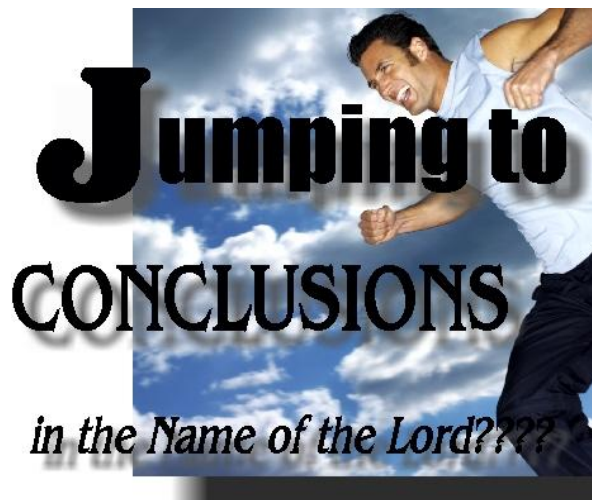




Regretfully mourning their previous disobedience, hoping to reverse the fatal consequences, the large gathering met with Moses early in the morning. Genuinely sorry and thinking they could undo their sin the despondent lot told Moses that to make things right they would do as God had originally commanded them and go into the Promised land. Reasonably it seemed as this was the best solution. In reality, however they were still disobeying God. Warned by Moses and made aware that God wouldn't prosper their well-meaning intentions, they presumptuously ignored the admonition and went up against a sword-bearing foe only to experience great defeat. Lives were lost and vision crushed all because they jumped to conclusions and judged the situation from a carnally minded viewpoint. (Num 14:20-45)

Scripture is loaded with examples of how God's people presumptuously spoke, acted, and judged. Regrettably because there is so little teaching about this dilemma, countless, confused saints are wounded needlessly. What's worse is that in all too many cases, when Christians do so, it's done in the Lord's Name. This ought not to be and can be avoided. However, questions are many. Hopefully this article will address this issue to some degree and thereby provide some valuable solutions. Let's look at another but modern example of this dilemma.

The prayer line was long. The various ministers praying for the people who'd come forward were taking their time. A young woman experientially accustomed to yielding to the Spirit, patiently stood, waiting her turn. She trusted the ministers to be mature and was looking forward to some prayerful input. As they prayed she quietly began



to pray in tongues, but found she was so stirred in her spirit she could barely restrain speaking. Agitated those praying for her repeatedly demanded that she restrain her speaking. Feeling overwhelmed by the power of God's Spirit upon and within her, she struggled to comply. The ministers were insistent. According to the doctrine of their particular Christian circle they believed that whoever is being prayed for must be silent, passive and yielding. Therefore in their mind her speaking in tongues meant she wasn't submissively yielded. Their limited understanding of the types, stages and purposes of tongues blocked them from doing anything else but jump to conclusions. Dogmatic they accused her of being rebelliously resistant, and rebuked her. They didn't bother to ask her what was going on in her spirit and judged her situation based on their belief system. Refusing to pray further, they scooted her down the prayer line where other ministers were supposed to continue praying. The others ignorant to the previous conflict prayed unaware anything was wrong. They didn't

discern her hurt confusion. Uncertain of what had happened, the young woman wrestled with the rebuke, the perplexity and related emotions for several weeks. Had she not had a developed devotional life the event might have crippled her for a much longer time. However, this type of thing occurs all too often in various Christian circles all because we don't know how to NOT JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS!

“Jumping to conclusions” is a phrase used to describe presumptuous or prematurely spoken words or actions, judged, or acted out before actual facts and conditions have been determined to be true. It's the epitome of a lack of self-control: a direct manifestation of pride. If one compares the Hebrew and Greek words translated as “presumption” one would see that all definitions describe this type of behavior as originating from pride, arrogance, insolence and lifting one's self up in an authority one doesn't have. When someone “jumps to conclusions” that person expresses premature opinions, attitudes, and deductions without having filtered them through humble, loving consideration for those affected by it.

