

On Sunday, January 8, 2023, Apostle Leander Robinson presented to CWCC the Lord's leading and theme for the year: Steady As She Goes! Immediately, upon receiving this spiritual direction and command for the year, my sensing was of excitement and reverential fear with the thought that "Oh, Our ship is fully launched into the deep." Apostle Robinson would go on to state that through this theme the Lord was communicating that we should, "Stay the course. Do not change directions." He advised that we were not to "jump ship or panic," but that we should rather "work as a team." He then asked us to examine ourselves and answer, "how many of us are ship jumpers?" It is from this established tone that was set that I began to meditate and seek the Lord for a Word for the Church for this year.

As I sought the Lord, the Lord highlighted a few key items from our 2022 theme: "The Year of Mentoring and Launching" and the prophetic words spoken for that year. This would become the framework for this word. Apostle Robinson conveyed that the focus for the year would be to "Mentor – in continuation" and "Launch – in continuation." In the prophetic word titled: Seasons of Opportunity: It's Time To Launch! Let Me Drive, Prophetess Lois Robinson would provide the following good news, warning, and instruction:

Excerpt 1:

"This is your season of opportunity and it's time to launch. **But...Warning! Warning!** There is no time to lose, so the Word of the Lord is, **LET ME DRIVE!**"

The Lord would go on to tell us through Prophetess Lois why this demonstration of trust and surrender was needed:

Excerpt 2:

The Lord says, I need you to trust MY plan. You cannot accomplish by yourself the purpose and plans I have designed for you. My plans for you are much bigger than you and I know how to get you there, but you must LET ME DRIVE. That means, you must allow me to build an INFRASTRUCTURE to guide you successfully through the launching process. ~ *Seasons of Opportunity: It's Time To Launch! Let Me Drive* ~ Prophetess Lois Robinson

Starting in the 2nd quarter of the year, Prophetess Lois Robinson declared, and Apostle Leander Robinson confirmed that, “We Have Launched.”

Finally, at the start of the 3rd quarter, Prophetess Lois Robinson declared that, “SUBSTANTIAL WEALTH IS ON OUR RADAR! Do you see it?” (September 1, 2022)

This brings us to the theme for 2023.

Steady As She Goes! According to an online dictionary, the phrase “Steady As She Goes” – means steady, careful, avoid sudden change. It is a nautical term that is “A cry to the helmsman to keep the current course.”

Quick definitions from Oxford’s online dictionary:

Helmsman – a person who steers a boat or ship.

Steer – “(of a person) guide or control the movement of (a vehicle, vessel, or aircraft), for example by turning a wheel or operating a rudder.”

- (of a vehicle, vessel, or aircraft) be guided in a specified direction.
- follow (a course) in a specified direction.
- guide the movement or course of (someone or something).

This is framework from which this Word comes.

Steady & Ready at the Helm

So now, with this understanding, through the leading of the Lord, Apostle Robinson has declared that the guiding mandate for year of 2023 is **Steady As She Goes!**

Helmsman, Did you catch the awesomeness of that?!

FROM “LET ME DRIVE” to “Steady As She Goes!”

My sensing is that the Lord is well pleased with the successful launch completed by Covenant Warriors Church, the Church body, and the individuals who trusted Him to “drive” and lead the way through the launching process. This year is to be a reward, elevation, and challenge for those who committed to mentoring and are now launched into the deep. As I set myself to hear, the Lord began to form several mental images in my mind.

The immediate image that began to form in my mind was that of a Father who is now in the passenger seat, guiding His child as they assume control of a vehicle. The Father’s attentive eye and hands are still on the road ahead and the obstacles around.

The Lord also painted a mental image of a large vessel at sea. The ship is carving a narrow path through treacherous waters. The ship has just come out of a storm—the sky behind is still gray and clouds are rolling—and has reached an area where the sky is calm. At a surface look, the water appears to provide smooth sailing, but the water is at times choppy, the way at time is turbulent and chaotic. The sky ahead indicates that the vessel is on course to transverse another storm.

A helmsman (you and I) is one who is trusted by [the Captain] and with tasked the responsibility of guiding a vessel to a specific location. One who is skilled in and/or being trained by the Captain (God/Jesus) to guide and control the movement of the ship in a specific direction to reach a specific location.

