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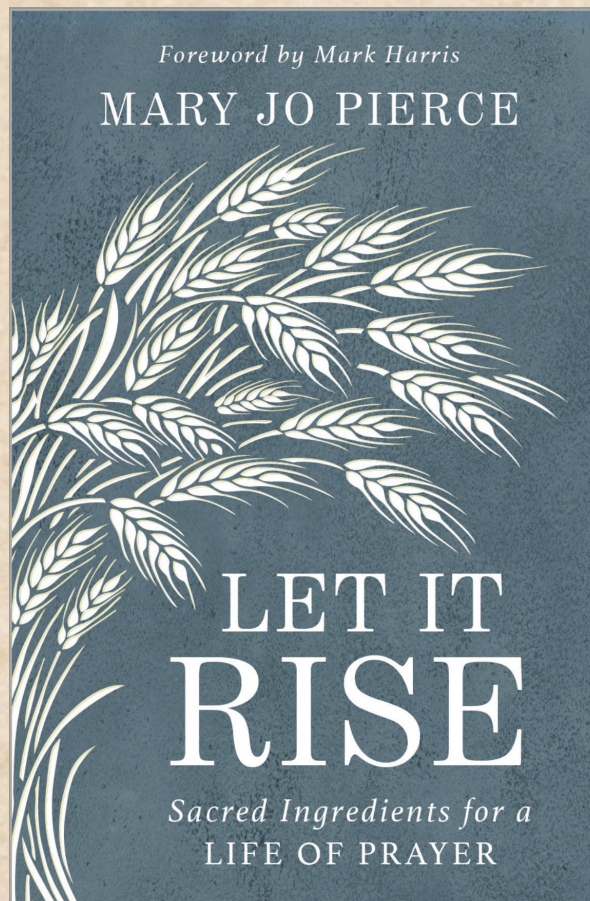
Magazine Online



*A Legacy in the Making*



# What in the world does baking bread have to do with a life of prayer?



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Mary Jo Pierce, Author

I'm delighted to share with you how God graciously revealed the sacred ingredients that, when mixed together, helped me develop and nurture an intentional life of prayer. Within these pages, you will discover practical and powerful ways to cultivate an environment to meet with God every day.

**Lean in and let your prayers rise.**

# *From Generations* **to Generations.**

This issue is dedicated to Ras and Bev Robinson and others who have gone before us that “paved the way” to spiritual freedom. Their hearts were to introduce those in the “throes of religion” and those in the “mundane religious experience” to know the Spirit-filled life.

Inside this issue you will find testimonies from friends, old and new, who have been affected by the Fullness message. We know that you will be encouraged as people share their heart of freedoms experienced. We call this the “Sons and Daughters of Fullness” issue. These are stories from those who now know the Fullness of God in their lives.

We have testimonials from lay people to Ph.D.s and Th.D.s, pastors and missionaries, all who heard the clarion call to freedom from religion. We pray that you will be inspired in your own walk with God to venture into the supernatural realm, where the impossible becomes possible. So just as Matthew 19:26 states, “Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible’”, we pray that the impossible becomes possible in your life.

As the founders of Fulness say over and over again in their writings. We want you to be edified and to know what “Living Life to the Fullest” here on earth truly means.

Blessings in your God Adventures,

*The Fullness Magazine Staff*

# 20 Years

Fullness in Christ Ministries

in the Philippines:

Sponsoring Children

Feeding Children

Educating Children

*Meeting the needs of Orphans and Widows*

*Disaster Relief*

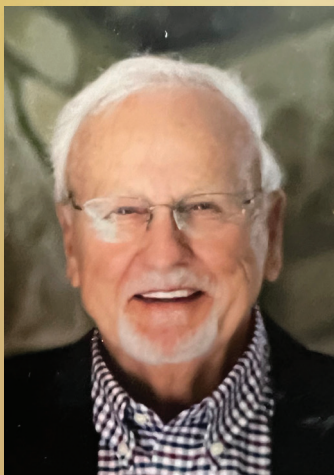


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# THE FATHER OF A MOVEMENT

by Budd Rodgers

My name is Budd Rodgers, and I am the Managing Editor of FULLNESS MAGAZINE ONLINE. My first encounter with Ras Robinson was in the mid-eighties by being a subscriber to Fulness Magazine. I was a young Baptist minister who had been filled with the Holy Spirit in 1982. I had been preaching since I was 19 years of age, but I was disillusioned with my walk with the Lord and was trying to reconcile my beliefs in a denominational system. I was looking for answers to what it meant to be filled with the Spirit and be that “witness”, in Acts chapter one, that Jesus said we would be when we were baptized in the Spirit.

I found a lot of encouragement, good teaching and guidance through the teachings of Ras Robinson, Jack Taylor, Jesse McElreath, T.D. and Dudley Hall, Jim Hylton, James Robinson and countless others. What I did not know then, is that I would meet Ras Robinson some 40 years later and he would become my “ministry” father.

When my wife and I relocated to the Fort Worth area at the end of 2018, we began to search out a church home. By spring of 2019, we had mutual friends who told us about this little “prophetic church” near Eagle Mountain Lake in the Lake Country subdivision of Fort Worth Texas. The church of course was Fullness in Christ Church, pastored by Jonas and Robin Bohlin, which had been started by Ras and Beverly Robinson years earlier.

A few days after the first service we attended I heard the Lord tell me He wanted me to give Ras Robinson a “prophetic word”. My first thought was that I was really not qualified to give someone a word from the Lord who had been in ministry longer than I, but I knew better than to argue with the Lord. The other doubt in my mind was that since I had not seen him at the church the times we had been there, was when and how to do this. Later, I knew that when he was there, that would be the right time.

When there was an opening in the service, I asked Pastor Jonas if I could give a “public” prophetic word to Ras that I had received from the Lord a few weeks earlier.

