

The Journal of Ron Boehme – 1987

Port Orchard, Washington

January 1, 1987

A new year begins—one that is destined to be “The Year of the Lord’s Favor.” How I hunger and thirst for renewal in you, O God. In Matthew 4:1-11 are the three tests that Jesus had to pass: 1) Provision, 2) Protection, and 3) Power (authority).

I want to PASS all these in my own life. They are basics in beginning a stable ministry.

January 4, 1986

This year is off to a difficult start as my dad and mom have been experiencing major marital problems. I am also aware of God’s sovereignty in my life—more than at any other time. Out of the depths of “personal death” I know that life will come forth. I know that my Redeemer lives.

Seattle, Washington

*It was a blessing to spend some time with Denny Gunderson today. In his new role as YWAM USA Assistant National Director, I believe that it is important to develop what is already a good friendship.

He gave me some good insights about my own situation. I must be patient. I must look for some new positions and structures that will be coming forth in YWAM<. I should take my cues from Loren.

*God used the time to instill in me a little HOPE. Now I’m off to Los Angeles for a week of ministry. May I serve the Lord in humility and strength.

Los Angeles

*The time here in the LA area has been very good. I really enjoyed my time at the US Center for World Missions. I spoke on “Why God is Bringing Spiritual Awakening to America and the Western World.” It seemed well received. Dr. Ralph Winter was very touched by it. May God use it to establish a movement among them in revival.

I then spoke to the DTS for three days and that was well received. Today I helped marry Calvin and Carol Conkey. It was a very anointed wedding and God gave me a real word for them.

January 11, 1987

On Saturday evening I drove down and visited the MV Anastasis in San Pedro, saw friends and had a good visit. Now I have a “catch up” day and then return to Seattle tomorrow. My public ministry seems to be very rich and full. I’m sure the time of healing in Hawaii has had something to do with that. Praise the Name of the Faithful God.

Port Orchard, Washington

*It has been good to be back in the Pacific Northwest. The reunion with my family has been sweet and good. This is really a week to enjoy them before going back to Washington, D.C. I am going to do just that.

*Shirley and I have many practical and financial needs right now, but we are seeking the Lord about them and He has placed faith in our hearts. A verse that was given to me in LA has been an encouragement:

“I wait for the Lord. My soul waits, and in His Word, I put my hope.”

Our time in Port Orchard has been very mixed. There have been good aspects of ministry, relationship building and rest, but also the tension of my dad and mom’s marital problems—and much fatigue.

January 11, 1987

*Today I preached on “A Vision With A Task Makes a Missionary” at First Christian Church. It was well received. And on Monday evening, Shirley and I hosted a gathering of 40+ of our MST friends. It was a good time of sharing and solidifying our “lease” in the Northwest.

*How grateful to God we are for our friends! He has been so faithful to surround us with many wonderful people. To Him be the praise and the glory. May much fruit be born through it.

*Psalm 20 really spoke to me today. Soon, I will “know” the salvation of God.

Washington, DC

I am now airborne again—a favorite place to write in my journal. Before me is a ten-day trip back to Washington, D.C. to put many things in order, visit the YWAM work, and lay

foundations for our “sabbatical time” away from D.C. It will be an important time and I am asking God to grant me success in my plans and labors for Him.

*My prayer for these days in Washington, D.C: “That the Lord would grant me success in everything that I do.”

*This has been quite a busy time. The most noteworthy event has been the fact that we’ve had over two feet of snow while I’ve been here! It’s been incredible! It has also not made my schedule easy. Lord, your challenges are many, but Your grace is abundant. May Your grace flow powerfully through my life at this time. I need You desperately.

January 25, 1987

*My time—how short—in Washington, D.C. has finished. Every day I asked the Lord to grant me success. Well, along came a couple of snowstorms that greatly challenged my schedule. But God still brought great blessing.

Everything seemed to compress into the final 2-3 days. My last 24 hours were among the most hectic and scheduled that I have every experienced.

And God has been good to answer the desires of my heart:

- Our home will be taken care of.
- Our cars will be assumed by others.
- I was able to wrap up our *tax situation.
- I was greatly blessed by the Anatole meetings, and
- All the necessary relational stones were put in place.

