, Deanna. I want to jump in on that because something came to me as you were teaching that. This phrase came to me. *Well, that's just the way I am. You know, that's just the way I am. You all are just going to have to get used to it because that's just the way I am, okay? I have a temper problem. I'm never going to change, that's just the way I am.*

That right there is what you need to take a look at. When you hear yourself saying that, "Ah, that's just the way I am." It's resignation. And now you want everybody in your life to resign along with you. You're saying, "I'm just going to have to settle for less than what God designed me for. Everybody around me is

going to have to settle with me. We're all going to turn in our resignations together."

God is the one calling you up higher. God is the One who's saying, "Look, I can move you if you're willing to admit – I'm willing to move you from glory to glory to glory." God is always digging deeper; there's always that next area that He wants to meddle in. He always wants to dive deeper. And say, look, the goal here ladies and gentlemen, the goal here is that we would be conformed into the image of Christ. The goal here is that we would be filled with stuff like love – if you're not loving, there's something holding you back. Joy – if you're not filled with joy, if you're sad, if you're discouraged, if you're in despair, if you're like, "Oh well, whatever. Maybe this is as good as life gets." Then you're in bondage somewhere.

Peace. God desires us to walk in peace, desires that the Peace of God would guard our hearts and our minds. If we're not at peace, if we're in turmoil and our life is marked by chaos—whether it's our own brain going a hundred miles a minute. Their minds are just going a hundred miles an hour. If you're not in peace, if you've got strained relationships, then there's something holding you back from fully manifesting the fruit of the spirit.

We could go on with this. Any area of your life where you are not free to become all that God designed you to be – and you have that vision like she just said, you have a dream of who you want to be but we gotta start with where you are and get honest with God and say, "Look, Lord. This is what has to change. I want to be more, I want to be all that You've called me to be. No more settling.

No more, That's just me. God has more for you and I want you to believe it. Anyway, Deanna, just felt led to share that.

Deanna: That's great and that's actually a perfect segue because you were talking about "Well that's just the way I am," Well then the question has to be you know like Jesus with the man next to the pool of Bethesda who used the excuse that you know, "I've been sitting here for so many years and I don't have anybody to drop me in." Jesus didn't say, "Oh poor guy, let's find you somebody." He didn't even hear the guy's excuse. He said, "Do you want to be made whole?" I mean, get up! Get up and walk. And this rebuilding – I love it. – I'm going to walk through this step by step because this, you asked me for a step by step of how to be free.

Yes, we want it. We've got our pens ready.

Lessons from the Life of Nehemiah

Deanna: Get your pens ready because there's so much power in this process that Nehemiah went through. You know, in the story of Nehemiah, Nehemiah finds out that the walls of Jerusalem are broken down and burned and people are in trouble but he doesn't walk up and say, "Oh! Well that's just the way it is." He starts out on this process.

So first, he cried out and he prayed for days. We see that in Nehemiah 1:4. Then he asks for forgiveness. Not only for himself but for his family, we see that in Nehemiah 1:6-7, right? Because there's generational sin that has happened. Next, Nehemiah waits for God to respond to his prayers and to tell him what to do. He doesn't throw out his prayer and then run down the field with the ball. He waits for God to tell him what to do next. You know, we say our prayers and then run on in our own will with our own plan. We don't wait for God to respond and tell us what to do. We don't wait well, we – you and I have talked about this so many times, we don't do well in the meantime.

Or the meantime is mean.

Deanna: It's mean. We don't like it, it's mean.

Nehemiah then makes his needs known honestly without covering anything up. We see that in Nehemiah 2:3-9. And after his needs have been met, he goes and assesses the damage. You have to be honest about the damage, you can't just put a carpet over it. Everybody step over these lumps and bumps, let's just pretend like they're not there now that we've you know, asked for forgiveness. No, there's been damage done and before the rebuilding can happen, he has to go in and assess the damage.