The abbreviated version of the word from The Lord said to Ras was, *“You are like Jacob to Me. I have called you to establish the house and I’ve given you 12 sons. They are spiritual sons I am going to build the kingdom of God through*

*their ministries. I have not called you to do anything else but to raise up these sons. That is part of the heritage and the destiny that I had for you from the beginning. You are like Jacob. You are a faithful man. You have wrestled with God in times past and you have been touched by the hand of God. You are going to see your heritage unfold in your 12 sons.”*

Now at the time, I still didn’t know for sure if this was the right guy I was supposed to be ministering this word to, so I asked the LORD, “how do I know this is the man?”. The LORD said, “ask him how many daughters he has and if he says one, you have the right guy”. You see, Jacob had one daughter. At the time, I didn’t know if Robin had a sister or brother or anything about her except, she said Ras was her dad.

I want to be clear here in this statement that I am not claiming that Ras Robinson is THE father of the Fullness movement, but he certainly is A father, and he has made an impact on at least two generations of people concerning the fullness of Christ in their lives.

So about two weeks later, I received a call from Ras and he invited me to come to his home. I go over and meet him in his office, and we visit for a while and then he has this notepad with a lot of writing on it and several names. He begins to read names of people that I had never heard of except for three people. He counts out the names and has listed out 11 names. At that moment, he looks me right in the eyes and asks me if I would be one of his sons. I was overwhelmed with emotion I think mainly because no one in ministry had ever asked me that and secondarily, I had prophesied some 30 years earlier that said *“I would serve a minister who would be like an Elijah to me”*. It is hard to explain in words how the impact of his words shook me, but in that meeting and in another church service he told me that *“the kingdom of God needed me and that the world needed to hear me and what I had to say”*. No father figure had ever told me that. The closest anything ever came to that was when I was told by a prophet 30 years earlier that I was called to be a prophet. It was an “ah ha” moment for me. I was burdened with these feelings of fulfilling something but didn’t have the ability to figure out what it was.



For several years, social scientists have said homes without fathers or homes where there have been abusive fathers cause a distinct lack of self-esteem and self-worth in their children. The same holds true for those who are in ministry and have not had proper “fathering.”

The bible gives us examples of the father role through the lives of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Samuel, and Elijah in the Old Testament. Also, in the New Testament we have Paul, the apostle John and Phillip the evangelist. Many people talk about nurturing of mothers and the discipline of fathers, which honestly both nurturing and discipline should come from both parents. However, what I see of the primary characteristic of “fathering” in the Word of God is the actual life-giving words from that father. For instance, Jesus said that the words He spoke *“are spirit and are life”*. (John 6:62) True fathering will speak words of life into you. Our best example of spiritual fathering comes from God Himself when He said this to Jesus after being water baptized and before He was led into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. *“And a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”* (Matthew 3:17)

Nobody can give an affirming word like a father can. The world is full of men and women who are seeking to please their fathers some even after they have their fathers have been dead for years. There is an innate desire to please a father. I believe that God put that desire in all of us so we would desire to please Him. Many fathers both in the natural and in the spiritual realm have failed to be the kind of father who affirms their children.

Ras Robinson spoke words of life and he encouraged multiple people with words of life. You see when a “father” tells you something, you believe it because that anointing comes from God. When we truly hear from God, we will have the faith and the endurance to keep going because God says we can. Now is the time to allow the Lord to unfold the heritage of Ras Robinson through his sons as the Lord has spoken.

I want to conclude this word in saying I am truly blessed by having both Ras and Beverly Robinson as spiritual parents in my ministry and I hope to pass that same blessing to those God entrusts me with as well.

Blessings!

Until next time.

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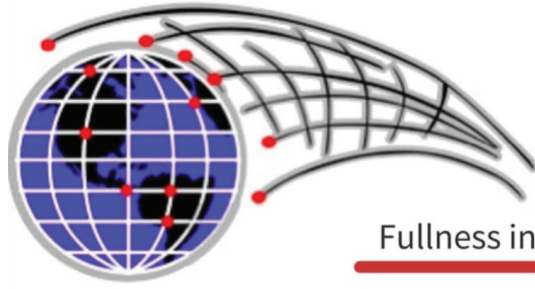
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Fullness in Christ Ministries

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# Testimonials

## *from Sons and Daughters of Fullness*

### Kathryn Bohlin



#### Forty-seven Years of Memories

I am Kathryn Bohlin, current President of Fullness in Christ Ministries. My journey with Ras and Bev Robinson began in 1976. I was a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, still in my 20s and working in a small Christian bookstore. One day Ras came to the store with his best friend, Jesse McElreath. Not long after that he asked me to administrate a conference on discipleship he was doing with Jesse. That began a journey that would cover 47 years of ministry with Ras and Bev. I want to share a few memories from those years.

The ministry of Ras and Bev Robinson involved conferences all over the world, publishing newsletters and magazines and books to help Christians live life to the fullest, starting a church and doing missions in Peru and the Philippines.

Publishing Fulness Magazine was a major focus for 12 years. It was a bridge for many evangelicals to enter the Spirit-filled life. People still talk about their lives being changed by the teaching that was published in Fulness Magazine. It has definitely been an exciting journey filled with rapid and deep spiritual growth for my hungry heart.

Ras and Bev had a strong ministry to pastors everywhere they went. They ministered encouragement to hundreds of pastors across the world. Bev used to say it seemed like they went more to minister to the pastors than to the congregation. Pastors and their wives felt they could unload their burdens and problems and receive love, acceptance and godly counsel.

**Ras Robinson was a pioneer.** Bev said once that Ras was like a man climbing a mountain. He would go up, blazing a trail then turn around, take someone by the hand and encourage them to come up also. He was saying “Come up higher.” What he experienced on the mountain, he wanted others to get in on as well.