[*When we arrived in DC in 1980, we hired Woody Woodward’s CPA-son do our tax returns. When we moved to the Virginia side, a new CPA and informed us one day that our former tax preparer had done our taxes “wrong” and that for three prior years we owed a total of \$20,000! During my time in DC I set up an elaborate plan to pay off that debt in coming years.]

Praise the Lord for accomplishing what concerned me. Now we can go off to our time in Hawaii both secure and prepared. *May it truly be all that God desires! May we squeeze every drop of revelation and uplift and use it to chart our new course in 1987.

*Lord--You providentially led us into transition and sabbatical a few months ago. Refresh us now with Your power and presence. May our sabbatical be a true rest in You.

Kailua-kona, Hawaii

February 1, 1987

Message by Alan Turnberg, Home Missions EFCA— Matthew 6:19-21).

World Missions is an Eternal Investment. 1) A God-centered investment (Psalm 96), 2) A sacrificial investment (a life of giving), 3) A guaranteed investment (Mt. 16:18), and 4) A cooperative investment. *Good analogy of missions – a set of chopsticks operated by the Hand of God (sending and going church).

*Short-term missions are at center stage.

*This sabbatical is so hard for my pride but good for my soul.

Psalm 37 contains many verses that were quickened to me this morning. After a difficult evening of troubling thoughts, I am back at my “quiet time beach” in Hawaii. How I need the revelation and strengthening of God.

*Another area God is speaking to me about is the areas of confidence. And that brings to my mind Hebrews 10:35-39. I really need to meditate here and be rebuilt in God.

*I believe the Lord is really speaking to me out of 2 Samuel 27. It seems to simulate what I am going through in my life right now. Lord—give me hope in your revelation.

February 8, 1987

It has been a week of getting settled, somewhat hectic and with many “little” things to do. But You have been good to us, Lord, so many ways and we thank you from our hearts.

*This time is setting up as a real family time for us. I even began home-schooling this week and that is something I have wanted to experience and now get the chance. I sure hope and pray You will use it, Lord, to draw Nathan and I closer together.

*So much of this time in Hawaii seems to be oriented toward the building up of our family. This is obviously greatly upon God’s heart.

*It has been somewhat of a difficult week getting settled here. Shirley seems to be under some unusual pressure, and in my own spirit there has been a heaviness and a sense of being overwhelmed. Especially with home-schooling Nathan, I feel a bit stretched.

Lord Jesus—I greatly need You to guide and direct me regarding your priorities for us during this time. There seems to be so much! Right now, it doesn’t seem like a sabbatical, but I know much of this is the attack of the enemy. Help us overcome him! (Luke 10:19).

February 15, 1987

*As I've begun to ponder my calling life, and begin to see a re-birth in my ministry, two words have come to me to describe what the Lord has called me to:

1. Revival or Spiritual Awakening. This was my first burden and anointing. It remains an important calling on my life.
2. Reformation – seeing cultures and nations changed for righteousness. This is a good word to use in discussing “dominion.” Reformation is the true outworking of revival in a culture. It will automatically follow in the pathway of obedience.

Both, of course, are means to an end—the Kingdom of God being realized in world evangelism. Thank you, Lord, for this perspective and these concepts. I want to be faithful to live for their fulfillment.

*I feel like we're beginning to “settle in” here more in Hawaii. It has taken a while, and I believe we've encountered spiritual warfare, but praise You Lord for your goodness.

As I begin to think, pray and dream again, I believe the Lord has placed a few thoughts or goals in my mind:

1. Pan American Christian University in Washington, D.C.
2. Ministering on revival and reformation in all fifty states (by the time I'm forty?).
3. Doing the same in all 223 nations.

*Pipe dreams or God's call? We shall see.

February 22, 1987

Praise the Lord we are finally getting settled and moved in. It took a while, but it looks like by next week we should be into gear.

*Friday evening the Lord really encouraged me to return to my first love of loving Him and serving Him. To live in REVIVAL is to be full of Jesus—to plainly and fully be IN LOVE WITH HIM.

*If anything is rebirthed in my heart this year, may that be it. He is my greatest need.

“For six years sow your fields and for six years prune your vineyards and gather your crops. But in the seventh year, the land is to have a sabbatical of rest, a sabbath to the Lord... Whatever the land yields in the sabbatical year will be food for you—for yourself (Leviticus 25).