Then he acknowledges the damage, he faces it, and he asks for help. We see that in Nehemiah 2:17. Then in verses 18 and 20, he focuses on God, not the problem. He's honest about the problem, he's assessed it, he's totally inventoried the damage, but he makes the decision to focus on God not the problem.

And in Nehemiah 2:20, he trusts God. Nehemiah 3, he comes up with a plan and then he goes to work on that plan. Now, not everybody was happy about his plan, not everybody was in total agreement with it, and not everybody was on board with it. In fact, he had very little support. Nehemiah 4:9, people begin to

mock Nehemiah and all the work that he's doing to rebuild. And instead of listening to them and getting discouraged, he prayed again.

In Nehemiah 4:13, he put up protection and extra watch in the areas that might be weak. And in 4:14, he then realizes that he needs to refocus his thinking back towards God and the goodness of what God is doing. He realized that he needed to take care of himself as well as working on the restoration.

Nehemiah 4:16, that is so important. I love what Women's Empowerment University does because there's so much about the importance of caring for ourselves. He makes a point to always be prepared for opposition, that's in Nehemiah 4:17.

Then in verses 19-20, he realized that it would not be easy but with God, they would succeed. And in Nehemiah 5:6, he gets angry and he stands up for what is right. Stand up, stand up.

What Nehemiah Did & What We Must Do

▶ Cry out and pray.

▶ Ask forgiveness not just for yourself but your family too.

▶ Wait for God to respond and listen for what He tells you to do.

▶ Make your needs known honestly without covering anything up.

Assess the damage.

▶ Acknowledge the damage.

▶ Face it.

▶ Ask for help.

▶ Focus on God not the problem.

▶ Trust God.

- Come up with a plan and go to work on the plan.
- Don't listen to the [inaudible], don't care if you're being mocked, don't get discouraged, pray.
- ▶ Set up protection and even extra watch in your weak areas.
- ▶ Refocus as often as you need to back to God and all that He's doing.
- ▶ Take care of yourself as well as the work of the restoration.
- ▶ Always be prepared for opposition.
- ▶ Realize it won't be easy but you will succeed.
- ▶ Get angry but stand up for what is right.

Oh, Deanna. You know, I know so many people are like, "I couldn't write all of this fast enough." Listen up. You know, we're going to have to do – all the people who registered – I'm going to do this, Deanna. I want you to send that to me, could you type that out? Maybe you haven't typed that but knowing you, you have that scribbled on a napkin.

[Deanna laughs]

Was I right? It's scribbled on something.

Deanna: Lots of napkins.

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I knew it. I know that was a prophetic word right there, that was a prophetic word. You can't hide nothing from me. And the amazing thing is I can't hide anything from Deanna either so – you know what I'll do? Gather up those napkins and I will type it up and I'm going to make it pretty and I'm going to make it like a little e-book and I'm going to send it. Because we love to – gifts are my love language and I love to send gifts! So people are going to – hey, they're going to give us their time and come and be here, we want to bless them. So I'll help do that, Deanna, if you could gather up those napkins and put them on like, there's this thing called like a computer, and you could take them off the napkin and put them on the computer and send this over, I'm going to make it beautiful because that was fabulous and I know that people – there's no way they were able to write that so quickly. So if you're on the line and you opted in and registered with your e-mail, be watching your inbox because it won't take me long. I'll get that together and we'll send that out to you.

Two Words

Now Deanna, you were in prison this weekend. We always say that we met in prison and people look at us funny. But it's true. We did!. You had a prophetic word from the Lord this Sunday and we're just blown away, it was like He arrested you. We've both been arrested but He arrested you in your car and just like gave you this Word about a coming move that you really feel is going to be unleashed in the next month. That God's going to do a move. Can you share

that? I think I hinted at it in the e-mail. Can you tell us a little bit about those two words and press into them a bit for us?

Deanna: I can, and actually I didn't know – I especially love when I don't know what the word means. If He just gives me one word if I don't know what the words mean because then I can't lean on my own understanding and I can't project and I can't try to figure out where it's going to come from.