***It's more important to be wise or careful in how you hear than it is what you hear.***

### **BE CAREFUL LITTLE EARS HOW YOU HEAR!**

**Luke 8:18** Take heed therefore **how ye hear**: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have. KJV  
**James 1:19** Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.

In Luke 8:18 Jesus warned his disciples to pay attention to how they heard or specifically how they understood what they heard. His 12 disciples all heard and witnessed the identical events. Individually, however, they responded to what they'd heard differently because how they heard or perceived those things affected how they interpreted them. The types and conditions of one's ears affect how one hears. One person may hear a painful story describing someone's loss and feel sorrow. On the contrary another person hearing the same account may become

angry, or critical, assuming something should have been done differently because of pre-conceived ideas or judgments. James 1:19 expressly warns that the believer should be swift to hear, *practically translated*- swift to understand, slow to speak and slow to wrath. The person who jumps to conclusions prematurely reacts to what's heard without understanding, lacking necessary facts and consequently expressing inappropriate emotion. Biblical protocols are meant to enable righteous hearing. For example, in Acts 17:11, the Bereans were described as people who readily listened to the Gospel message. Rather than blindly accept what was preached, they virtually dissected or scrutinized the Scriptures testing what Paul had taught them. As a result their faith wasn't based on emotional hype. They didn't jump to conclusions. Their belief developed through a thorough understanding and righteous testing of Biblical truths.

**Acts 17:11** These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. KJV

There are numerous Biblically based checks and balances necessary for hearing rightly. Right hearing is a direct result

of personal stability, discernment in character, godly lifestyle, and closely controlled speech and attitude. Furthermore, the Gospel's parable of the sower offers tremendous insight into how people can hear or interpret what they hear. Some gladly received what they heard but had no intentions for obedience. Others heard but their ability to appropriate what they'd heard was hindered by offenses and personal problems. Obviously the heart condition and manner of reception determine whether one hears rightly.

**James 1:19** Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:**20** For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

### ***The Naïve or Simple jump to conclusions.***

Naivety or what the Bible translates as simplicity or foolishness dramatically affects how one hears and produces presumptuous jumping to conclusions. Both the Hebrew and the Greek words

translated as simple and foolish are also defined as “seducible”. This character flaw describes someone who is open-minded to a fault and consequently easily led astray. A naïve person lacks the basic parameters of wisdom or discernment. Proverbs 14:15 specifically addressed this, warning that the simple believes everything they hear. Romans 16:18 goes on to say that the simple are easily deceived by good words and fair speech. The simple individual, saint or sinner alike, easily jumps to conclusions, unquestionably believing everything heard as truth. The naïve Christian unsuspectingly believes what another Christian says that God told them even if it’s totally off. They accept every vision, dream, prophecy, revelation, words of knowledge or wisdom, and picture as absolute truth. They don’t test it, nor do they know how to test spiritual things. Regrettably, anyone who shows the semblance of gifting or leadership, they yield to without question believing that this is true submission. As a result ungodly false leaders easily take advantage of them. They’re gullible to Christian trends, spiritual fads and doctrinal error.

**Proverbs 14:15** The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going. KJV

**Romans 16:18** For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.KJV

### ***Pride makes one jump to conclusions***

A proud person despises others. They exalt themselves, feeling superior to anyone. Characteristically pride assumes an un-earned, un-designated rightful authority. Consequently it speaks, comments and judges, the conditions and life of others, without thought to consequence, jumping to conclusions based on haughty ideas, religious philosophies and accumulated knowledge. God hates it!