*This is our Seventh Year (after six years of sowing and pruning in Washington, D.C. It is to be our “sabbath year of rest.” How strongly this was quickened to me this morning! I want to be fully obedient to it.

“Oh, my Strength, I watch for You. You, O God, are my fortress, my loving God (Psalm 59:9).

*The principle of the Kingdom: You seek to serve. This is a word for my life.

March 1, 1987

*God’s three-fold message for me:

1. Spiritual Awakening – the church
2. Societal Reformation- the principalities
3. World Evangelism – the lost.

*Early on this week I began to experience some good and bad news. First the good. After eight months off, I began exercise again, taking a run every morning down on the golf course and along the water. It is a beautiful place to get back in shape! I have my Quiet Time first, and then have the run—also using it as a time of prayer.

I am achy and sore but grateful to be exercising again. The older one gets, the more your life must produce both discipline and patience.

The bad news is that I’ve been having stomach problems for a couple of weeks and may have an ulcer. I can’t believe this but accept it in God. (Seems to me that I should have gotten it years ago.)

*So now from my head (neck) to my toes (ankle) to my middle (stomach) I have been TESTED by God physically during this death and resurrection of my life and ministry.

*I want to praise Him in it all and pass every test. Job 23:10 is my song: “When He has tested me, I will come forth as gold.”

***This week following a brainstorming meeting with Joe Portale, the Lord really began to stir me in an area. It was quite a surprise to me at first, but the more I pondered and prayed about it, the more natural it seemed to be. What God showed me was simply this:

*That I should write a book on Dominion (Servant Leadership).

March 8, 1987

In my morning quiet time God spoke to me to turn to Jeremiah 35 & 36. One chapter is about obedience. The other is about Jeremiah obeying God in the writing of his book.

Jeremiah 36 says that he was to write all the things that God had told him “since the time of Josiah.” (For me that is 1975 and my message on Josiah.) In 1976 I wrote a book [*What About Jimmy Carter*] and then launched our renewal ministry. Am I to do the same now to open this new chapter of our lives?

To write on Dominion is to summarize my life’s message from revival---moral government---to reformation. It’s to build on eleven years of understanding and experience.

*I am excited and in thought and prayer awaiting God’s confirmation.

(*Thank you, Lord, for 34 years of life! – March 12)

***During the Sunday morning worship service at Calvary Community Church (after a time of strain and difficulty between Shirley and I), the Lord gave me a very unusual revelation. I had been thinking about the three physical problems that I have had over the past 2-3 years. First the neck problem, then the Achilles heel pain—and now the stomach difficulty. As I prayed this morning and pondered these, I believe the Lord gave me some understanding.

First, the physical problems have been God trying to get my attention about my leadership. They all relate to different aspects of leadership that God wants to make whole in me.

The neck supports the head. This test was related to my corporate leadership in YWAM in Washington, D.C. My headship was not well. It needed to made whole.

The heel is a part of the foot—which represents the message, the sharing of the Good News. God has wanted to bring holiness and wholeness to my message— to complete my leadership in His Word.

The stomach is central to the body as is the family. God wants me to be a better father and husband and become whole as a good leader of my family.

*God has been pruning my leadership FOR MY GOOD—in YWAM, in my Message, and in my Family. This sabbatical year is for me to become a wise, humble and obedient servant leader. My consuming study is to be leadership.

***God is making me a Whole Leader. Hallelujah! Despite my hurt and discouragement, how I praise Him for His mercy and grace.

March 15, 1987

*Thought: Should Shirley and I begin giving a portion of our tithe to Loren and Darlene Cunningham?

*The Lord has been speaking to me about the whole area of writing. Am I, on average, to write a book a year for the rest of my life?

*On Friday the whole family left for Honolulu for four God-ordained days. I am going to speak at the Honolulu Staff Conference. Shirley is going to have schlerotherapy done on her legs at Straug Clinic. And all together we're going to have a little family "holiday."

This has been so wonderfully arranged by the Lord! It all happened very quickly, and will especially allow Shirley to have her legs done while I minister to the staff in Honolulu. Thank You, Lord, for this providential weekend.

March 22, 1987

I can't think of anything that unusual or exciting that took place this week. It was a good and steady week. Lord, thank you for the routine and normal. Life is made up of these as well.

*Our family is "stabilizing" into some good patterns. We are having regular devotions now about 5 nights a week. Oh, Lord anoint and make interesting and meaningful these times. May the kids learn to love them—and You.

