

“Wake-up Call”

(Prophetic Declaration, Laurence Smart 9-3-2008)

“The church is standing around not knowing that they are in the King's Army – that they are soldiers. This place will be an assembly point for the Army. This place will be a marshalling point for the Army. This is a wake-up call.”

Background

The following is my journalled outline surrounding the prophetic declaration that I gave at a Prophetic Forum meeting at Vision Christian Fellowship, Canberra on 9/3/2008.

- I had a strange dream on the Saturday night (previous night).
- In the dream soldiers were standing around talking on the battlefield. There was no sense of urgency of a war.
- Then they all walked up an exit ramp off the scene.
- Someone pointed out that this was the dramatisation of war of the type that could be seen at the Australian War Memorial.
- I woke up in the middle of the night after the dream ended and wondered why I had such a silly dream of soldiers in a pretend war.
- Then I remembered that before going to sleep I had asked the Lord to give those under my roof dreams and visions from him.
- So I asked the Lord (or rather wondered in my mind to him) what the dream meant in the spiritual realm.
- Rather than the Lord telling me the interpretation, he showed me the meaning as a vision of me giving a prophetic declaration to my church fellowship (VCF).
- In the vision, I saw myself delivering the above message to the Vision congregation.
- I had my King's Standard banner in my left hand (Lion of Judah) and was standing at ease as a soldier (standard-bearer) on parade in the Lord's army.
- I gave the declaration, and then heard myself reciting: "No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier" (2 Tim 2:4).
- The sense of this was that the church needs to start acting like soldiers, with the dedication of soldiers of the King. We're in a war.
- I then received the words: "The people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits" (Dan 11:32b).
- The sense of this was that we need to be functioning soldiers in the King's army, listening to the King's commands and carrying them out if we wish to see the signs and wonders that our heart desires. These things will simply flow if we act as his soldiers.
- I wondered later as I meditated on the vision whether I should give the message on the Sunday. Then I remembered that Prophetic Forum was on that day and it felt right that I should have the word tested before I asked to give it to the church.

The overall sense I had of this message was that we were to fall in line and follow the voice of our general (King Jesus), with the knowledge and awareness that we are in the King's Army and that we will take over the world with him. From the dream it's hard to describe what a soldier's attitude was to be – it was not pride, not self actualisation, but a sense of knowing who we are, just like the sense of invincibility that the Roman soldiers had. Little did I know that it was a prelude to the current spiritual warfare I'm involved in over Canberra.