But He specifically said to me, Donna, He said, "During the next four weeks, be prepared for a windfall." That was the first word. He said, "And then a back draft." A windfall and a back draft, what is that? The only idea that I had about a back draft, I think there was a movie called Backdraft about firefighters or something. And I'm like, "It seems like it was like a fiery explosion or something."

So I immediately jumped online and here's what these two words mean. I'm not going to project, I don't need any hype to try to make God look good. He just blows my mind all the time. All the time. So when I looked them up, I got very, very excited, I thought we have this window of opportunity during these four weeks.

Windfall

So the definition of a windfall:

- 1. Something blown down by the wind, as a tree or a fruit. So something blown down by the wind.
- 2. An unexpected, unearned, or sudden gain or advantage.

Now because of the other prophetic word that God was giving me for this call which was out of Isaiah 58:12 that said, "And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of buildings that have laid waste for many generations; and you shall be called Repairer of the Breach, Restorer of Streets to Dwell In." I looked at that word and I just asked God, "Is this going to be part of the unexpected, sudden gain or advantage as we're rebuilding the ancient ruins of our families and our marriages and our workplaces?"

So this is just kind of my process with God. And then back draft -

I wanted to add something to that Deanna because Laurette, who a lot of you know, she's a missionary to Malawi. I had shared that with her and she said, "You know, it takes a lot of work usually to cut down a tree." When you're getting ready to build something, especially the old days, you would work, work, work, cut down that tree. But with a windfall, that work is already done for you. If you go out and see, "Hey, the tree already fell; all I gotta do is just chop it up. They have the fruits already right here. So anyway, that was her take on it.

Deanna: It's been blown down by the wind.

Yes, by the wind.

Deanna: By the wind. And then back draft.

Backdraft

- 1. A current of air or water that flows backward down a chimney pipe or something else.
- A phenomenon in which a fire that has consumed all available oxygen suddenly explodes when more oxygen is made available. Typically because a door or window has been opened. And I felt this fire of God like a [makes sound]. Like this window opened –

This is all I've been talking about for like a month: the fire of God, fire of God.

Deanna: Oh my gosh, like it had already consumed everything that it could consume. And then one little burst of air, that window opened and [makes sound]. And I went, "Oh my gosh, for four weeks – for four weeks, during these next four weeks I feel like I need to have like three journals handy just to be able to document this four-week period.

Or at least a package of napkins. Something.

Deanna: Absolutely.

Amazing, amazing.

Deanna: Yeah.

Now, anything you wanted to add?

Deanna: No. Those were the two words that – yeah, be prepared for a windfall and then a back draft.

A windfall and a back draft. And what was the second definition of a windfall again?

Deanna: An unexpected, unearned, or sudden gain or advantage.

Yeah, so you think that tree being down is sudden and it does give you an advantage because you want to build something and you know, you get the tree right there, turned into timber. I like Laurette's take on that.

Deanna: Yeah.

Okay. I think what we should do – why don't we just – why don't you pray over the teaching and I know that what we want to do is we want to open up the lines, right? Are you game?

Deanna: Sure.

And we're going to pray for some people. So why don't you just pray, kind of wrap up that teaching. I'm going to share a couple of things and then we're going to do this wild thing that you and I love to do. We love to tag team praying for people. So let's see how this goes. Why don't you close in prayer and then I've got a couple, little announcements and then we'll open up the lines?

Wrap-Up Prayer

Heavenly Father, Lord we love You, we bless Your holy name, we thank You that greater are You that is in us than he that is in this world. We thank You for the amazing privilege that we have to be called Your sons and daughters. We thank You that You said if we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ that we would be saved and so would our house. God, You said that You would be an enemy to our enemies and an adversary to our adversary. You said that if we go into war in our own land against the enemy that oppresses us, we should blow the trumpet and we would be remembered before You and saved from our enemies. So remember us as we battle our own enemies in our own land. We bind the spirit whereby the enemy is trying to distress us in our own gate. We give You glory, we give You praise, and we give You all the honor. You alone are worthy, have Your way, in Jesus' name.