### **How people are led to “jump to conclusions”**

When a person’s hearing isn’t filtered by understanding, being slow to speak and slow to react, her or his accuracy in hearing, interpreting, judging and manner of addressing things will be questionable and inevitably result in disrespectful behavior. Subtly proud, the commentator judges

or speaks about something that he or she has no authority to speak into or judge. In Christian circles this type of behavior produces false prophecy, false words of knowledge and wisdom, unrighteous judgments, ungodly counsel or advice and immature unbalanced teaching. In many cases these things are couched in religious jargon, such as “God told me” or “In the name of the Lord’ often accompanied by Scripture and generally fostered by generalized doctrines or spiritual opinion. As a result it’s very difficult to confront or correct because spiritual pride is at its root.

## **THE SEVEN BIBLICAL REASONS PEOPLE JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS**

### **A. BECAUSE OF FALSE WITNESSES**

1. Persons with personal agendas
2. Persons with unresolved frequent and previous conflicts with leaders or persons in authority
3. Persons influenced by a spirit of Belial, AKA the spirit of worthlessness (anti-Christ)
4. Persons influenced by religious zeal, pet doctrines, generalized interpretations of doctrine and Scripture

### **B. BECAUSE OF BECAUSE OF WHAT ONE SEES**

### **C. BECAUSE OF THE DELIVERY & RECEPTION OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

### **D. BECAUSE OF THE INFLUENCE OF SPIRITUAL & NATURAL CULTURES**

### **E. BECAUSE OF DANGEROUS GENERALIZATIONS & PARTIAL KNOWLEDGE**

### **F. BECAUSE OF PREMATURELY SHARING THE PROPHETIC REVELATIONS YOU’VE RECEIVED**

### **G. BECAUSE OF GOOD INTENTIONS & WANTING TO HELP**

As the reader can see, there are numerous Biblical reasons why people jump to conclusions. In this article we’ll examine how false witnesses and what one sees produce presumptuous reactions. A second forthcoming article will examine the remaining reasons.

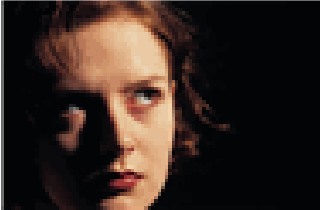
[1 Tim 5:19](#) Listen to no accusation [presented before a judge] against an elder unless it is confirmed by the testimony of two or three witnesses. [Deut 19:15.] AMP

[Matt 18:16](#) But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. KJV

Deut 5:20; 17:6-8; 19:15-20; Heb. 10:28-29; 2 Cor. 13:1; Ex 23:1-2; Ps 27:12; Prov 12:17; 14:5; 14:25; 19:28; 21:28; 24:28; Jer 32:10-12; Matt 15:19; 18:16; 26:59-64; 27:13-14; Mark 14:55-63; Acts 6:11-15

## FALSE WITNESSES

Currently one of the most destructive influences causing unguarded and naïve people to jump to conclusions are the sway of incompetent and untrustworthy witnesses. The reason for this is increasing problem is surprising. Christian leaders, ministries and in general, everyday saints are being overtaken by an inaccurate generalization and misinterpretation of an important Biblical principle. Originating in the Old Testament with Deuteronomy 17:6-9 and 19:15-20, before anyone could be accused of a crime or judged, two to three witnesses of agreeing testimony had to be found to bring the accusation. Many a leader and saint have been abused by the abusive misappropriation of this truth. Judgments have been naively pronounced against innocent leaders and saints all because the testimony of the witnesses agreed but the character, background and motive of the witnesses was never examined prior to the verdict.



The Ten Commandments state, you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. (Ex. 20:6) That standard remains true. In fact God condemns a false witness as an abomination. (Prov 6:16-19) Several types of witnesses are identified Biblically. Significantly not all are godly. Godly witnesses are identified as faithful and true, which has to do with the qualities of stable character and personality. A godly witness demonstrates emotional, spiritual, mental and relational stability. These character attributes must be proven before a testimony can even begin to be considered. Believers hearing the testimony of persons slandering or speaking badly about leaders or other Christians are too quick to assume the testimony is accurate simply because it comes from another believer. We unwittingly enable offense in the name of sympathy or being

“understanding”. Furthermore honor is ignored in favor of “listening to everyone’s side of a story.” Character assassination occurs when hearers jump to conclusions and believe untested testimony. An untrustworthy witness whose testimony is unreliable is described as a false, unrighteous, witness also identified as men or sons of Belial, ungodly, and spiteful. These evil characterizations, as defined from the Hebrew words translated for such, establish the basis by which a witness, report or testimony can be tested as true or false.

