Confessions of a People Pleaser

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<u>Galatians 1:1-10</u>

I Paul, an apostle-sent not from men nor by man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead- 2 and all the brothers with me, To the churches in Galatia: 3 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. 6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel- 7 which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned! 9 As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned! 10 Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.

IHOP PROPHECY:

- Jeff, are you a pastor?
- Your ministry and your church are going to <u>mushroom</u>. Atomic <u>explosion</u>.
- Things <u>changing</u> in the <u>town</u> and <u>neighborhood</u> where you have <u>influence</u>.
- I see you standing in a dry, dusty <u>desert</u>.
- In due time, you will see <u>wells</u> of <u>living water</u> spring forth from the dry ground.
- I see a lot of <u>beggars</u> around you. They are <u>destitute</u>, with <u>rags</u> hanging off of them.
- The Lord's heart is so burning for them.
- These are <u>people</u> that others <u>don't</u> want to be <u>bothered</u> with.

- They are <u>inching</u> their <u>way</u> towards your <u>path</u>.
- The Lord <u>trusts</u> you to <u>shepherd</u> them <u>well</u>.
- The Lord will <u>strengthen</u> you in this labor of love.
- Time for <u>supernatural</u> things to come forth through the ministry.
- <u>Restoration</u> is to be the <u>outflow</u> of the <u>ministry</u>.

ENEMIES LANDMINES:

- <u>PEOPLE</u> PLEASING
- <u>COMPLACENCY</u>
- <u>PRIDE</u>
- <u>PETTINESS</u>
- <u>SELF</u>-<u>CENTEREDNESS</u>
- **INSTITUTIONALISM**
- <u>FEAR</u>