Amen, amen. Now tonight, this presentation, this evening of spiritual breakthrough was really designed for two groups of people. The first is the existing students who are enrolled in one of our classes. We've got two going right now, the 90-Day Renewal for Spirit, Soul, and Body and 30 Days in the Presence of God's Power: Seeking the Fire and the Power of God. And this evening was just kind of a special bonus blessing. I wanted them to meet you, Deanna. You were a big part of the founding and the launching of Women's Empowerment University and so I wanted them to be able to hear your heart and hear from you.

We're glad they tuned in and we pray that this evening has been a blessing and extra kind of a bonus thing for you. And there's more to come as we open up the lines for a time of prayer and we'll have Deanna pray over some of you. But then there's a whole another group. You're not enrolled in one of our classes but you just heard about it on Facebook, e-mail, whatever and maybe you're thinking, "Hey, could it really be possible that my life could be changed in the way that Deanna's been describing? That I could really re-build my life, that I could break free from some of these prisons I'm in. And this evening has helped me but it's going to take more than an hour to make the kind of changes, to make it really part of my lifestyle."

And so I'm talking right now to that person who's ready to finally overcome like I said, the insecurities, bad habits, the self-defeating patterns that have been holding you back long enough. You're serious. As I always say to my kids, *I am as serious as a heart attack.* This is life-and-death serious about finally walking and living in freedom. To that person, Deanna wants to extend a very special invitation and this invitation, it might just be for you if you feel like you are stuck in some area of your life. You've tried everything you can think of to change, to move forward with your life, you've said so many prayers, you feel

like you've worn out the heavens. You've tried sheer determination and willpower and programs. Maybe you've been to counseling, you go to church, you read your Bible but nothing works. At least not for long. You keep going back to that bad habit you just can't break. Or a relationship pattern that keeps repeating or you're constantly bombarded with negative thoughts, maybe even self-hatred.

Trapped in Self-Hatred?

Deanna, I think I told you about this. I was at a conference with Heidi Baker. There were about 10,000 people there and she said, "If you struggle with selfhatred, I want you to raise your hand." It was a sea of hands. That's a bondage. If you hate yourself, that is a stronghold that God wants you set free from. He made you, He loves you. He doesn't want you trapped in self-loathing.

I was talking earlier about Laurette and this is what God showed her. She said, "*It's amazing what you can do when you're not consumed by self-loathing."* She was filled with self-loathing and God set her free of it and then moved on and she lost 70 pounds and God gave her a million children in Africa and her own TV show in Malawi. It's amazing what you can do when you finally get set free of self-loathing. It's a big bondage for a lot of people, would you agree?

Deanna: I would agree. Actually, any out of control emotions that steal our joy. If the joy of the Lord is our strength then any controlling emotion that steals our joy steals our strength.

Questions You May Have

That's it, that's it. And maybe you have questions like, "Okay, what does healing and deliverance look like and how do you experience it." That's really what I needed. Ultimately, I needed healing and deliverance and it was a process. How do you get breakthrough, how do you uncover exactly what's blocking you from moving forward? Maybe you're like, "Donna, you've been listing these things, I'm not sure what it is. How do you discover?" What are the wrong beliefs that you're clinging to? That cause, those self-destructive patterns – how do these negative patterns develop but more importantly, how do you disrupt them and destroy them? Or maybe you're just [inaudible] like, "I want to dream again."

Deanna: Hey, Donna.

Yeah?

Deanna: Nobody gets chained up with one link.

Oh, that's good.

Deanna: I just saw some – you know, when your hands are bound, when you're tied to a chair, when you're chained up, there's multiple links.

It's never just one thing. I think that's really, really true. But this invitation is for you. If you wonder, *Is it even possible for me or is this as good as the Christian*

life gets? You know, that's kind of where I was, I was like, "Well, you know, I'm not a drug addict and not an alcoholic, I'm not a drug addict anymore. So maybe this is as good as it gets. I hate myself. I can't break free of these negative thoughts. I've got all these little bad habits; this ridiculous little package of addictions. I go to church and maybe that's as good as it gets. I've got ticket to Heaven but I'm not really enjoying the trip."