### ***The truthfulness of a witness’s testimony is determined by the following Biblical criteria.***

#### **1. PERSONAL AGENDAS**

A true witness will not have a personal agenda or reason to destroy the person or persons accused. Personal agendas generally develop when the accuser is jealous, competitive, greedy, lustful, fearful of personal sin being exposed, guilty, ashamed, protecting someone else’s guilt and or vengeful.

Most importantly jealousy and competitive jealous of the accused in a testimony will be typically riddled with wrong motives distorting the truth. In some cases, undiscovered false witnesses may be vengeful, plotting to sabotage the accused person’s reputation in order to gain advantage over them or take their post of authority. Such testimonies may be well worded, even partially true, but they’re peppered with manipulation. Vengeful, vindictiveness never produces righteous testimony. On rare occasions, in hopes of protecting someone else’s exposure a false witness will lie to cover them. In all cases, these things must be considered before a testimony can be heard. Hearing a testimony without examining for potential agendas inadvertently spreads unnecessary suspicion.

#### **2. UNRESOLVED FREQUENT & PREVIOUS CONFLICTS WITH LEADERS OR PERSONS IN AUTHORITY.**

Numerous false testimonies develop when a witness has had past problems with proper authority structure. False witnesses of this sort despise

leaders or anyone who demonstrates godly leadership skills. Generalized bitterness is at the root of this type of false witness accompanied by a festering, often unjustified un-forgiveness. Persons who collect un-forgiveness, whether there was or wasn't genuine offense, generally accumulate resentment and build a delusional type of testimony. Their testimony is entirely faulty and must be willfully ignored. Offense must never be validated. Listening to sob stories and wiping tears fuels lies and destroys innocent leaders. It is easy to jump the gun, moved by the emotion of their accusation and ignore the root of their agenda. Don't do it!!!



### 3. INDIVIDUALS INFLUENCED BY A SPIRIT OF BELIAL, AKA THE SPIRIT OF WORTHLESSNESS, & ANTI-CHRIST

Jezebel the pagan wife of King Ahab hired individuals known as a sons or children of Belial to witness against Naboth. (1 Kings 21:7-16) Ahab, Jezebel's husband, had attempted to purchase Naboth's vineyard and was refused. Depressed, Ahab related his distressing letdown to Jezebel who promptly and strategically took the matter in her own hands. She hired false witnesses who manufactured lies against Naboth. Their combined efforts produced enough false testimony to condemn Naboth to death.

Stronger willed persons, like Jezebel, easily manipulate people who struggle with rejection, poor self-esteem and worthlessness. Jezebelic character types influence weak-hearted persons for selfish gain and with hidden agendas. Furthermore, ungodly witnesses travel in packs. They seldom work alone and gain their strength in multiplied lies and offenses. This means the principle of "an accusation can't be received against an elder except by the testimony of two or three witnesses" won't work unless the character and motive of the witness is exposed. These types of witnesses bounce lies and stories off of one another and gradually build a case through gossip. In some cases they thrive in unique spiritual and natural cultures and subcultures. If that is the

situation and the persons hearing the false testimony are from the same culture or subculture, the hearers will not generally discern the false testimony. However though there be these types of complicating factors, God will eventually bring out the truth. False witnesses of this sort compare their stories until any possible loopholes are closed to make their testimony seem consistent, even when it's despicably designed by the Spirit of Antichrist determined to come against the anointing or calling of another Christian or minister.