Ras saw the concept of the Internet before there was such a thing. A vision of his was that the world would be connected through technology. It would be a way to share the Gospel as well as a means for discipleship to help Christians grow strong in their faith. He knew it would be a blessing to millions of people around the world.

In the mid 70s, Ras was on a personal retreat. God gave him a vision of bonfires of revival across a map of the United States. While watching the fires in the vision, he saw them grow stronger then come together to engulf the entire nation in a great revival. He never gave up on that vision. He knew many thousands of people would come to

know Jesus as a result of those revival fires.

**Ras was often called “the apostle of love”.** Following a traumatic event as a young man, Ras was experiencing a time of depression and asking God “why”? God came to him, pouring love deep into his hurting heart. He told Ras to spend his life telling people about God’s great love. These notes were found in one of his Bibles:

*Love That Overcomes*

*Love Covers A Multitude of Sins*

*Love Is A Many Splendored Thing*

*Love Is the Most Powerful Force of All*

*Many have been deeply touched by this “Apostle of Love”.*

**Ras encouraged people to exercise faith.** Ras often pushed people to stretch beyond their comfort zone. I remember him telling me I should go on a mission trip to Peru. My response was “I don’t have enough money to do that.” He simply said. “Believe God for it. You can do it.” And I did. A year or so later, he came home from a trip to the Philippines and said, “You need to go to the Philippines. Believe God for it. You can do it.” And I did.

**Ras always encouraged people to believe for what they needed.** Once when we found ourselves owing a lot of money in the ministry and did not have it, rather than going into panic or even trying to work harder, we got away to a secluded place, prayed and believed for the provision needed. When we got home after a week away, the full amount needed had been received. It was a miracle!

**Ras was called to change lives in the Philippines.** When we began ministry in the Philippines, our ministry made a big change. We had such a burden for the poorest children in the Philippines. Knowing that education was the key for them to escape the severe endemic poverty, we began to sponsor children, providing what they need to go to school. Over the years, the lives of hundreds of children have been changed through sponsorships. This ministry was deeply important to both Ras and Bev. Almost every time we featured a child who needed a sponsor, Ras wanted to sponsor that child. Once we learned of five brothers who had been abandoned by both parents. Ras said he and Bev would sponsor all five of them. And they did.

I will always remember the day Ras and Bev and I visited a garbage dump in the Philippines. We went there with a local pastor to feed the many hungry children who lived there. A little boy, dirty and sweaty, about 4 years old crawled up in Ras’ lap and lay his head on Ras’ chest. He was soaking in the love of a grandfather. Even though he was hungry, he did not want to get down – not even to eat. It was one of the most tender moments I’ve ever seen.

On a visit to a different garbage dump, I looked out and

saw Ras walking carefully across the heap of trash. Children were holding both hands and several others followed close behind, chattering and laughing and feeling safe. The children in the Philippines loved “Dad Ras”.

**A Solid Foundation to Build for the Future.** The journey of Fullness in Christ Ministries has been exciting. The foundation is rock solid. It was the desire of Ras and Bev that it continue with no slow down. They would say to us “The future of FCM will be better than its past.” God is not finished with the calling on FCM. Come go with us into the future as we continue the journey and “go up higher”. Be part of God’s plan of leading people everywhere to live life to the fullest.

## Dr. Mark Fulmer



Hello, my name is Dr. Mark Fulmer. I am the Faith Division Lead for Tarrant County Citizens Defending Freedom, a conservative grassroots organization that builds Christian Faith Coalitions to network with churches and pastors to bring America back to God through Biblical Citizenship. I am also a geopolitical researcher, author and public speaker.

In addition to this, I am a political activist, an itinerant preacher with Latter Rain Renewal Ministries.

The Lord raises up His sons and daughters who are used as the catalyst for revival in each successive generation. Such seasons of revival usually challenge the church to leave their comfort zones and stretch themselves beyond their denominational norms and traditions to move deeper into the Lord’s presence. As a teenager in high school, during the 1970’s, I was first impacted by the Jesus People movement through my youth pastor who sported the typical attire of the time: bell bottom jeans and tie-dye T-shirts. Our youth group thought it was cool to have a long-haired hippy dude who drove an old beat-up VW and carried a guitar and a Bible everywhere he went preaching Jesus. Although the older church establishment wasn’t thrilled about having drums and guitars in the church in those days, it was through our youth worship that I gave my life to the Lord Jesus and first sensed the call of God on my life for ministry.

Years later in the 1980’s the Lord would transform me again through another era of revival and renewal. After my military service in 1986, I enrolled in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. My goal: to obtain my Master of Divinity degree, get ordained, and become a “dynamic Southern Baptist preacher” like Billy Graham. During my first year of seminary, I recall feeling spiritually empty on the inside. I was checking all the “appropriate boxes” like a good Baptist boy should: attend church, read my Bible, pray, witness, etc., but I was hungry spiritually for so much more. It was one afternoon while studying for an exam in my seminary dorm room, I fell to my knees and prayed earnestly: “Lord, there’s got to be more to this – Jesus, I want whatever you have for me!” Indeed, a dangerous prayer because the Lord will answer the prayers of a good Baptist boy who asks for more

– I know from experience! It was then that my dorm room was filled with the overwhelming presence of God and as I was praying, a heavenly prayer language started coming out of my mouth. I was shocked and did not understand fully what was happening – my seminary classes had not prepared me for such an experience. I soon discovered that I was not alone, several other seminary students on campus had similar experiences as well when they sought the Lord with all their heart. What I did not know at that time was that some of the seminary professors like the late Roy Fish who taught evangelism and late Jack Gray who was involved with the Asbury campus revivals in the 1960’s were praying for a spiritual awakening on the seminary campus.<sup>1</sup> This growing group of seminary students who had experienced powerful outpourings of the Holy Spirit were soon meeting in prayer around the campus. My immediate group of friends who shared this similar experience of Spirit baptism and Spirit filling felt slightly displaced from conventional Baptist and seminary life. We jokingly referred to ourselves as “seminarians in exile.” You must realize that not all were willing to embrace our newfound spiritual renewal experience. Institutions and traditions will become challenged with each successive move of God’s Spirit – this is the Lord’s way of breaking through any religious spirits that might hinder a move of God. However, those that experience a fresh move of God must realize that they will not be accepted or affirmed by every believer. When I later moved from the dorm to share an apartment with other seminary students, I recall the shock and disbelief that one of my room mates had that, there could be such a thing as a “tongue talking Baptist.” I soon earned the nickname, “Bapticoctal” (hybrid slang for Baptist + Pentecostal).