This is an intentional year. The Lord would say to us, this is not the year to drift or stray from our outlined course. Helmsman, we are to be committed to purpose! We are to be Steady – careful and controlled in our movements. Attention to detail, awareness of our surroundings, and commitment to our targeted destinations are key for the successful navigation of this year.

We are called to a new level of mentoring this year. Mentoring and being mentored AS we are LAUNCHED.

Navigational and Instructional:

The command from the Lord, our Captain, “Steady As She Goes!” is both navigational and instructional. It is not a one-act command, but a command to commit

to and apply the necessary adjustments needed to keep the ship on course and bring the ship to the targeted location.

I see FAITH thrown wide. We are launched fully into the deep. Blessings and more blessing are on the radar. The Lord would say, "Step boldly and stay the course!" My sensing is that this is a water walking year. There are many tests of faith, miracles, and demonstrations of God's grace to us in store for us this year. I am reminded of a stanza from the song Oceans by Hillsong:

*Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sovereign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now*

We are to be assured that our attentive Father is with us as we navigate this year and are to take heart in that He is the God who does not fail. Just as a captain works closely with the helmsman when navigating a vessel, we are to remain close to the Lord and our leadership to navigate the uncharted waters/area we now find ourselves in. Do not forsake the assembling of ourselves together and surrender that which would hinder you from getting into the presence and face of God.

My sensing of the forecast for this year continues to be one of turbulent times, much in alignment with the word the Lord delivered through me in 2021:

Excerpt:

While I would love to say that my sensing is that we are in a time of smoother sailings, I cannot.

Uncertain seas and turbulent waves are still in our forecast, though there remain calm skies ahead; remember, we continue to set the tone. ~ *Tone Setters – Will You Fight To Live! (Feb. 20, 2021)*

There is much unrest in the world around us. My sensing is that there will continue to be those periods of "Supernatural abundance" and "Lack" that Prophetess Lois warned us of last year. Even in the midst of chaos, the Lord will show Himself strong and a place of refuge. My sensing is the Lord will cause many hidden motives to be exposed this year and that a release of stored up blessings is on the horizon. I

see the Hand of the Lord watering rows of dried seed that were planted in faith in good ground. “Stay the Course”, is the command of God.

On Wednesday, January 18th, late in the evening after intercessory prayer, as I continued to seek the Lord on the items that He’d highlighted to me as focuses for this Word, the Lord opened a vision before me of a work room on a vessel – ship or air craft. Though at the time of this writing, the Lord has not expounded on what He wishes to convey, I do not feel a release to exclude the vision from this word.

The Lord showed me a work room where 3 engines were being serviced. One engine was simply a collection of new parts, the engine was a new build, and the serviceman was beginning the task of assembling the engine. One engine was disrepair with many broken pieces and some parts were covered in grime or rust. This engine was painstakingly being serviced; the serviceman was proceeding with focused care. The third engine was being oiled, its bearings were being tightened or adjusted. This engine was finely tuned and performing optimally. The serviceman was proudly performing the required maintenance and attentive to his task.

Steady Eddie vs Ship Jumper:

Again, during his first message of the year, Apostle Robinson tasked us with evaluating whether or not we were ship jumpers. He also reminded us of the apostolic command received from Apostle Spake to “Be Steady Eddies.”

According to an online urban dictionary:

- A Steady Eddie is “a dependable and reasonably skilled person who can be trusted to do a job adequately.”
- A ship-jumper is “a person who doesn't like his or her surroundings or situation, and wants to leave a certain area, or stop doing a certain thing, or wants to bail out and discontinue associating with a certain person or persons because it no longer suits their agenda.”

In this year of commitment to purpose, we must each complete this evaluation and affirm our commitment to the ministry and kingdom of God. When the seas roll and the sky is overcast, we are to be a Steady Eddie, committed and submitted to the vision of the House. When the skies are clear and navigation is smooth, we are to be a Steady Eddie to be focused, resisting distraction and committed to our targeted direction.

Again, this year is an intentional year. The blessings of the Lord are at Hand, but so are the pitfalls and traps that the enemy has set. The enemy has many masquerading “nets of safety” distributed along our chosen course. The Lord warns us that if we bail out and jump ship, a safer return is not guaranteed. We are in

another consequential year, with long-reaching repercussions or rewards. “Stay the Course,” is the command of God. Helmsman, the Lord says, we are to be **Steady & Ready at the Helm** - *Committed to Purpose* for this year!