



# The Times of Refreshing

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**The Times of Refreshing is designed to keep our partners up to date on what is happening in our ministry, Times of Refreshing.**

**We are confident you will find this a valuable source of information providing regular contact from the show host, Craig Buroker, a sneak preview about what is next on the show, and our latest product available.**

**We feel that God is using our ministry to impact this nation both as an oasis of God's presence to its viewers and as a trumpet call to Canada's church.**

**It is important for our partners to stay informed, and that is why we've started The Times. If you would like to write to us, see our contact information at the end of the newsletter. We love to hear from our partners!**

## From Pastor Craig's Desk...

As I write this to you, the Church in Calgary is gearing up to be part of the biggest prayer meeting in history. We have booked the Pengrowth Saddledome and are hoping to fill it with singing, praising, dancing Christians on Sunday, May 15th.

It is expected that a minimum of 200 million Christians will be praying all over the globe. Many locations will join together by satellite. Imagine the effectual fervent prayers of hundreds of millions of people! If ever there was a global groundswell in the Church, surely we are living in the days of such a thing.

I was just on the phone with a friend of mine today who was recently in Jakarta, Indonesia for a national prayer event. He told me that the stadium where the meeting was held was full with 130,000 people crying out to God. Another 30,000 people had to stay outside the stadium due to lack of room, so they just had their own prayer meetings in the streets! What a time to be alive.

Many of you know about the revival in Fiji that I have mentioned a number of times on the Times of Refreshing broadcasts, where the gospel is spreading like wildfire, affecting every part of that nation, spiritually, socially, economically, and

politically. I have a contact there who met with the chief from that area last week. This area has had miracles of provision since the revival started. The chief shared that one of the largest gold deposits in the world has been discovered directly under his town! They plan to move the entire town to another place so that a mining company can come in and begin to mine the gold! Talk about the provision of God! And guess where the money will go... to a city full of Christians!

God is moving, folks, all over the world and here in Canada. I believe He is exposing things in this nation because He wants the Canadian Church to rise up and pray for godliness to return to our country. Now is a critical time to pray for Canada.

So be encouraged. Don't give in to the spirit of deception trying to lull us to sleep, and don't think for a minute that the devil is going to take this nation! It's the church's time, our God is on the move around the world, and His plan will come to pass for this nation!



Pastor Craig Buroker

## A Sneak Preview... airing May 17 to June 13



### Anointing Item#1029

Have you ever wondered what the anointing is? Why does it come and how does it work? This series of teachings instructs believers on the most basic truths of the anointing, as well as how to receive the anointing and see its operation increase in your life. As Pastor Craig shares how to recognize different anointings in a service to the different kinds of anointings resting on different gifts within the Body of Christ, these messages will help you to only to start to understand the anointing, but to receive and release it in your own life.

#### Titles in this series:

What Is It?

Various Kinds of Anointings

How Our Spirit Functions

Testimonies of the Anointing

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# Understanding the Anointing... Excerpts from a message by Pastor Craig Buroker

What is the anointing? People say things like, "There was such a strong anointing in the service today," and, "I sure felt the anointing when so-and-so prayed for me."

For many of us, the significant times God has touched us has been in church. We come up to the altar or somebody prays for us and we get touched. And everybody knows we have been touched, too. Co-workers can notice a difference in us the next day and there is a measure of joy and life that others can see.

All the things we do in church are for one reason: to allow us to open up individually and corporately for the touching of the Spirit of God.

I believe God wants to touch His people in an even more significant and ongoing way. He desires to relate to us in a way that allows Him to touch us and communicate with us.

How do we come to the place where we are very comfortable in our relationship with God and He can touch us? If we receive an understanding of what the anointing is and how it works, we will be able to flow and relate with God.

**What is the anointing?** It's the manifest presence of God. Psalm 139 says God's presence is everywhere, from the heavens to the uttermost parts of the sea, but His presence isn't manifest or tangible everywhere.

Today we are beginning to see the Spirit of God pour Himself out more and more in a tangible way. The manifest presence of God is God becoming obvious to our senses. This is a whole new thing for most of us. I have to put a caution in here because God does not want us to be led by our senses. But as the Word of God brings stability on one hand, the Spirit of God brings freshness on the other. When I pray for people, I do not judge the level of anointing by what kind of physical reaction they have; what I judge is the fruit that results in their lives.

The stronger the presence of God is, the more we are affected by it, even in our senses. There have been times when I have come in contact with an anointing I could literally feel. Sometimes it felt like honey. I remember a time sitting in a chair waiting to share with a group of people and I could not stop shaking. And I am not one who has been particularly sensitive to feeling the anointing.