The Psalmist describes these witnesses as dissemblers. (Ps. 26:4) Proverbs 26:24 goes on to say that dissemblers project their hate with words because they're hiding deceitful agendas. Depending on the corporate preparation of these false witnesses, their testimony is difficult to dispute and requires a miraculous intervention that will expose the deceit and overturn the false testimony.

**Deut 19:18** And the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, behold, if the witness be a false witness, and hath testified falsely against his brother;**19** Then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so shalt thou put the evil away from among you. KJV

Characteristically false witnesses lie and purposely sow discord amongst brethren. They bring un-founded charges against the innocent with the intention of proudly destroying them. Their words are compared to a war club, sharp arrow and sword inflicting great damage to the soul lied against. There are serious consequences for false witnesses. If time is taken to examine the truth of the testimony and the character or motives of the witnesses, and the testimony is proven false, then whatever sentence or opinion was originally determined against the accused will be done to the accuser. This may take time, in fact in some cases years, but God will eventually vindicate the accused and punish the false accuser. In extreme instances the false accuser will perish. What is most disconcerting is that Christians listen to and believe false reports far too quickly without considering that there might be something awry in the testimony. The simple,

naïve saint believes everything she or he hears. God help us.

[Proverbs 19:9](#) A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall perish. KJV

#### **4. RELIGIOUS ZEAL, PET DOCTRINES, GENERALIZED INTERPRETATIONS OF DOCTRINE & SCRIPTURE CAUSES PEOPLE TO JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS-**

Religious and doctrinal zeal contributes to the manufacture of false testimony. It is a primary instigator of why people jump to conclusions and believe the testimony of ungodly witnesses. At the time when the frustrated Jewish religious leadership was seeking for a way to silence the early Church and various Christian leaders, and when young leaders like Stephen were taking daring stands for Christ, false witnesses were sought and then purposely placed to falsely testify. Zealous to protect the Jewish faith, hearers of the accusations listened to false testimony and martyred Stephen. Traditional zeal empowered presumptuous action and martyred an innocent man. (Acts 6:11-15)

The Pharisees and scribes jumped to conclusions judging Jesus after he'd ministered deliverance to a man possessed of blind and dumb spirits. Jesus didn't fit their religious mold so they accused him of casting out devils by Satan's power instead of God. (Matt. 12:22-28; Mark 3:22-26) Dogmatic legalists are threatened by what's different and often jump to conclusions accusing genuine ministry of error.

#### **JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS BECAUSE OF WHAT ONE SEES**

How many times have physical appearance, beauty, ugliness, size, and stature affected how a person is judged? Does name-brand clothing, type of car, size of business and location of house cause you to jump to conclusions about someone? Appearances are more often than not deceptive. In some circles the cost of the suit, size of the jewels or size of ministry staff determine whether a minister is judged as anointed. God doesn't see things that way.

Samuel the prophet nearly made a mistake. Upon seeing Eliab, the eldest good-looking son of Jesse the elderly prophet almost jumped to a conclusion and presumed because of the young

man's striking looks, he had to be the Lord's anointed. But just before he could anoint him, God prevented the mistake. God doesn't see as humankind sees. Human beings look at the outward appearance and miss what's in the heart. Though physically acceptable, God refused what looked good.

I once knew of a handsome, energetic young man, from a well-known ministry family who excelled in music. Unbeknownst to the majority of believers around him he secretly lived a double life of churchy ministry, while at the same time actively involved in immorality. A few people attempted to talk to him, risking the scorn of his prominent family and failed to accomplish any-