Shirley and I are also getting into some good healthy patterns. On Monday evening we have a prayer time together. This is our life blood and we've especially committed ourselves to do this over the future of all my speaking opportunities. This is a wonderful area of repentance for me (and especially learned from Loren and Darlene).

Then on Wednesday nights we go out for a "date" together. This is a precious time of fellowship, friendship and being lovers. *Thank you, Lord, for these more stable pillars beneath our lives and marriage.

*The book of Deuteronomy has been very alive to me in my readings recently. It is an insightful book! I really do love it. Oh, Lord teach me from it.

*Continue to guide us in restoration and rebuilding. We still don't know many things, but our eyes are heavenward and are totally committed to Your direction and timing.

March 29, 1987

"Almost all failures in life are due to putting confidence in the flesh and not in the Lord."

*Psalm 92:11: "My eyes have seen the defeat of my adversaries. My ears have heard the cries of or my wicked foes. The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a

cedar in Lebanon, planted in the house of the Lord. They will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age. They will stay fresh and green proclaiming, 'The Lord is upright. He is my Rock. And there is no wickedness in Him.'

April 5, 1987

*I have been weak in the area of Evaluation. Some of the problems we went through in D.C. were because of my weakness in this area. I have now asked God to turn my weakness into His strength.

I will also cooperate with God by study and diligent attention to this area of need. I believe the Lord WILL perfect His power in my weakness.

*On Wednesday and Thursday of this week I team-taught with Loren in the Humanities and International Studies core course. It was a blessing to be ministering with him and work with Dr. Douglas Feaver. I believe this is a College that God really wants to raise up in Washington, D.C.

*The bonding is beginning now. Lord—may all your future desires be realized.

A portion of Scripture was powerfully quickened to me today (Psalm 105:18-22). How I want to believe that it applies to my life and future.

“They bruised his feet with shackles. His neck was put in irons. Until what He foretold came to pass—the word of the Lord (tested) proved him to be true. The king sent and release him, the ruler of his people set him free. He made him master of his household, ruler of all he possessed, to instruct his princes as he pleased and teach his elders wisdom.”

April 12, 1987

*I spoke on Monday up at the Kings DTS the message “When Free Men Shall Stand.” That message has a wonderful anointing upon it, and I wept as I poured out my heart on the subject of freedom--both in individuals and nations.

I need to give this message much more. It is still awesomely true. Thank you, Lord, for giving it to me some twelve years ago. “The word of the Lord abides forever.”

[Dave Gustaveson so loved this message that he showed it to YWAM schools for decades both in Hawaii and in Los Angeles.]

During an evening quiet time recently, the Lord really brought to my attention a phrase from Daniel 4 that He is wanting me to understand in my life:

“Until you understand that Heaven rules.”

I really believe God wants to bring me to a place regarding the future where I really know in my heart that He is sovereignly in charge of all aspects of my leadership aspirations. I am not imprisoned by justice or injustice of people.

*I am truly in God's hands. To learn this deeply will take away a fear that God wants to take away from me. So be it!

April 19, 19987

I have been too busy to write...Some sabbaticals don't contain much rest!

*I heard recently that God has really spoken to John Gimenez and confirmed through others that there is to be a Washington For Jesus II on April 29, 1988 in the capital city. It is still a time in our history when we are lingering at a crossroads—and prayer and repentance are the two great needs.

(What a phrase: "...so that all nations might believe and obey Him—Romans 16:26).

*My spirit so concurs with Brother John's leading though being in Hawaii creates somewhat of a sense of sadness regarding my own involvement. But God has put some thoughts in my heart and mind about possible ways to serve and I will pray about them and talk to Loren.

*Lord, confirm Your perfect will in this matter.

*One thing I DO believe the Holy Spirit really put in my heart was to make a daily prayer commitment for WFJ '88. I would especially like to follow through with this in my evening quiet times before bed.

April 26, 1987

*On Tuesday the Lord really quickened portions to me from Psalm 118. It is a wonderful psalm about a man, who through suffering, really learned to trust in God and to triumph.

"In my anguish I cried to the Lord, and He answered by setting me free...It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes...I was pushed back and about to fall, but the Lord helped me...The Lord has chastened me severely, but He has not given me over to death...Open for me the gates of righteousness. I will enter and give thanks to the Lord...The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone."