**What does the anointing do?** Let's look in Exodus 30:22-23. This scripture is talking about the anointing oil that the priests used. Oil is a type of the Holy Spirit, and as we see how it was used in the Old Testament, we will also learn things about the Holy Spirit and the anointing in the New Testament.

What was the oil used for? When the oil was put on something or someone, it consecrated them. It dedicated them or set them apart, chosen for the Lord. The anointing oil sanctified that person or

object, taking them out from among the common and making them special or holy. When the anointing comes upon us, the first thing it does is call us out, set us apart and dedicate us for the Lord.

The second thing that the anointing does is empower. When a person is anointed, he is not only set apart, but also empowered to do His will. In I Kings 19, God told Elijah to anoint Elisha. Once a prophet was anointed he began to have visions and revelations. The Lord empowered him to do what His will was for that prophet. Look also at Exodus 29. When the priest was anointed, he was empowered to minister before the Lord and to mediate between God and His people. One more example is when Samuel anointed David in I Samuel 16. All of a sudden, David became set apart, anointed with a king's anointing and empowered to rule a nation.

In the New Covenant, we have been anointed to be prophets, priests and kings unto God. I Peter 2:9 speaks of us as a royal priesthood, set apart and empowered to proclaim His praises.

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**How does the anointing work in us?** First, it affects us spiritually. We feel conviction, peace or security. This is especially noticeable when we come together corporately and the anointing is stronger than when we are alone.

Second, it affects our emotions. We feel joy, confidence, hope or fulfillment. People cry at the altar. People laugh in a service. Don't be scared to laugh or cry. It's good for you. God is the One who has put His capacity in us to experience emotional responses.

Third, the anointing affects us physically. We may feel heat, electricity or even fall down because of the anointing. Luke 5:17 says the power, or anointing of the Lord, was present to heal. Remember the woman with the issue of blood? She was healed physically from the anointing on Jesus. II Chronicles 5 talks about the presence of God coming into the house of the Lord so that the priests could not even stand to sing and praise due to the strength of the anointing.

When the anointing begins to flow in a service, I encourage you to let the Holy Spirit touch you. What you are doing is allowing the Spirit to sanctify you, consecrate you, and empower you to do His will for your life.

The Father wants to anoint you. He wants to pour out His Spirit upon you. Right now, begin to call out to the Lord and ask to be touched. Tell Him that you want to receive from His Spirit. Receive the anointing today!

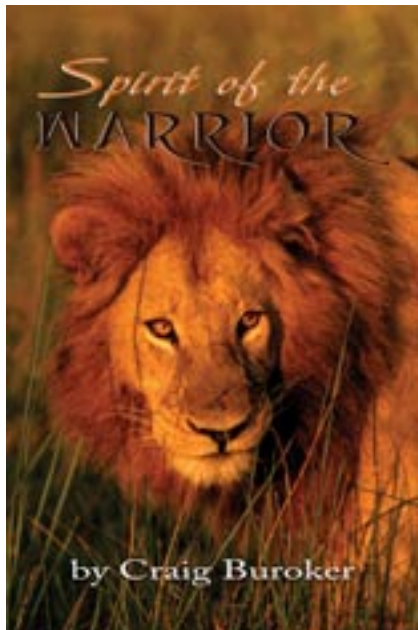
**Understanding the Anointing** is a two part message available on cd and cassette. Contact our office at 1-877-8777-87 ext. 2 or E-mail [info@timesofrefreshing.ca](mailto:info@timesofrefreshing.ca) for ordering details.

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## Latest Product Release...



### Spirit of a Warrior

Item#1028

The Spirit of the Warrior is a series of messages meant to release the anointing and the pattern God uses to set His people free. Whether it is personal deliverance from something you are facing or God's help on a national scale, the way God brings release is always the same. The key is responding to God and moving in the opposite spirit.

#### Titles in this series:

Josh & the Big Wall  
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Live on the Edge  
This Might!  
The Stone and the Barley Loaf

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## Pastor Craig's Itinerary...

**May 2 - 4**    **Preaching at Centre of Hope Victory Church**  
146 Manhood & Johnston Drive, Kincardine, ON  
Call 519-396-8999 for information and directions.

**May 6 - 8**    **Preaching at Victory Church of Saskatoon**  
830 Idylwyld Drive North, Saskatoon, SK  
Call 306-653-6888 for directions and service times.

**May 15 - 18**    **Red Deer, AB Prophetic Conference\*\***

**May 22**    **Preaching at Dominion Gateway**  
Pastor Craig will be guest speaker at the church at  
CJIL: The Miracle Channel  
450 - 31 Street North, Lethbridge, AB  
Call 403-380-3399 for service times.