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thing that would help him. Deaf to correction, he became increasingly involved in prominent ministry. Very few people suspected anything. Then one night, after he'd sung, a famous prophet jumped to conclusions. This un-discerning prophet, impressed with the young man's gift, looks and ministry erringly prophesied. The prophet told him that he was the cream of God's crop and was going to be famous. He would go straight to the top in ministry. Knowing the young man's problems, upon hearing about this misap-

propriated word, my heart grieved. Where was the discernment of that prophet? The young man felt affirmed and reasoned that if God had told him such wonderful things then his double life was inconsequential. Regrettably, anyone who challenged the word was deemed as a discourager. Sadly, several years later everything was exposed. The young man, who loved human accolades more than living righteously, walked away from God, his family and fell into his double life entirely. Someone jumped to conclusions and reinforced sinful behaviors all because the appearances of excellence overruled the discernment that sees the heart for what is really going on. Physical appearances are deceptive. The spiritually minded person takes the time to weigh everything with God's Spirit and Word.

It's so easy to jump to conclusions. We assume a person is wealthy simply because they drive a nice car, wear name-brand clothes or own an expensive house. The trappings of wealth and success largely affect opinion. The Bible warns that partiality is contrary to God's character and smacks of the fear of man. (Deut. 1:17) God doesn't look at the outward appearance as people do. His judgment is righteous. Even so, Jesus encouraged us in John 7:24 to judge with righteous judgment. In other words, don't be too quick to make an opinion about anything or anyone. We're told to test the fruit of a life but we haven't been given an ax to chop it down presumptuously. Jumping to conclusions occurs when you judge things from a momentary carnal point of view. Natural appearances can be very deceptive and won't always tell the whole story.

King Saul epitomized visual greatness. He was tall, good looking and carried himself well. However, there is no record in Scripture to say that he was a man who loved God. In crisis, he feared the people. He was more concerned with their opinions than obeying God. Even though he looked good, he fell far short of God's highest and heart.

Jumping to conclusions is a serious problem needlessly occurring in modern society and the Church. The first two reasons already examined are avoidable and yet due to a combination of a lack of knowledge and the numbing passivity draping over unwise saints who yield to carnal

influences these reasons must be addressed for the threat they are to every human being. In our next issue we'll consider the remaining five reasons people jump to conclusions followed by a strategic instruction of how to avoid this destructive behavior. Thank God a hopeful help can be found in His word. We'll look at more of these things in the next issue.

## **THOUGHT FOR THE TIMES**

**We're called to  
be seekers of  
Truth.**

**Knowledge is  
not always  
truth.**

**Which are you  
seeking?**

# MINISTRY REPORT FRANCE

In the past 14 months many exciting new and old doors have opened into France amongst the French believers of the Charismatic Catholic community as well as the Protestant believers. Words cannot begin to describe the amazing events and the move of God that occurred in the recent conferences I had the tremendous privilege to speak to and to minister praise, worship and prophetic song in

during my November ministry tour there. Organized and translated by a long-time and trusted friend, Mauri Coetzee, in

her own right and reputation a beloved and respected Christian conference speaker in France, I was stunned at how well prepared the conference participants were because of the many years of Mauri's instruction and prep of the people. Mauri Coetzee is the founder of a type of conference that provides uniquely designed in-depth teaching and prophetic worshipful atmospheres with opportunities for the participants to receive deliverance, healing and personal ministry. These conferences shouldn't be considered an "organization" and are simply advertised as "Awake Deborah" conferences. Mauri and her mature, supportive and skilled team have been



Conference participants in Lille at the Deborah conference

Some of the aggressive praise dance in the Deborah conference



speaking into affect the needs of the women and men of France, and increasingly in and outside of Europe releasing sincere hungry believers into the ge-

nuine freedoms the New Birth affords all believers regardless of gender. The fruit of Mauri's work is ob-

vious and is supported, sanctioned and respected by some of the top Christian leaders of France inside both the Catholic and Protestant churches. There are simply no words to describe the INTENSE spiritual hunger I witnessed there accompanied by the dynamic, explosive expressions of praise, faith and genuine unity. I lost track of all the times I unsuccessfully fought back tears as I watched God work in and through the people.