One of the policies at seminary at the time was you were required to be a member of a “Southern Baptist Church.” Although a lot of mainline denominations were being impacted by the 1980’s renewal movement only a handful of Baptist churches embraced the gifts of the Spirit or Spirit baptism and filling. Lake Country Baptist was one of several in the Fort Worth area that gave freedom to the move of the Spirit in those days. Some of my friends and I soon attended and later joined. While at Lake Country we were soon introduced to the Fulness Conferences and Fulness Magazine. I was thrilled to worship with likeminded believers who were part of the 1980’s renewal. The Renewal leaders: Jim Hylton, Ras Robinson, Dudley Hall, Jesse McElreath and many others were on the leading edge of this era. After seminary, I later went on to plant churches with John Wimber in the Vineyard Christian Fellowship ministries. I was introduced to Wimber at a Fulness conference at Lake Country. Like my youth minister who had influenced me during the Jesus movement, Wimber was an icon not only of that era, but also a leader in the 1980’s renewal. He challenged the traditional church norms as a former rock-n-roll musician as a guy who wore Hawaiian shirts, khaki slacks, and tennis shoes rather than the conventional suit and tie whenever he preached.

What most of these leaders had in common was like my own experience – most had been raised in traditional

denominational backgrounds yet were impacted by a fresh anointing of God's Spirit. Ras Robinson, who most recently went home to be with the Lord, worked for Broadman Press, the primary publisher for educational resources in the Southern Baptist churches. Ras also moved out of his comfort zone to receive whatever the Lord had to give him. Ras and his wife Bev founded the Fullness in Christ Church during the renewal movement. Many years later when I remarried after my first wife passed away, I learned that my bride, Linda Fulmer, once attended Fullness in Christ Church and was tremendously blessed under Ras and Bev. They stretched their faith and went full throttle after God's presence. These leaders passed the torch to the next generation of pastors, teachers, evangelists, and missionaries who would in turn impart the fresh oil as "Sons and Daughters of Fullness". Most of these pioneers of the early renewal have now gone on to their heavenly home with Jesus. Ras Robinson who went to join his wife Bev in heaven are cheering this generation of believers on to perseverance in the things of the Lord: "We are now surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses" (Heb. 12:1). With these anointed men and women of God who have gone on before us, we are strengthened and encouraged with their testimony of faith to be open to the next great outpouring of God's Spirit – the next great awakening of the Church. I am challenged with the reading of a prophetic word from Ras Robinson and Family on their website *His Kingdom Prophecy* dated September 23, 2011: *A new season is dawning. The winds and clouds are its escorts. Nature confirms with the chorus of migrations. Seasons are My gift to you for a fresh new start. Release the old while embracing the new.*<sup>2</sup> In this new season, let us endeavor to "release the old while embracing the new." The next great move of God will require us to go beyond our comfort zones and to embrace the new for His glory!

<sup>1</sup>Author's note: Asbury campus in Wilmore, KY has experienced subsequent revivals through the decades, the most recent of which occurred in early 2023. The Lord uses certain "well springs" of revival like Azusa Street, Toronto & Brownsville to influence generations.

<sup>2</sup>His Kingdom Prophecy: Christian Prophecy, Prayers & Bible Sharing, September 23, 2011, accessed from <https://www.hiskingdomprophecy.com>.

## Mary Jo Pierce



### Do you Love Me? Feed My Sheep.

We were asked to begin our tribute for Ras by introducing ourselves. I thought that a bit awkward as everything I want to say is about Ras. Yet the more I pondered and prayed, I realized the truth of what I often said. The single most influential-impacting-anointed earthly voice in my life; walking with the Lord, serving the Lord, and hearing from the Lord, was "What the Lord is Saying Today". So, essentially, who I am and what I've been able to accomplish with the Lord has been significantly shaped by our beloved Ras and his ministry.

By way of introduction my name is Mary Jo Pierce. I am a Jesus lover and challah baker who has discovered the joy of

a living prayer out loud. I served Gateway Church as Pastor of Prayer and Intercession for over 17 years. Through my Acts 2:42 Prayer-Baking retreats I've hosted more than 800 people in our home teaching prayer, sabbath, rest and making challah bread! I recently released my third book on prayer: *Let It Rise: Sacred Ingredients for a Life of Prayer*. Whew! Enough about me.

In 2001, shortly after the launch of WTLIST (What the Lord is Saying Today), I experienced website problems and so I phoned the "help" number provided. Ras answered! RAS! I couldn't believe it! What I didn't realize, in more ways than one, "help-was-on-the-way." I didn't know then, I was speaking to a man who would become my spiritual father, pastor-teacher-mentor, and friend. And that through Holy Spirit anointing, Ras' words with prophetic timing, were so consistently accurate. He would teach, edify, encourage and often correct my walk with God. Day after day it was just the word, the correction, the compass, the confirmation God



knew I needed. The truth is the WTLIST, faithfully posted daily with supported scripture, framed my walk with the Lord; and as an overflow how I served others.

### A few personal recollections:

In 2003, while living in Colorado Springs, Bruce and I hosted Ras and his granddaughter Rebekah. One morning I watched Ras press send on the word for the day. I saw firsthand the heart of the spiritual father feeding the sheep. Our conversation that day gave me a peek into the kindness, wisdom and faithfulness of this special one.

