

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A state of the union address is an annual message given by the president of a nation. In our case, the President of the United States delivers this message to a joint session of the United States Congress at the beginning of each calendar year in office. The message typically includes budget information and an economic report of the nation. The President traditionally outlines accomplishments of his administration over the previous year as well as sets forth the agenda for the new year.

I received the title of this prophetic word on Friday, the morning of January 25, 2019, while I was walking on the treadmill. Oftentimes, while I am on the treadmill, I am praying, reading, and doing my devotional. The 2019 theme given by Apostle Robinson to Covenant Warriors Church on December 30, 2018, is “IT’S TIME!!!--TO FOCUS ON THE FAMILY!”

As I lay down Friday night, I asked God to give me what to say to the church, but when I arose from my sleep on Saturday morning, I remember thinking, I didn’t really hear anything. However, I immediately recalled a dream God gave me in the night.

## THE DREAM

In the dream, my husband and I were traveling somewhere. I’m not absolutely sure, but I believe we were traveling by train and we had roundtrip tickets, so I thought. But when we arrived at the ticket counter, I could not find the tickets! I knew I had them, but in haste, I apparently put them in an unusual place in my purse. While I don’t remember the details of what happened next, we obviously arrived at our destination because the next scene focuses on our return trip.

Remembering what had happened earlier as we started the trip, I was determined to get it right as we returned. We had a long walk back to the station and I recall moving hurriedly—weaving in, out, around, and through crowds of people, tight spaces, and even up long flights of stairs. My luggage was on rollers so it was easy to push or pull it along and, boy, my luggage and I were moving! I just wanted to get to the station and get checked in ahead of the crowd. My husband and I were traveling together on the trip, but somehow, I was oblivious of him and never really saw him from the time we set out walking back to the station until we finally arrived back there. (For anyone who knows us, you know that would be really strange because we do everything together.) I was relieved to hear the attendant say, “Wow, you’ve arrived in great time—well ahead of the crowd.” Breathing a sigh of relief, I reached into my purse to retrieve our tickets and, *déjàvu!* I don’t believe it, but it has happened again! I--can’t—find—the—tickets! After looking everywhere, I never found the tickets. Unlike at the beginning of the dream, I awaked from the dream...last known location...**standing at the station.** More about the dream later.

2019 WORD OF THE LORD  
STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

As stated earlier, in his State of the Union address, the President typically includes three items: budget information, an economic report of the nation, and an agenda for the new year.

In this State of the Union message, the Lord will address three areas relative to the church:

- Where we were;
- Where we are now; and
- Where do we go from here?

**WHERE WE WERE (GOD'S INTENDED PURPOSE):**

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth; He spoke light into existence and separated light from darkness; created a firmament that divided bodies of waters; and He separated water from dry ground; He spoke into existence grass, herb, trees, the sun, the moon, and the stars. He then went on to speak into existence all kinds of living creatures.

Then on the sixth day, God made man from the dust of the earth and gave him dominion over the earth.

According to **Genesis Chapter 1**, God created the world and all that is in it in six days and He set boundaries for the waters, the sun, the moon, stars, living creatures and mankind. There was an intended purpose for everything God created.

In **Genesis Chapter 2** [18-23] [NKJV] the Lord said “*It is not good that man should be alone.*” Because of the boundaries He set, God determined that man needed a comparable helper, so **the LORD caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam and He took one of his ribs and made a woman, and He brought her to the man.** And Adam said: “*This is now bone of my bones; And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.*”

**Gen 2:24 [NLT] This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. It is from this verse that the title, State of the Union comes.**

God's intended purpose for the marital union was to be man with the woman as his helper.

## **WHERE WE ARE IN RELATION TO GOD'S INTENDED PURPOSE:**

Year after year since 2011, Minister Kiffany Bethel has seen visions of, and in later years began to receive dispatches from, “the valley.” It has been amazing to watch the continued unfolding of the visions and dispatches from the valley. I have grown to expect God to continue giving her more and more unfoldings from the valley.

To my surprise, this year, I received somewhat of a dispatch from “the valley.” I do not know and am not suggesting that this dispatch has any direct or indirect correlation to the dispatches she has previously received. However, it is amazing to me that for years God has spoken of a well in the midst of the valley with water from Heaven continuously pouring in, and water oozing through the pores of the well.

Now, as the Lord delivers His State of the Union address, He addresses: **Where we are now**, and the revelation I received is that the family unit is IN THE VALLEY! That is why God says, “IT’S TIME!!!--TO FOCUS ON THE FAMILY!”

He takes me to Ezek. Chapter 37 and shows me, as He showed Ezekiel, the open valley full of dry bones. Imagine--a valley full of dry bones, in a place where a well is set in the midst with moisture continually pouring in and even oozing out, but everything there is very dry!

Why is that? The answer, says the Lord, is because of sin; it is because of lack of family focus; it is because we’re living in a day and time where mankind has lost his way. Very little is sacred—in the church or out of the church--and everything except God is priority, even for Christians...and when our priorities are out of order, we lose focus of what and who matter most...and the journey becomes much longer and much harder than it was meant to be, as it was with the children of Israel.

In my dream, the Lord showed that, symbolically my husband and I were going in the same direction and the same place, but we really weren’t together. I was in control of our destination; I had the tickets; I was leading the way; and I was hastily running past everything and everyone, climbing the corporate ladder of success, or wherever I was trying to go in life...and he was lagging behind...only to find ourselves arriving at the station with no tickets and left standing at the station! This is the unfortunate State of the Union of the family—husbands and wives; parents and children; Christ and His church—the family of God! In the husband-wife family unit, the wife brings the children to church while the husband takes a “sabbath” day of rest. In the single parent unit, there is little or no attention given to the children who are desperately crying out for love in all the wrong places. Many of those who come to church arrive late and miss the intended destination or don’t arrive at all, especially for the awesome Wednesday Night discussions.

Do you know anyone who was so busy focusing on success and, (1) they never made it because life took them out; or (2) they arrived...only to look back and find they have no one traveling with them with which to enjoy their success? No one enjoys being successful alone. Everyone (AT LEAST EVENTUALLY) wants someone to share in their success.

So, where are we? We have found ourselves in a valley of dry bones...not even skeletal remains...just disjointed or disconnected bones. So...

### **WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? THE WORD OF THE LORD TO THE CHURCH.**

In Ezekiel 37:11, the Lord told Ezekiel that the dry bones represent the people of Israel who have been in a rut so long, they have lost hope.

When the Lord took me to the valley, He said, this is the State of the Union of the family—the biological family and the family of God. The Lord says, there has been a deviation from my intended purpose and representation of the family unit. This has caused death to the family structure.

The Lord says life will return only when my oracles prophesy life to the bones and command them to hear the word of the Lord! The Lord says there is division in the home and division in the church, but He says neither is without hope. The Lord says, it is time to focus on the family as the institution I chose it to be as my representative in the earth. He says, as the family becomes first place, we will begin to witness a shift in the land, even in our government at the top.

Do not say that it is too late or there is no hope. Even as the bones lie disjointed and totally disconnected, watch how restoration begins to take place as my prophets speak life to marriages and homes that will hear the word of the Lord.

Finally, as the bones begin to come together, the Lord says, as my prophets prophesy breath to come from the four winds, the feet of the family unit will be strengthened and become a powerful army for God.

It's time for men to stop lagging behind and lead the way as Joshua did and decree and declare, "But if you refuse to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD. The people replied, "We would never abandon the LORD and serve other gods. (Jos. 24:15-16) [NLT]