The first conference held in Lille, France was an "Awake Deborah" conference attended by 200 plus women mostly from France, but also with representatives from other European nations. Many of the women attending were leaders. What's more, significant Christian male specifically requested of Ms. Coetzee asking if they could serve the women attending the conference and support us. These gifted men were some of the most

amazing servant leaders I've ever witnessed. For example the God's Spirit fell so frequently and mightily upon the group that when it happened and there were extreme demonstrations of God's



Mauri Coetzee translating Dr. Winslow in Lille

Some of the aggressive praise in the Deborah conference



power and glory, these men would join arms, corporately raise their hands and pray for the glory to keep falling on the group of women in front of them. It was awesome. God was awesome.



Mikael & Vieni, the musicians

Mauri's praise leader/ psalmist, Mikael had spent countless hours translating all the praise and worship songs I've composed so that when I or he led praise and worship the people could sing the songs in French and or English. His gift and assistance enabled me to eventually learn a great majority of the songs in French so I could lead them in French as well. Mikael spontaneously translated and sang the prophetic songs I would sing while another young man, Vieni, an incredibly gifted, anointed violinist accompanied me whenever I played. On numerous occasions whenever one of the hymns I'd composed for women entitled "Bear the Word" was sung, the entire group would explode in unrestrained praise repeating the song over and over again with dramatic war-like dances, praise and shouting. On one occasion the dancing was so intense that two women, spontaneously dancing in the most amazing aggressive war type dance I've ever seen united and began to dance as if they were one unit, having never planned to do so. The double anointing of God was literally manifested.

Please bear in mind that both Protestant and Catholics attended this Deborah conference. I couldn't have asked



Olivier the Chalon Catholic Community leader

for a more wonderful unified group. Furthermore the teachings were well received and then applied through prayer. I spoke in depth about the prophetic song and how to release it into the foundations of Europe. Some of the most dynamic corporate sung prayer I've ever heard united as we began to sing for the release of the songs of the Lord to affect the conscience, the identity and the vision of the European nations and to be affected by the songs of the Lord.

My reason for being invited to speak in France actually came from the Catholic Community located in Chalon, led by a sweet anointed



Dr. Winslow & Mauri in Chalon

young man, Olivier. It was a great honor to be asked to speak to this precious group. The topic for the seminar was "Understanding the Generations" and was warmly received and embraced by the wonderful cross-section of generational groupings participating in the meetings. It is hard to express what I witnessed as persons from each generational grouping attentively



listened and bore witness to how Satan has entrapped each sociological grouping with mindsets and spiritual, social, behavioral and relational strongholds. The faces of the young and the seniors alike gradually transformed as the revelation and understanding was communicated to such a point that when it came time to pray for and stand with each other sincere prayerful response came with tears and genuine repentance. Elderly saints embraced the younger generations as the younger representatives honored them. There are no words to explain the deep miracles that occurred. Relationships were healed, bridges were built and honor found a home as

each generational group realized how much they needed each other. How can you describe such healing? Furthermore, this group of sincerely hungry believers worshipped in a way I seldom see. In addition to the teachings, aptly translated by Mauri Coetzee, I sang prophetic songs, spontaneously translated by Mikael and led praise in both French and English accompanied by Olivier and his

praise team, and Vieni the violinist. God is so good and His presence was sooooo

sweet. All in all, I was in and am still in awe at what God allowed me to participate in during these meetings. I felt received and cared for and in many ways left a big piece of my heart there.



Olivier and the musicians backing me in prophetic song at Chalon

them nearly 4 years ago. In addition to doing various sessions of extended praise and worship for the women I spoke on the subject of the Fear of the Lord. This message calls us back to what we have lost. Mauri Coetzee also shared testimony about what God is doing for and with women in France. Her encouragement brought great hope to these women. As is normal with Mauri, there was lots of laughter. The joy of the Lord is our strength. David Hathaway, a well-known evangelist working predominantly in the former Soviet block nations, also spoke to the women. He challenged them to pray like they need to pray for the UK. England will be won by the praying women! God equip them for the times ahead.