Working at Gateway, building a prayer culture was a daunting task. Overwhelmed and way above my pay grade, often, Ras' word would be a compass, an answer, an encouragement. In a real sense Ras helped me build a culture and a people of prayer. I would reach out to Ras for counsel, comfort, wisdom, direction and was always met with a father's heart and help.

My sister Bernadette and I shared September birthdays. Year after year we would anxiously await our personal birthday gift from Ras. We would call each other and talk about it, celebrate it, and pray our prophetic-compass birthday word. In 2004, three days after Bernadette's birthday she moved to heaven. While officiating the celebration of her life, with tears, I read her birthday gift word from Ras. In hindsight it was foretelling her homecoming "your spirit will live forever."

I cried all the way to Ras' life celebration. I knew my tears weren't for Ras. Rather, they came from a deep well of gratitude and thanksgiving to God for Ras. A knowing that my life on earth and my eternity was impacted by this man who chose to live a life of obedience.

This man, this apostle-prophetic-teacher-evangelist-pastor who daily fed the sheep. Fresh manna. Spirit filled prophetic manna. Father's heart manna. Day after day.

**He pastored the Word.**

**He pastored the people.**

**He pastored the hungry and thirsty.**

**He pastored the voice of God**

**He pastored the prophetic.**

**He pastored you and me.**

In 2015 my birthday gift from Ras arrived! I literally would open the email and close my eyes in anticipation. I know others read it, but this was mine! How many of you have felt the same way! And not just on your birthday! And on this day he ended the WTLIST with my LIFE SCRIPTURE, Psalm 17:15! Oh, thank you Holy Spirit and thank you Ras.

Psalm 17:15 speaks to the time we literally meet HIM face to face, fully satisfied, having sweet communion with HIM. As I sat in the memorial service listening to so many others whose lives were deeply blessed and impacted by this one man, Ras, I was reminded of Psalm 17:15 and his eternal reward of meeting HIM face to face and having sweet communion with Him. *And how familiar that must have been for Ras. For year after year, Ras would wake in the morning, Bible in hand, would pull aside to meet with God face-to-face having sweet communion with Him. And then share it with us. Halleluiah!*

I'd like to end with a prayer:

*Lord, I speak a blessing over Ras' legacy, his anointing, the work of his hands and the work of his heart. That saying "the love in your heart wasn't put there to stay; love isn't love till you give it away" perfectly exemplifies the life of your beloved son and his ministry. I'm reminded of John 21 when You asked Peter repeatedly, "Do you love me?" Three times asked and three times answered, "Lord, you know I love You." You followed with this command, "feed My sheep." And that Ras did. Faithfully. I bless and honor Ras for loving us as Christ loved the church and laying down his life for each of us through his life and ministry. I bless his and Bev's courage to hear and obey. I bless the seeds he planted in our hearts. I celebrate his face-to-face meeting, having sweet communion with You. And I thank you for the honor and blessing of being considered, by him, one of his spiritual daughters. Amen.*

## David Clark



My name is David Clark. I live near Austin, Texas with my wife Sheri. We have been married twenty-seven years. We have three children and two grandchildren.

I met Ras Robinson by divine intervention. I had been told by a family friend about a man who was a modern-day prophet. This man happened to be Ras, who wrote a daily message from the Lord that was sent out by email. The email message was entitled "What the Lord Is Saying Today". This would have been in 2005. As I began to receive Ras' daily words from the Lord, it was as if the Lord was speaking directly to me. I had committed my life to walking with Jesus in 2003. I had asked the Lord if He would put godly men in my life so that I would know what a godly man looks like.

It was not long after that the Lord instructed me to contact Ras Robinson. The Lord told me that Ras needed an exact amount of money and to give the money to Ras for his ministry. I did not know Ras, so you can imagine how awkward that was going to be. This form of giving was new to me. I had gone through financial troubles about one year after 9/11/2001. Sheri and I were just starting to claw our way back from financial wreckage. We had made a promise to the Lord that we would use the money we earned as He directed us; we would use His resources as He wanted.

I recall telling the Lord that He was going to make me look crazy because Ras was a total stranger. Nonetheless, I found the telephone listing for Fullness in Christ Ministries, and I made the call. Ras took my call. I explained to Ras that the Lord had told me to call him and that Ras needed money. I asked Ras how much he needed. There was a long pause as I waited for Ras' response and had to ask him if he was still on the line. After stumbling for words, Ras said he was literally in a meeting right then to decide if he could go on a ministry trip, but that he was short the needed amount of money. I asked him again how much he needed. I told Ras that I was short on time so please just tell me how much he needed. Finally, Ras was able to tell me the amount, low and behold, it was the exact amount the Lord had told me. Ras was as surprised as I was, at the entire interaction that day. I sent the amount of money the Lord told me, and it was the exact amount Ras needed. Ras later told me from that single ministry trip that hundreds of men and women were saved and gave their life to Christ. This began the journey that continues today, as Sheri and I continue to sow into the fertile soil that Ras plowed as he was directed by the Lord. I believe it is paramount as we give back to the Lord, that we do so with like-minded churches, ministries, groups, and organizations that are truly impacting the Kingdom of God. It is the greatest 401K plan known to mankind.

Sheri and I prefer to give to the "grass roots" types of organization that use a majority of the gift or tithe for the purpose of leading the lost to Christ, instead of consuming large portions of the budget paying for overhead. Fullness in Christ Ministries embodies these principles. They can be

trusted to use the offerings we give as the gift was intended. This is notable.