I'm talking to you right now. And we're here to say it is possible for you. And that's why we're inviting you to what we call a spiritual feast. Let me tell you what feast stands for.

Come To A Spiritual Feast

F is fasting. Fasting actually can feed your spirit, strengthen your soul, energize your body and empower you. Fasting breaks chains; fasting breaks chains.

E is the power of enumerating specific sins and shortcomings rather than living under a general cloud of condemnation. Listen to me, because if you don't do that, you will continue living under a general cloud of discontent and self-loathing.

A is the importance of maintaining the right attitude. Gratitude and humility bring joy. But pride can hide in things like worry and insecurity.

S is to discover what it feels like to share this journey with like-minded believers and how life-changing it is when we open ourselves up to the Holy Spirit's ability to speak to us through others.

T is to gain a new appreciation of the power of time in God's presence. The answer to everything—I always tell people—at the end of the day, time in God's presence. Time in God's presence.

Permanent Change is Possible

And maybe, just maybe, if you accept this invitation you will discover for the first time how much time, effort, energy can be saved by learning to listen to the One who knows all things. It is time for permanent change in your life. So your spiritual breakthrough is not about learning, it's about changing.

And that's what our new course, the one Deanna is inviting you to. It's called **Beyond Breakthrough: 21 Days to Total Freedom in Christ.** That's what it's about. It's not about learning new stuff, it's about a new way of living and experiencing the power of God. Not head knowledge; empowerment. And as you're about to discover when we open the lines, God moves in a powerful way. His anointing and presence is tangible in this program as you'll see.

If you decide to accept this invitation tonight, I want to tell you what you'll get.

Sessions - You'll receive four live sessions like this with Deanna – and we're just getting started because when we open the lines, that's when the party starts.

- BONUS Prayer Call We're going to have a bonus prayer session with Deanna and I. We'll be walking you through "The Special Blessings Prayer" - it will rock your world.
- EBOOK You'll receive an e-book containing all the course material that features links to 16-hour long prerecorded teaching audios that feature both Deanna and I. Some of the topics include all the different ways that pride can hide because God opposes the proud. And believe it or not, insecurity is a form of pride. What a shocker when God showed me that one. How to pray the solution instead of praying about the problem. Getting to the real source of bondages.

Deanna has two powerful sessions on healing and deliverance. Yeah, for Christians. Knowing the enemy's strategies because trust us, he knows you like the back of his hand. He's been watching you all your life and he's been watching humans for thousands of years. He knows your weaknesses so you've got to learn to be on guard to his tricks, just a handful of them.

How to stop attracting the wrong people and situations into your life. Yes, attracting them. There's a little bit of truth to that law of attraction thing.

We want to give you practical keys for applying the blood of Jesus. I fasted 40 days specifically for that, a revelation concerning the blood of Jesus and that teaching is so powerful. I don't think you'll hear it elsewhere, I really don't.

I teach on my favorite topic – and this is the part of the prerecorded portions on spiritual atmosphere and how you can shift the spiritual atmosphere in any situation and there's so much more.

- Audios Each audio teaching features something from the Word of God and then there's a focus word and a devotional from Deanna, there's scripture to ponder.
- Private Online Classroom You're also going to receive exclusive access to Deanna and me on a private Facebook group. You'll be part of a supportive community of people who are also on the same journey to spiritual breakthrough, to continue what God is beginning here tonight, to continue with that rebuilding process that Deanna just shared about.
- Lifetime Access And once you have all of this material, you have lifetime access to it. Lifetime access to those recordings. And you have permanent membership – this is kind of fun – in the Facebook group so you never lose touch with these people who journey with you to experience what we call "Beyond Breakthrough."

REGISTER NOW

You can register now for 21 days with Deanna going **Beyond Breakthrough**. And it's at my website **donnapartow.org/free**.