*At the Friday night service during worship and a special creative dance, the Lord really spoke to me about my life, leadership and the pain of the past few years. His voice was gentle and hardly with words. Yet, deep down in my spirit, I knew that He was saying:

"You have laid your rod, leadership and authority down and I am pleased. It had become a snake to you, but now I am preparing it to be the rod of God. Dominion and leadership will be

yours. You have passed your test. You've been willing to slay your Isaac. I am pleased and will bless you."

Tears came to my eyes as I reflected on God's word. You are so good, my King and my God.

Washington, D.C.

May 3, 1987

The story of the call and anointing of Saul in 1 Samuel 9 & 10 is an awesome parallel to the state of the church today on the verge of exercising dominion:

- Saul was pre-occupied with the donkeys (material things).
- When they looked for him to recognize him as king, he hid among the equipment (v. 22).
- Samuel had to explain to him the "behavior of royalty" (verse 25).

*I have now completed my week in Washington, D.C., and by God's grace, I believe it was a wonderful success. I asked you Lord to prepare me and you have done that and much more:

- The National Day of Prayer activities were the best yet with real depth and anointing. It was a joy to participate. I believe God was pleased.
- I had a good "renewing" time with the YWAM staff corporately and with different individuals. This is important for our return next year.
- Our first "MST-East" at the McIlvaines was an excellent start of a group of committed supporters and advisors in the DC area. About twenty came. (I want to be wise and faithful see this group "build" in the future.
- We successfully re-negotiated our house lease for another year, and I spent some time at the house and with Brian and Elaine Roquemore [our renters on Kensington Street].
- I met with John Gimenez re: an international strategy for WFJ '88 and he wholeheartedly accepted it.
- Times with many friends were good and enriching. We have a "wealth" of them in the Washington, D.C. area.

*Thank you, Father, for a good trip attended with Your blessing. You gave strength, wisdom and abundance opportunities.

I praise You for the privilege of knowing and serving You.

Kailua-kona, Hawaii

May 12, 1987

Here are some big lessons from the life of David: 1) God rewards the righteous and the humble, 2) Let God always be your Vindicator.

I really thank the Lord for my time in Washington, D.C. It was wonderful to be back home and I sensed the blessing of God on everything I put my hand to.

*Now to continue the year of sabbatical and leadership growth in my life. My priorities for the coming months could pull me in different directions. I need to be careful and truly guided by God.

May 17, 1987

*Lord Jesus—for a few weeks now I have no known intimate relationship with You. The quiet time has been routine and dry. The delicateness of Your word has been missing in my heart and upon my lips.

*Restore the glory of Your presence oh my God! I hunger and thirst for the fellowship of your company. It is more special and uplifting to me than anything on this earth. Whom do I desire on earth but You?

“Do everything without complaining or arguing” (Philippians 2:14). A leader possesses the quality of self-control and thus he guards himself against the above.

*David Aikman – “Worldliness.” (James 4:4 and I John 2:15).

“Do we get into the world or does the world get into us? John 15 – Jesus’ words.

YWAM is entering a new phase of public ministry. Great temptations will be thrown at us. *We must not succumb to spiritual corrosion. What we must do: 1) Jesus was sent with authority—so are we, 2) Jesus reminded people Who sent him, and 3) People were changed by Jesus—not the other way around.

*At PACU we must only receive those who are sent. Do we go into the world with authority sent by God, or does the world get into us?

May 24, 1987

*I decided on Tuesday to forego my Wednesday run and come down to the beach and seek God. It has been a good time. One thing I have prayed about, and really sense God’s leading in, is the finishing of my degree here at PACU and going on to a Masters and a Doctorate. As I

prayed this morning, I felt that the Masters was to be in Economics. I then felt that the Doctorate should be in Political Science—specifically in Leadership.

This growth in grace and knowledge really excites me. I lay it before You, O Lord, and simply commit myself to obey your leading.

*God also spoke to me out of 1 Tim. 2:7: “I was appointed a preacher and an apostle—I am telling the truth—I am not lying—and a teacher of the true faith.

*****This is my calling. I must be faithful.**

*A Leader must: 1) Have the character to lead, 2) Know where he or she is going, and 3) Know how to get there.