We had many times of fellowship through the years with Ras, Bev and the entire Robinson family. A few years into our relationship, I asked Ras if he would be my spiritual father. I had a rough time growing up with my biological father and I desperately needed a genuine father figure. Ras was so loving towards me, and he gladly accepted my request. From that day forward I referred to Ras as “Pops.” One of my fondest memories is how kind and loving Ras’ children were to me and Sheri. Both, Robin Bohlin Robinson and Kevin Robinson referred to me as their brother and gladly shared their father with me.

I believe that without Beverly Robinson beside Ras, there would be no Fullness in Christ Church and Fullness in Christ Ministries. My honest opinion is that Bev was the “backbone” behind Ras and the Fullness in Christ network. Bev was smart, witty and wise. Most of all she was loving and kind. I would call Bev as much or more than I would speak with Ras. She was always there with an encouraging word, guidance and unconditional love. Bev was also articulate, funny and extremely spunky! We often prayed together over the phone. I received numerous emails from both Ras and Bev.

There was a season of ten years when my wife Sheri was seriously ill. On numerous occasions Ras, Bev and Kathy Bohlin would drive to our home to visit and pray with us. One time, they even drove to Breckenridge, Colorado to spend some time with us for a bite to eat, fellowship and prayer.

To this day, I have never met more genuine people as these three. I am in awe of our Lord that He would have Sheri and me partner with Fullness in Christ Ministries. We are believing the Lord has more for us all to accomplish. Sheri and I look forward to the amazing things that will occur walking hand in hand with FCM over the years to come. There are many lives to be reclaimed. The future is bright as we walk closely with the Lord!

## Dr. Thomas Reedy



### Not Many Fathers

I first met Ras and Beverly Robinson after I was fired from Northside Baptist Church in Mineral Wells, Texas, having experienced the baptism of the Holy Spirit under the ministry of John Wimber, a catalyst for Baptists to embrace the Fullness of the Holy Spirit. It was electrifying (literally) as the power of God and the voice of God began to speak to me, resulting in healings and church turmoil.

We had Ras Robinson down in late 1985 at our traditional (but open to the Spirit) Baptist Church where he encouraged the people to go on with the Spirit. He told the congregation, “Your pastor has the heart of David; he is a worshipper. He is going to receive three anointings.”

We attended The Fullness Conference at Bethesda

Church in Fort Worth. Paul Cain was speaking (where Joe Bohlin became Jonas Bohlin). We missed the meeting because Kathy, my wife, was hospitalized in a coma from a horse accident. Ras came to the hospital; I had been sleeping in the hospital for a couple of days, and he came up to me and said, “Go home your children need you, and you need rest.” I broke down and wept in his arms. It was in that difficult time that Ras truly became my father.

In 1990 at the phenomenal “Passion for Jesus Conference” hosted by Mike Bickle in Kansas City, unbeknownst to me, Ras and Bev were sitting directly behind us. When I turned and saw them, Ras said to me, “You and I are going to have a vital relationship,” which has been evident to this very day.

In 1997, we joined Fullness in Christ Church in Fort Worth as I started Ph.D. work at TCU while living in Mineral Wells. The first Sunday we came, Ras asked me to speak/minister. As I mentioned sacred spaces, someone asked me to take off my jacket, so I laid it at the altar; suddenly, people rushed forward putting their hands on my jacket to receive the anointing. I sat down by Ras and said, “You asked me to minister, but my jacket is doing the ministry.” The church was starting a revival, which Ras asked me to lead, and the Spirit did some remarkable things.

Because the church had evening services, we would spend the afternoon with Ras and Bev in their home, talking or sometimes napping while the children watched Veggie Tales. During this time, I truly decided that I wanted to be part of the Ras and Beverly Robinson family. Even today, the family legacy is apparent with Jonas telling us how much he loves us.

At some point, I shared my vision of what a church service should be like with people coming under the power of the Holy Spirit in the parking lot, foyer, and spontaneous healings, deliverances during the worship service. Ras said I see two Toms, the wild man Tom and the teacher Tom; he preferred the latter. I would have resisted that request if it had been anyone else; however, my love for Ras resulted in me being teacher Tom. Fullness has changed since January of 2022; it is not the same church and is closer to becoming what I had envisioned.

In 2000, Ras released us, and God sent us out to help a pastor transition his Baptist church to a non-denominational church to be called River Church. The Holy Spirit began to move and change the nature of the church. I realized that Ras had released me into full (mature) sonship. Pastor Ron had invited him to minister, but Ras told him, “You don’t need me; you have Tom Reedy.”

In 2002, we left and spent time at IHOP (International House of Prayer) in Kansas City, Missouri and I taught at the school. After a year and a half, I started planting churches, one of which was Wind and Fire Church. I supported myself by teaching at Summit Christian Academy. During a difficult disagreement with the school administration over the ministry of the Holy Spirit, I was ready to quit and get a different teaching job. I fasted, and at one point, I felt I got a release from teaching at the school. I called Ras to get his advice; he called me back after he prayed and told me I

should stay at the school--that things were going to change. It changed. I stayed, and we got a big raise. Ras saved my career and my retirement.

At some point, I wanted Ras to meet some of his grandchildren, so nine of us came up to be with Ras and Bev. We sat around the kitchen table as Ras encouraged each one of our core members by saying to each of them, "You know I sure do love you." I watched as each one was emotionally touched by the Holy Spirit through Ras, the apostle-pastor. Later, Ras wrote the Foreword to my book *Wrestling with God: Evangelicals and the Holy Spirit*, while my spiritual son, Cody Persell, wrote the Epilogue--three generations of the sons of Fullness. Today, Cody Persell is mentoring pastors in the ministry of deliverance, adding another generation.

In 2015, Ras invited me to preach a three-day revival. He was feeling a "little dry" and asked the Lord who he should get for the revival. The Lord told him, "Get Tom Reedy." I preached on "The Love of God", "The Holy Spirit", and "The Prophetic Lion." Once again, it felt like 1997 but with the new element of the prophetic roar--there was plenty of roaring and prophesying. Watching the video, I intimidated myself. At that time, I gave Ras the following word: I hear God saying, "I'm going to expand your inheritance." Children are a blessing from the Lord. A man's sons will possess the gates of the enemy. He is a generational God." This was a prophetic foreshadowing of the Sons of Fullness.