**May 25**    **Times of Refreshing Taping at CJIL**  
450 - 31 Street North, Lethbridge, AB  
Come and see the show, the station and be part of Pastor Craig's  
audience while he tapes the next series for Times of Refreshing.

**May 26 - 28**    **Victory Women's Conference**  
Holiday Inn Select - 2565 Argentinia Road  
Mississauga, ON  
Pastors Craig and Anne will be the keynote speakers at this  
year's annual Victory Women's Conference. For registration and  
information, please contact 905-567-8522.

**June 1 - 3**    **Victory Churches Western National  
Conference\*\***  
For more information about Victory Churches International, please  
call their head office in Calgary at 403-286-8337.

**June 4 - 5**    **Preaching at Victory Christian Fellowship**  
208 Sydney Street, Maple Creek, SK  
Please call 306-662-2062 for directions and service times.

**June 5**    **Preaching at Victory Family Church**  
1100 - 5 Avenue NE, Swift Current, SK  
Pastor Craig will be here for the evening service only. Please call  
306-773-7271 for directions and service times.

**June 10 - 12**    **Preaching at Oshawa Community Church**  
71 Simcoe Street S, Oshawa, ON  
Call 905-725-5946 for directions and service times.

**June 16 - 19**    **Castor Revival Meetings**  
Castor, AB  
Check back here for further details at a later date.

**June 26**    **Preaching at Southside Victory Church**  
7500B Macleod Trail S, Calgary, AB  
Service Times: 10 am and 6 pm.  
Call 403-253-7777 for directions.

**Jun 29 - Jul 3**    **Dominion Conference at the Miracle  
Channel**  
450 - 31 Street North, Lethbridge, AB  
Tune in to the daily Lifelines broadcasts!

**July 22 - 24**    **Moose Jaw Victory Youth Conference**  
637 Main Street North, Moose Jaw, SK  
Call 306-691-5051 for conference registration and details.

\*\* Pastor Craig is only in attendance at these events, not necessarily a speaker.  
Itinerary subject to change without notice. If you would like to receive updates on  
Pastor Craig's itinerary by E-mail, please contact us at [info@timesofrefreshing.ca](mailto:info@timesofrefreshing.ca)

### Would you like to have Pastor Craig minister at your function?

Please contact our office by phone or E-mail  
and speak with Mara at [info@timesofrefreshing.ca](mailto:info@timesofrefreshing.ca)  
or at 1-8777-8777-87 ext. 2.



## Building a Prayer Shield...

We want to thank our prayer shield for being so faithful to pray for us. Your prayers aid us greatly in successfully doing what God has put in our hearts. Our effectiveness as a ministry and Pastor Craig's effectiveness as a minister depend greatly on the prayers of our partners.

If you would like to join our prayer shield, please contact our office by E-mail at: [info@timesofrefreshing.ca](mailto:info@timesofrefreshing.ca). We send each of our pray-ers a monthly prayer bulletin that keeps you up to date on where to direct your prayers each month.

If you do not have E-mail and still would like to be a part of our prayer shield, we can send you the monthly prayer bulletins by mail. Please contact our office at 1-8777-8777-87 ext. 2.

Please continue to pray for Pastor Craig and his family, for health, strength and protection from the enemy. Pray for the anointing to leave a deposit in each church where Pastor Craig ministers. Pray for those involved in the Times of Refreshing ministry, both the people in administration, and our fellow partners across the country. We appreciate each one of you and your labours for us and for this ministry.

## We're Expanding...

Here is an excerpt from Pastor Craig's last prayer bulletin that contains some exciting news about expansion for CJIL: The Miracle Channel and Times of Refreshing.

"I was just recently talking to Dick Dewert from the Miracle Channel, and asked him for an update regarding the tremendous expansion coming up for CJIL. He said the prophetic word I gave them last year during partner week is now coming to pass in the most amazing way. On May 1st a station in Upstate New York is going to begin broadcasting the full CJIL signal, 24 hours a day, to a million viewers in that area. If the owner is pleased with the response in the next few months, he says he will do the same thing in the Chicago area. This would add millions more viewers to Times of Refreshing. Dick expects that by July we will be on a station in Asia which will start with 1 million viewers and then expand into Taiwan, China, Korea, Japan, Philippines, and Singapore. Believe it or not there is more but I'll relate that as things continue to come along!"



## Contact Us...

**We love to hear from our partners! Let us know what blesses you from our ministry, and any prayer requests you have so we can stand in agreement with you. We are praying for a special refreshing for you today! You can contact us through our web site, or your messages can be directed to us at:**



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