*Knowing God’s will for your life brings fulfillment, fruitfulness and productivity—because you are doing “what you were BORN to do.

May 31, 1987

*The more you seek to serve, the more you’ll find God’s will. Don’t seek first your gifts—just His will.

*God’s provision doesn’t change when it’s done on a right foundation. There’s provision in God’s will.

*Three false motivations: 1) Greed, 2) Pride (false honor), and 3) Guilt.

There’s grace for the will of God. Pride is our worst problem.

Port Orchard, Washington

I flew home this week for our annual Renewal ’87 meeting. On the plane I had another “divine appointment” (this seems to happen to me often) as I ended up sitting across the aisle on the crowded jumbo jet from a fella (Ron Harness) who heard me speak in Darrington, Washington ten years ago.

All this time he had wanted to meet me, and God put us together in the air. He was on his honeymoon and we had a great time.

*I sure had a wonderful time in Port Orchard. God did so many wonderful things. Much of this is due to the very deep relationships God has given us here. Here are some of the highlights:

- 160 people came to the annual meeting. It was very timely and special for Loren Cunningham to be with us. Before the meeting, a dinner was held at Bob and Sharon Gakin's home with about ten pastors and their wives in attendance. It was a great time.
- In the Renewal '87 meeting Loren spoke on "God's Greatness in the Nations" and I gave a message entitled "Leadership for the 21st Century: What is to Be Done?"
- As a result of the meeting we increased our support base by about \$250 a month. We now have 43 families and three churches that support us monthly.
- *How wonderfully God has blessed our Missionary Support Team approach over the past ten years and especially over the last five. All glory and praise to Him.
- It was a great blessing to have Loren stay overnight with my parents. This deeply affected them and really knit their hearts closer to YWAM and to us.
- On Monday evening I had an "accountability and sharing time" with some of our men advisers, and for part of that time we really sought the Lord about mobilizing believers in the area for the '88 Washington For Jesus event.

God had spoke to me that He wanted 500 people to be raised up from the area to go to Washington, D.C. next year. This was wonderfully confirmed by the group and a couple of them stepped forward to take some leadership in it.

***All in all, it was a time greatly blessed by God and I am so grateful for the friends God has given Shirley and me. They are our greatest wealth.

Kailu-kona

June 14, 1987

I also forgot to mention that Shirley's mom and dad have now made a clear commitment to join us in Washington, D.C. when Dad C. retires. That will not likely be until 1991, but we are

*And this week we begin to celebrate the special birthdays of three of the kids. We are grateful to god for them—and want to lead them into a knowledge of His ways. They are special kids that some 4000 descendants could come from. Oh God, give us the wisdom to raise these four to have a passion after You!

June 21, 1987

*Father's Day is a wonderful day—and what a great privilege it is to be a father. Father God—you are the Greatest of All. May Your heart be made glad on this day.

*This week was primarily given to serving my wife and family. With all that I am learning about leadership and dominion, that sure seems appropriate. If I can't serve my wife and children, then who can I serve?

What a lesson, Father, in Your ways. It is not an easy one, but I know that it is so needed for me right now.

After this week the second quarter here at PACU ends and the third begins. How I wait God's priorities for this time and to do them fully and well.

As I especially begin the "book project" [Which would become *Leadership for the 21st Century: Changing Nations Through the Power of Serving*] I am very conscious of my need for anointing and grace.

My devotional life has been weak lately and the "word of the Lord" has not been near. Lord, I need your light and revelation in my heart again. Oh, bring Your truth—even if it hurts—for it always cleanses and brings life!

June 28, 1987

*After a good sermon on Sunday by Pastor Rees-Thomas [Winkie Pratney's brother-in-law] on seeking God, and a prior leading of the Spirit, I am up at 5:30 am on Monday to begin to seek God earnestly for this new quarter. I have returned to Keauhou Bay—my quiet time spot for the LTS—and have a great desire to meet with you, Lord, here. Lord, I especially want to "listen" again. Let me hear Your voice.

*It has been an uplifting week. I have begun my BOOK in earnest and so far, God has given me great understanding and perspective. Now I just need the time and the anointing to get it done. I am crying out to the Lord for this.

*I believe that writing is something that the Lord wants me to do much more of in the future—that it is a gift and that I must be a good steward of that gift.