Here we are in 2023. I feel like we arrived late to the party. Having retired and returning to Fullness in Christ Church, I found Ras fully in the grasp of his dementia with Beverly released peacefully into glory earlier this year, yet the church is our thriving new home.

I felt led to visit Ras when he was in a coma, having spoken with Kathy Bohlin about him hanging on to life because apostles don't give up easily. His right eye was open and looking right at me. Believing he heard me, I quoted Philippians 1:21 and 24 to him "21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. 24 But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account." I asked him to ask the Lord if there was anything that remained for him to do because Jesus is ready to embrace him if he added his agreement to Jesus' desire to be with him in heaven. I assured him the church was in good hands with Jonas and Robin and experiencing revival, that the Fullness legacy is secure. After kissing him on the forehead, I went into the kitchen and cried tears of gratitude.

### **Nick and Cindy Lovenberg**



Nick and Cindy are the Founding Pastors of Freedom Christian Fellowship. Since its beginning in 2006, they both have witnessed countless lives changed by the power of the Holy Spirit. They witnessed miracles from physical healing to the restoration of relationships, marriages that were once hopeless given hope, and babies being saved from abortion. The

calling for the freedom of the Holy Spirit is still a deep passion in their hearts.

**Galatians 5:1** *"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."*

Nick and Cindy have 40 years of ministry experience as teachers of God's Word, Elders, Pastors, and for the past 19 years in the Apostolic Prophetic office, as well as serving as advisory board of two other churches. In the early 1980s, they founded the first 24-hour Crisis Pregnancy Hotline in Southwest Oklahoma, called Abortion Alternative Crisis Pregnancy. They currently reside in Colorado, ministering there as well as in Oklahoma and Texas. Nick and Cindy Lovenberg have been married for 44 years.

When we speak of Ras Robinson, we can't help but mention Bev Robinson. Ras and Bev were inseparable, one in union before God. What an amazing example of divine love on this earth!

*"So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate". Matthew 19:6*

Nick and I met Ras and Bev in 2006 during the birthing of Freedom Christian Fellowship. We found out about the daily word subscription of "What the Lord is Saying Today" through our youngest daughter's childhood friend.

One day as we were scrolling through the Fullness website, we read about their granddaughter (whom we have lovingly come to know, Rebekah), who was serving on a mission in Peru. At that time, Fullness was raising money so they could provide rice for the Peruvian people to whom they were ministering.

I can recall us thinking, "Wow! If they are sending and supporting their own granddaughter in the mission field of Peru, this is a ministry we could 100% get behind." We immediately sent our very first tithe from Freedom Christian Fellowship church to Fullness in Christ Ministries to purchase rice. It wasn't much longer after that when we began supporting the children in the Philippines via Pastor Rudy Esic. Several years later, our youngest daughter, Natalie, went on a mission trip with Kathy Bohlin to the Philippines through Fullness in Christ Ministries, where she met Pastor Rudy, his family and visited with some of the sponsored children.

One day, we sensed the Holy Spirit leading us to reach out to humbly ask Ras, Bev and Kathy Bohlin if they would come to FCF in Oklahoma to share with the congregation about themselves and the Fullness Ministry. From that moment on, they became family to Nick and me. We consider them our spiritual Father and Mother in faith! We have been blessed beyond words through their lives and ministry. Both were encouraging to us as we felt the Spirit's leading to continue with Outpouring meetings. Before long, we had the privilege to meet and get to know the entire Robinson and Bohlin family.

While visiting Fullness, Ras one day asked us to come into his office. It was there that I saw a beautiful wood carving, presumably of Caleb and Joshua, carrying a cluster

of grapes on their shoulders which they brought back from the Promised Land.

Numbers 13:23-25; and 14:7-9

*“23 When they reached the Valley of Eshkol, they cut off a branch bearing a single cluster of grapes. Two of them carried it on a pole between them, along with some pomegranates and figs. 24 That place was called the Valley of Eshkol because of the cluster of grapes the Israelites cut off there. 25 At the end of forty days they returned from exploring the land.”*



When the explorers returned to the Israelite community, Joshua and Caleb alone declared, “The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. 8 If the Lord is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. 9 Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the Lord is with us. Do not be afraid of them.”

Out of the 12 tribe leaders of Israel, only two came back with a good report. The other 10 leaders gave a bad report, being afraid of the battle with “giants”. This heart attitude of unbelief angered the Lord. Joshua and Caleb brought a favorable report, seeing the Promised Land of Canaan through the eyes of faith in God; they saw that God was bigger than the giants in the land. Verse 26 of Chapter 13 says, *“they brought back word to Moses, Aaron and to all the congregation and showed them the fruit of the land to the people of Israel.”* In verse 28, they testified that, *“it truly flows with milk and honey.”* Caleb said in verse 30, *“Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are able to overcome it.”*

Ras and Bev have always had the report of the Lord on their lips. No matter how the circumstances presented themselves, they always shared a word of hope and faith with anyone, at any time. They were great Depositors and Elevators of the Faith for the people of God. There has not been a one single time that Nick and I could recall being with Ras and Bev that we did not come away feeling elevated in faith and greatly encouraged. We recognized early on what a mighty gift these two were in our lives, just as many of you realized as well. We would often lovingly say to them, “When we grow up, we want to look just like you!” They lived and loved well! They loved God faithfully; they loved their family faithfully, and they loved the family of God faithfully.

Our lives have been enriched and enlarged in every way by their love and faithfulness to Jesus Christ and their commitment to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Though we miss the physical presence of them both, we know exactly where they now abide, and we know that they fulfilled the strategic and faithful calling that God had for them while upon this earth. We celebrate Ras’ home going, he is where we all aspire to be one day.

