

Summary of Faith, Healing & Prophecy Insights

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Blackboard Talks Prophecy with Tony Pino

1. Tony Pino's Testimony & Journey

- Tony grew up in Michigan, raised first in the Catholic Church, then the Pentecostal Assembly of God.
- Experienced a period of personal crisis (divorce, addiction) in his 20s, leading to substance abuse and estrangement from faith.
- Recovery began at Teen Challenge, a faith-based, year-long discipleship program.
- After recovery, Tony became involved in mental health support and later met his wife; they have been married for over 23 years.
- His spiritual journey led him deeper into biblical study, exploring original languages (Greek, Hebrew) and Torah observance.

2. Transition to Hebrew Roots & Messianic Faith

- Tony began questioning traditional Christian doctrines like dispensationalism and rapture theology.
- Intensive study led him to embrace the continuity of the Torah and biblical feasts, especially Passover, as vital elements of faith.
- Discussion on the difficulty and gradual acceptance of Sabbath and feast observance, both personally and within his family.
- Emphasized the importance of direct relationship with Yeshua (Jesus) and learning to interpret scripture beyond inherited traditions.
- Noted challenges and skepticism from his church community during this transition.

3. Discipleship, Spirit, and Torah

- Tony highlighted the need for balance between the Holy Spirit and scripture ("two witnesses" principle).
- Critiqued surface-level Christianity and the lack of deep discipleship in many Western denominations.
- Emphasized organic, small-group fellowship and hands-on discipleship over institutional or large-scale church models.
- Stressed the value of each person's unique gifts within the body of believers and the role of the Holy Spirit in nurturing these.
- Advocated for walking through struggles together, being open about weaknesses, and relying on both spiritual and practical support.

4. Healing, Deliverance, and Mental Health

- Tony, now a patient support manager at a mental health hospital, integrates spiritual care with professional support.
- Believes in healing and deliverance through the Holy Spirit but acknowledges the role of medicine and therapy for chemical/genetic issues.
- Encourages codependency on Yeshua rather than on substances, relationships, or worldly things.
- Discussed discernment of spiritual oppression vs. possession, the importance of confession, repentance, and breaking unhealthy soul ties.
- Advocated for teamwork in ministry and emphasized not handling deliverance ministry alone.

5. Prophecy, Antichrist, and End Times Discussion

- Explored views on Bible prophecy, the Antichrist, and the relevance of Middle East geopolitics (Turkey, Syria, Iran, etc.).
- Discussed the return of the temple/tabernacle and Levitical sacrifices as elements of biblical prophecy, not contradictory to Yeshua's priesthood.
- Provided perspectives on current events (control of Hebron, red heifer preparations, temple mount politics) and their prophetic significance.
- Rejected popular candidates for the Antichrist from Western or political

figures outside the Middle East.

- Noted that “many antichrists” have come, but the ultimate figure is yet future and likely from the Middle East.

6. Church, Replacement Theology, and Israel

- Critiqued replacement theology and reaffirmed the ongoing covenant between God and Israel.
- Emphasized Romans 9-11: Israel remains set apart, and God’s promises to the Jewish people are still in effect.
- Warned against the belief that God has abandoned Israel, stressing the continuing need for Israel’s spiritual restoration.

Key Questions Raised

- How to balance Spirit-led life with biblical study?
- How to encourage believers to step out in spiritual gifts?
- How to discern genuine healing and deliverance?
- What role does Israel play in end-times prophecy?
- How do soul ties and codependency impact spiritual life?

Decisions & Action Items

- No formal decisions, but ongoing encouragement for:
 - Deep personal study of scripture and Torah.
 - Participation in small-group discipleship and accountability.
 - Openness to spiritual gifts balanced by scriptural discernment.
 - Continued support for those struggling with addiction, mental health, or spiritual oppression.
 - Prayerful attention to current events in Israel and the Middle East.

Additional Topics

- Discussion of charismatic faith, gifts of the Spirit, and discernment.
- The importance of humility in ministry and not putting leaders on pedestals.

- The limitations and dangers of mega-church/celebrity Christianity.
 - Brief, lighthearted “pin the tail on the Antichrist” segment reviewing current events and prophecy speculation.
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