*I believe I am to write about a book a year and I ask you, Lord, for the wisdom, grace and anointing to do so. Lord--may this summer be Yours! Help me to number my days and so apply my heart unto wisdom.

July 5, 1987

1 Chronicles 26:6 – Leadership demands "capable men."

My function for the future:

- Overseer & birther of PACU in America.
- Renewal Network – United States.

- Write –many books.
- Raise a godly family.

*I have begun to write my Leadership book in earnest. Even as I run in the mornings along the beautiful Keauhou Golf Course, inspiration from God flows to my heart and dominion. mind on the topic of dominion.

[Our home in Kona, right next to Keauhou Bay, was situated on the eleventh fairway of the golf course. Some evenings after the groups had played through, I would go out on the course and do a few holes—with the kids romping around me on the green grass near sunset.]

I love so much to learn about dominion—about leadership. It is a vast subject, yet it is one the Holy Spirit is greatly accelerating in our day.

*Shirley and I have been having some precious times recently...especially in prayer and in seeking the Lord about home-schooling our children.

God has really done an amazing thin in Shirley’s heart to bring her to the place of great motivation to educate our children at home. I really appreciate her study and leadership in it right now.

Oh, how God loves the children!

[The following five months appear to be the only time in my journal that I stopped writing about the main happenings in my life and just jotted down notes that applied to the subject of leadership. I don’t remember this season of relative “silence,” but it was probably due to concentrating on the writing of *Leadership for the 21st Century: Changing Nations Through the Power of Serving* at our home near the Kona campus.]

July 12, 1987

*God’s rule over the nations – 2 Chronicles 20:6

The 2nd Coming of Christ – Matthew 24:36,42, 44.

Mercy Ministries – Matthew 25—especially verse 46.

July 19, 1987

*I asked the Lord to make us “debt free” in exactly one year. Not by might or by power, but by my Spirit.”

*Good Scripture on God’s rule over the nations – Psalm 22:27-28.

Psalm 23:3 – “He guides me in the path of righteousness.”

July 26, 1987

*We are servants of the God of heaven and earth” (Nehemiah 5:11).

*Ezra 9:8 and Mark 9:35 – being a servant

August 2, 1987

*Nehemiah 5:15 – The fear of God keep us from being dominating leaders (7:12).

*For the Epilogue of the Book: Time to go on offense – Chapter 14.

*Attitudes of righteousness: (fruits of the Spirit) – and how each one shows itself in leadership:

- Joy – Arthur Blessitt.
- Peace – Anwar Sadat.
- Patience – Andre Sakarov.
- Goodness – Lenny Sputnik [hero of DC airplane crash.]
- Gentleness – Florence Nightingale.
- Faithfulness – Raoul Wallenberg
- Self-control – Jesus going to the Cross.

*How can I serve? To serve is to worship (Nehemiah 12:45) and to live a righteous life (Psalm 47:6). Psalm 137 is for me. The attitude of the righteous – Luke 1:6,17.

August 9, 1987

*Esther 4:15 – Epilogue to the book.

Book – Psalm 45:4,6,7, and Job 17:9

August 16, 1987

*Book – Principles – “Supernatural” – Luke 10:19,20.

Chapter 4 – Psalm 49:14 – “The upright shall have dominion over them in the morning.”

Book – Romans 6:12-19 – “Obedience—becoming slaves to righteousness.”

August 23, 1987

*Things to deeply learn in my life:

- Submission – Accountability, Humility – Servanthood, Truthfulness – Honesty.

*What I must understand deep in my heart:

- I failed in leadership in Washington, D.C. and hurt YWAM and others through my immaturities and mistakes.
- I may never be a leader in YWAM again.
- I may not spend the rest of my life in Youth With A Mission.

Helsinki, Finland

August 30, 1987

As I was seeking the Lord about our future, the Lord led me to Genesis 12 & 13. I have been meditating there and really sense God speaking to me.

1. The bottom line of our Christian walk is plain and simple obedience to God.
2. Abraham received the “promise of the nation,” he obeyed, and he went (12:1-9).
3. He was tested (famine) and left for Egypt (12:10).
4. God spoke again and told him to “Arise, walk in the land in its length and width for I have given it to you” (13:17).
5. So, he “moved his tent” and settled in Hebron (13:18). *There is so much to pray over here.
6. He built an altar everywhere he went (giving himself totally to each place).

