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A hand touched me at 9:05 p.m. tonight as I was eating dinner in a hotel in Atlanta, Georgia with Evelyn and our hosts, Pastor Bob Wright and his wife Pam.

Suddenly it was like a friend had come up behind me and touched the back of my neck and shoulders, in a loving, gentle way of greeting. Then a hand touched my left shoulder more firmly and I quickly looked around to see who my friend was.

There was nobody there.

I turned back to Evelyn and Bob and Pam, and they were still talking as if they had not seen my friend come up behind me.

I looked around again, to my left, then clear around back of me over a space of about 20 or 25 feet deep. Clearly nobody was there.

"A hand touched my left shoulder," I said to Evelyn, Bob and
Pam. "Did you see who the friend was?"

They said they hadn't seen anyone touch me or come up behind me. My shoulder had sensations going through it like a lingering touch of a dearest friend. Then the Spirit started coming up inside me. The tears burst from my eyes and I began to tremble.

I took my glasses off for I couldn't see because of the tears.

"It felt like a friend who touched me," I said.

"Perhaps it was a Friend," Evelyn said.

I sat very still. Bob said, "Praise the Lord." Pam said, "Yes, praise the Lord." Evelyn said, "Well, Honey...." Before she could finish my entire body was like an electrical current was running through it and a joy was flooding me and I knew my Friend, my closest Friend, had touched me, lightly brushing His hands over my neck and shoulders like someone who hasn't seen you in a long time and wishes to surprise you by coming unseen behind you first. Only He didn't stop until His hand touched my shoulder with enough squeeze until I turned to see who it was.

I couldn't talk. The three of them sat looking at me, expecting me to say more. My mouth wouldn't open but my spirit..."
in my belly area was rolling and moving like a big scene was going on down there.

A minute or two later, my mouth could function again and I said, "I've got to go to my room;" and I took Bob's hand, then Pam's and Evelyn's and squeezed them. They were deeply moved. Bob was crying and making sounds in his throat.

"Feel free to go," Bob and Pam said. Evelyn said, "Yes, we had better go. We'll see you in the morning when you come to pick us up for church."

I took Evelyn by the arm and we left for the elevator and our room. Inside I couldn't contain my feelings. "Somebody touched my shoulder," I said. "The Holy Spirit is all over me." I was crying, and Evelyn started crying, too. "Can you feel it?" I asked her. "I feel the presence of God," she said. "Is the Lord saying something to you, Oral?"

I said, "Yes, but it's not an audible voice." When we got off the elevator these words came into my spirit, "Don't you worry anymore about these things. You leave them to Me to take care of." That had moved me deeply and quickly brought me back to my surroundings.

We had 2 rooms and as I went to hang up my coat, He began to
talk again in my spirit, each word very clear and distinct. "You are going to walk on the mountaintops and in the valleys. There will be no difference between them for you from now on. For I am giving you the sight of Abraham, far-seeing sight. In your old, old years you will give many prophecies and not a one will fall to the ground, not a one will be unanswered. I will give you thousands of sons and daughters, even tens of thousands who will have your level of My Spirit, and your level of faith and sight.

You are like Noah in your lifestyle. Noah walked among people. He walked like them, he dressed like them, but he did not have their spirit in any way. He was totally, unmistakably unlike them in his spirit. That's how he found favor in My sight. And because he was righteous and moved only by faith among all them who were completely evil, I spoke to him and he heard every word plainly. He took My commands with his whole being...and he became the man with his partner family that I changed the course of all mankind with and produced a new people. Among them were Abraham who saw the entire future and knew I would prevail upon the earth. You have Abraham's far reaching sight for this generation, only it's with My healing power for everything you touch, everything you attempt.

"No man will be able to withstand you, no demon shall conquer you, Satan himself will not destroy you. I own you and I touch you when I will. Because I know you have obeyed Me completely all these years I hold you in My hand at all times."
The words abruptly stopped, although I continued feeling the Spirit moving strongly inside me. I found myself praying in tongues and listening. Then it slowly subsided and I could see the walls of my room. It was like I was back on earth.

The impression is very strong that God is about to do something (through me) that's been long awaiting...and whose time is here.

As I wrote that last sentence the Spirit rose up in me again. There were no words. Just a feeling: "Keep your thoughts on Jesus, He knows what this next prophetic move is and what will be life-changing for God's people. The wealth of the sinners is about to be released and placed in the hands of the just which is one of the biggest signs that these are the last days."

No more words came and I stopped writing. It is now 2 minutes of 10 p.m., Saturday night.

10:06 p.m.

Evelyn just came in and started to say something to me when the Spirit flooded through me again and I shared with her what I had written. As she read, tears flooded my eyes again and I put my hand over them. Again the Friend of Friends gave me words in
my spirit, again very clear:

"Your sons and daughters in the Lord will rise up and call you blessed but only for a flash of a second, for they will see you transparent and will look right through you and see Me. And I will give them the level of your spirit,

the level of your vision,

and the level of your faith.

Great and mighty changes are coming in this way to more than match the great and mighty technological changes and the loud and open and injurious changes being brought about by the many, many humanists who are so alienated from Me they cannot see their hands in front of them. The ditches, dug deep, are awaiting them and their tune will change to loud cries of despair but will no more change them than the world changed in Noah's day. But standing like tall sentinels, shining My light into their darkness, will be changes I've wrought through your hearing and obeying Me no matter the cost to you personally or to your family. I've gotten glory from your acuteness of hearing My voice and your simple obedience to do all I have told you. I will share My love with you in measures you have known only when you have been anointed; now you will feel it, experience it, and have it continually as a force inside you that will not subside.
Many will feel that love unexpectedly and be instantly changed by it and will see their vision rising, their spirit surging, their faith leaping. A mighty and continuous release of the wealth of the sinner heaped up for these last days will astound them at first as they fail to understand it is a sign of the end-time that they can stand on like solid rock. As My people received the release of the wealth of the Egyptians but none of their diseases so they could make the long, hazardous journey through the uncharted wild wilderness to reach the Promised Land, so the flow of the wealth of the sinners they have heaped up will help My people these last days to get through the morass of unbelieving man to see far beyond their persecutions into the sunlight of the City of God. The flow of the wealth of the sinners into the hands of My servants will reveal to them that the earth and its fullness is Mine--and all I have is theirs. They had not really known this before.

"This will change the status quo in what men call My church. You have never believed you were special and that's good. You have believed any specialness you have comes only through My anointing on you. I have enabled you to build your life pattern on that. But now it will slowly and carefully be transferred to tens of thousands of those I am now making leaders and warriors. All the changes I have brought about through you to take My healing power to this generation will multiply beyond all any of you can imagine. For I am the God that goes beyond all
imagination, all dreams and visions, and all that has been perverted by the devil. I am the God of light and that light will make the darkness quickly come to a head and be no more. You were born to help make this happen. I have been able to trust you and I will trust you the rest of your days. No one will take you out of My hand. Minister to My people and let them minister to you."

At this point the words stopped and I became very still before the Lord. I waited a full half hour, meditating on what I had heard. I knew in my spirit no more words would come at this time. I must go back and read these words over and over that my mind may understand what began when my Friend touched my shoulder.

11:15 p.m.

I am going to bed for I must preach at River of Life Church in the morning. I wonder if my Friend will have me use any of these words. I know one thing: When I get through preaching God's Word in the morning, and praying for the people, NO ONE WILL EVER BE THE SAME AGAIN.