Margaret Watt has since communicated to me that she's received numerous encouraging testimonies and reports about how helpful the conference was. I am so thankful that God knows where we need to be. He is faithful!!

## MINISTRY REPORT ENGLAND

Following these tremendous meetings I flew to England, accompanied by Mauri Coetzee for the National Lydia Leadership Conference for England. The scheduling of this meeting was divinely arranged and undeniably His will. It was Margaret Watts first conference as the new England Lydia National leader and God had sovereignly arranged that I could be there at the conference to support her and the Lydias of England. God met us in a marvelous and encouraging manner through praise, teaching and fellowship. Prior to the arrival of the conference participants I was able to lead the regional and district leaders in a time of praise and worship where God's presence ministered to the women tangibly. I was touched how that so many of the women remembered the song "Above and Not Beneath" that I'd taught



Shirley & Margaret Lydia England Leaders

I'm also extremely cognizant of how much we need each other in the Body of Christ. I'm so thankful for people like Mauri who prepared the people in France so when the time was right I could go back and speak there once again. I am

thankful for people like Christine Snelson who have faithfully prayed for nearly 20 years so that God would use me in the UK. We need one another, like small cogs in a lock, that can't be unlocked unless we all do our part. Thank God for His people.

## MINISTRY REPORT SCOTLAND

Following the meeting in England Mauri and I took a train to Glasgow Scotland where Yolanda Ooestheussen, one of the pastoral team of the church I would be speaking at, and Mariette Louw, a long time friend met us. The meetings began on Friday evening to a packed house. People had flown in from as far as Dublin Ireland for the meeting.

I spoke on subjects specifically related to the fullness of what Salvation means; the affects of the New Birth on the believer; the Fear of the Lord in relationship to Salvation and finally, how speaking in tongues enables us to walk out our salvation and releases God's highest for our lives. The response was significant. Many of the saints present stated that they hadn't understood what really belonged to them in salvation and the new birth until these messages explained it. I am



still receiving testimony responses from this time. Once again, similar to what we saw in France, the waves of God's Spirit rolled repetitively over the people who responded without instruction from me by extreme shouting, dances, falling to the floor in worship, with travailing cries and deep heartfelt worship. Honestly God's presence was extremely intense. It was an encounter with heaven that I haven't seen for many years. These meetings were of special significance to me as it has been many years since I'd been back to Scotland and once again I was touched by a love for this people and land.

One particular message in these meetings stands out to me probably more than the rest and that was the message on tongues. I have been

feeling extremely impressed in the past few months how that this spiritual gift, this unique God-breathed vocabulary is not understood and even less practiced with diligence and understanding. I was able to teach on this subject for nearly 2 hours to a depth I have longed to speak for many years. I truly believe we don't speak in tongues enough. In fact we neglect this most important gift to our shame and loss.

It was an extreme blessing that these meetings were professionally digitally recorded and videoed. Once the editing is completed these messages will be available for purchase by order.



L-R My dear friends Mariette Louw, Mauri Coetzee, Me and Yolanda Ooestheussen at our celebration meal!!!

I feel so grateful to the Lord for allowing me to return to these places and be with people I love. God reunited me with friends like Mauri Coetzee, Mariette Louw and Yolanda. When God leads I hope to return again. Who knows what He has in store!!!

The ministry tour concluded in Scotland and I returned home to the United States on November 19<sup>th</sup>. I'm already scheduled to return to France & England 3 times in 2008, as well as Singapore & potentially Switzerland. Please keep these international arms of the ministry in prayer. I'd felt deeply impressed I was to be in Israel for the January Prayer conference but at this point unless a miracle occurs that trip won't be possible. Nonetheless a trip for Israel is being planned as a teaching tour emphasizing Institute teachings and praise and worship. God willing this will be sooner than later.