*We took the boat across the Estonia on Saturday—my first return to the Soviet Union in seven years. There were 1400 people on board the boat and the trip to Talinn took about 4-and-a-half hours. It was uneventful, but once again I was reminded of the ugliness of the “human slavery” of communism:

- Everywhere smokes or drinks their depression away. It is a colorless society—without God and without hope.
- You wait for everything. A controlled society is a service-less society of organized inefficiency. From customs to the hotel—to even getting an elevator—there is no freedom to produce order and flow.

September 6, 1987

*God worked a miracle for me to get all my Washington for Jesus brochures through customs. I prayed, they thoroughly searched my suitcase and looked at every book—but they didn’t open my briefcase. Praise the Lord.

*On Saturday I spoke on “Revival” to the Christian leaders of the city. What a precious group of people. May God use them to shake off the bonds of slavery.

*I ran on Sunday morning through the streets praying for the liberty of the nation. I believe You will bring it, O God, in my lifetime.

*What a wonderful trip I've had to Estonia! I preached all day on Sunday—in the morning at the Talinn Methodist Church and in the afternoon and evening at the Oleviste (St. Olaf's) Baptist Church. It was packed everywhere and there was such a hunger for God's Word. St. Olaf's is 150-years old and right across the street from KGB headquarters. After the evening service we fellowshiped at the pastor's home with about 20 people. They asked me many questions about America and God's truth.

On Monday morning I met with Hubert Jacobs, a young evangelist and leader of a Jesus Movement arm in Estonia. I learned much from him. Then I spoke for four hours at the Methodist Church and after fellowship with friends, we headed to the boat.

*How the Dominion message was received in Russia! God has been speaking to them the same word, and they drank it in and received it with joy. I have learned so much through this trip. It is time for Christ's Dominion in all the nations of the world.

If it is received in Russia, it is acceptable everywhere. My heart is full, and my mind is filled with more "light" for the nations!

Helsinki, Finland

September 13, 1987

On August 8 was seeking the Lord about our future—Washington D.C. and possibly Seattle—and God really spoke to me out of Jeremiah 31:1-21 (especially verse 10).

*Israel's path: Ur-----Promised Land-----Egypt-----Wilderness-----Promised Land.

*Paul's greatness was his writings and travel. He didn't oversee as enterprise. When he made it to Rome, it was in chains.

*I have had a wonderful time in Finland. There was a mighty anointing upon the teaching—and God really move among the students. There were times of great brokenness plus times of release of ministry gifts and prophecy. I love to minister the word of God! It is "alive and active" and sharper than a two-edged sword.

*I have prayed that these students will really be used of God to revival to Finland. Oh Lord, may it be.

*It has also been a good time of ministry among the staff and a time of bonding with them. Thank you, Lord, for this time of ministry once again on European soil. It has enlarged my spirit and so encouraged me in the quest for revival and reformation in the nations of the world.

Kailua-kona, Hawaii

September 27, 1987

“Quietness and confidence is your strength.”

October 4, 1987

*The Lord really spoke tenderly to me out of Isaiah 49.

October 18, 1987

1 Corinthians 4:1 – “servants and stewards” – quote for Chapters 4 & 5.

October 25, 1987

I need to give book copies to: Loren Cunningham, Floyd McClung, Bob Mumford, Pat Robertson, Bill Bright, Tim LaHaye, Larry Tomczak, John Mauldin, Gary Metz, David Aikman, Jay Grimstead, Gary North, and Bob Weiner.

November 22, 1987

Ezekiel 23 – Should be the theme Scripture for the chapter on abortion in my “Conscience” book [which would be published in 1994].

December 8, 1987

The Dominion of Jesus – Daniel 7:13,14, and 27.

Port Orchard, Washington

[In December, our family flew back to Port Orchard to spend Christmas with our parents, though I did not record anything about it at the end of 1987.]

[This month God nudged me to start taking Psalm 90:12 in a special literal way: “Teach me to number my days that I might apply my heart unto wisdom.” From this Scripture, I decided to figure out how many days I had already lived. Then, thinking about the lifespan of my grandparents and asking God for guidance, I discerned that I might live to be 85 years old. Then I calculated how many days I “might have left” if I live that long. The overall number came to 31,000 days – in an 85-year old life. I started “numbering” those days in each entry of my journal in January 1988.]