Deanna, did you want to tell them anything more?

Deanna: You know what? I do want to share just where I really feel that as a community what God is going to do. There's one particular verse that's really just been in my spirit for this class and it's John 14:12 where we're told, "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do." I feel like in our time together, we're going to find out why we are not doing greater works than Jesus did. Together we're going to take back what the enemy has stolen and we're going to put him under our feet. Together we're going to strategically unravel and snap the chains that are holding us back. Together we're going to seek the Lord in freeing our children, our spouses, and our communities. And together we're going to become radically equipped and empowered to help others get free as well.

I believe it! We know, Deanna. You and I know based on testimonies from around the world that this experience will absolutely, positively change someone's life. But only if they take the first step. So that's the question. You've tried everything and now you've come to **Beyond Breakthrough** and could this be God's answer to your prayers? You'll never know unless you take the leap of faith.

Our Guarantee

You have nothing to lose except maybe the self-defeating patterns that have been holding you back and taking you around the same dumb mountain for decades. And there's no risk because if you join and can *honestly say* that we don't deliver everything we promised, then get your money back. Because we know that's not going to happen. Isn't it time for you to finally get the support you need to get free once and for all?

The question is:

"Where will you be 21 days from now?" That's the question.

Testimonies

Let's give a couple quick testimonies and then we're going to open up the lines.

Lou says this, "Very refreshing. I hate for the class to end, I've enjoyed every session. The classes have really caused breakthrough for me. I've truly been blessed by the awesome Words of God delivered by two anointed women of God." This was a response when we taught this originally like two years ago, right Deanna? For empowering you to breakthrough.

Shirley said, "I'm so grateful. How truly, truly God has blessed you with these words He's given to you! I played it for my husband tonight so he could hear

what I've been listening to. He was very impressed and now he knows what I've been raving about!"

Hayley said this, "You both are hitting the enemy where it hurts. I can feel the Holy Spirit on the move through you both and over this group! No more do I want to be centered on myself; I want to be centered on Jesus. Thank you Donna and Deanna for the power of your messages and your obedience! I felt God's presence on this call, even listening to the playback, even listening to the recording! Go God!"

Debbie says, "An incredible session today. I love that I was able to pause and then play as I took notes and listened to the Lord speak to me personally. I encourage anyone to grab on to this challenge."

And then I'll end with one more. Nikki says, "I got my breakthrough in a few areas but most importantly in the area of listening during quiet time with God and really seeing to do that before my day starts. I'm a runner, always on the go and I heard God loud and clear during these 21 days emphasizing the necessity to rest by the still waters and get in His presence more."

God Wants To Write A New Story

God wants to write a new story in your life. A new story that's all about His delivering power in your life. The story about you breaking free, not just for your sake but for the sake of generations to come. But now you've got to give God the pen and let Him do it. The Bible tells us plainly, "The One who calls you is

faithful and He will do it." So the only question is—and you're the only one who knows this. *Is God calling you to be part of Beyond Breakthrough and this move of God with Deanna?*

If the answer is yes then join. <u>donnapartow.org/free</u>.

I'm going to pray and wrap up the recording and then open the lines so your prayer requests won't be recorded. That will be just private to those of us who are on the line—though hundreds of us were on the line here.

So Father, I thank You for my sister Deanna. I thank You that she has been tested in the fire of adversity. I thank You that she has been tested in the fire of adversity; that she is a woman who has seen her life in ruins. She's been there. And with what You provided and the power of Your spirit, she's been able to rebuild. And the steps that she shared tonight were so incredible and so from Your heart and so inspired. I thank You God for this anointed servant and I pray right now that Your Holy Spirit would come in like a mighty, rushing wind. Our cry is the cry of the Welsh Revival. *Send the Spirit now for Jesus' sake.* Now, empower my sister, God, to do what You've created her to do. To do what I've heard her do time after time after time – hear from You so clearly, it's mind-blowing. And set some prisoners free. Do it now for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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