*“We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.” 2 Corinthians 5:8 NIV*

The Message Bible says 2 Corinthians 5:8 like this: *“That’s why we live with such good cheer. You won’t see us drooping our heads or dragging our feet! Cramped conditions here don’t get us down. They only remind us of the spacious living conditions ahead. It’s what we trust in but don’t yet see that keeps us going. Do you suppose a few ruts in the road or rocks in the path are going to stop us? When the time comes, we’ll be plenty ready to exchange exile for homecoming.”*

*“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints”*  
Psalm 116:15

The word translated as “precious” means of high worth, value or cost. In the original Hebrew, the term “saints” refers to the Lord’s faithful followers – those who love and serve God actively and commit themselves to a covenant relationship with him.

Ras and Bev will be greatly missed by many, to the ends of the earth, but their legacy of faith and love will continue to live on and produce good fruit in every life they have touched.

### Ken Bradley



I’m Kenneth Bradley. This picture was taken when I was in full-time ministry and deeply involved in the ministry of Fulness Magazine.

I’m 88 years old now and still involved in the ministry of my home church in Olive Branch, MS and still advocating the message of Fullness!

It was in 1979 that I first became aware that God was at work outside of the parameters of the Southern Baptist Convention. I had recently graduated from seminary and had begun my ministry in a small SBC church of 200 members in Mount Pleasant, Mississippi. While attending seminary I came in contact with Dr. Charles Culpepper. Dr. Culpepper had come out of the Shantung Revival during which the Holy Spirit moved across several provinces of China. He would often come to our church and preach about the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit.

One day I ran across an article in the Mississippi Baptist Register which reported about an extended meeting being conducted by Jim Hylton in West Plains, MO. I asked Dr. Culpepper whether he knew Jim Hylton and if he might be convinced to come to Mississippi. Dr. Charlie said that I should ask him to come but I thought someone as powerful as him would never come to a little church in Mount Pleasant, Mississippi.

I had nearly forgotten about that request until the time a woman in my congregation came under powerful demonic oppression. I found myself ill-equipped to handle the crisis. I finally called Jim Hylton who was involved in another meeting in Kentucky. He suggested that I contact a man named Ras Robinson, who at the time, was in a meeting at Frayser Baptist Church in Memphis. Ras agreed to meet with me and the woman in his motel room in Memphis. The results of that deliverance made a lasting impression on all of us in the room! It was the beginning of a relationship

with Ras and Fullness which continued to grow stronger and deeper across the years.

The Holy Spirit began to permeate Southern Baptist life. The first evening session of the Southern Baptist Convention became a Fullness Conference and well-received by most of the delegates. Most received these teachings on a personal level. Only a few us, though, began to teach these principles to our congregations.

### THE MAGAZINE

With the publication of Fulness Magazine, Ras began to take the message to a higher level. With each issue devoted to a single topic, it became a textbook taking us to higher levels. With teachers like Jack Taylor and others, reading each issue was like walking with the giants of the faith. It opened a door for me to invite men like Jack Taylor, Peter Lord, Jack Palmer and John Sheasby to teach our people.

### THE MUSIC

The Fulness Movement also became instrumental to the rise of psalmists who put melody to the Word, of taking us further into the Holy of Holies. I began to receive cassette tapes from Integrity's Hosanna! Music. We set our hymnbooks aside and began to sing "off the wall" projecting the words to a central screen. At first this was met with resistance, but soon became accepted by most of us.

### THE SCANDAL

These were sweet times for us as God moved in our midst. We developed into a close-knit community which was becoming ripe for revival. We were beginning to experience signs and wonders. People were coming to our church from 50 miles away in Memphis. During this time, it was Ras' five-fold ministry that became the glue that held us together.

God's invitation to participate in what He is doing always comes with a warning that not everybody is going to understand His purposes or His methods.

As our congregation became a regional center for renewal, some of the people in our rural community began to "want their church back". We were served with a notice to appear in court and respond to their demands that a community meeting be held where anyone who ever attended our church could have a vote about who would control the church.

To accede to their demands would certainly mean that the wider community would be witness to yet another religious scandal. We sought our own legal counsel to formulate a plan about how we would respond.

In the midst of seeking a solution to a situation that would only tear the community apart and bring disgrace to the cause of Christ I sought out Ras for his counsel. Here's what he told me: "Don't be afraid to let yourself be defrauded!"

On the day before the community was set to meet, we told the attorneys that we were willing to hand the keys to the building to those who opposed us and that we would walk away with that. The scandal was averted and God was

glorified. The following Sunday we met in a new building in a new location and resumed our spiritual journey that continues to this day.

The Lord's promise to me has been that I will not die until I experience revival. That has been the word which guides my life and ministry.

There have been three men who have made a life changing impact on me.

- Dr. Charles Culpepper who imparted the vision of what can happen when God moves on a global level.
- Jim Hylton who brought me into the flow of Fullness and guided me in my first steps on my journey.
- Then then there was Ras Robinson who encouraged me and those close to me to stay engaged in seeking Christ's Kingdom established in the earth.

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NOTE: Ken Bradley has been a mentor, pastor and friend from the moment I was called to the gospel ministry. Today he is nearly blind, but still vital in his quest to see revival come to America. I have had the privilege of taking the dictation of his story and sharing it with you. Like Ken, Ras was a friend and encourager to me. His influence on all of us can never be diminished. – STEVE JESSEN

### Barri Strait



I am Barri Strait, founder and director of Bernabe Latin American Ministries. Along with my wife, Annemarie, we have been serving as missionaries in Mexico, as well ministering in other Latin countries, since 2003.

I first met Ras and Bev Robinson at a conference in Lindale, Texas, at CCF (Community Christian Fellowship). Their testimonies of what Jesus had done in them were genuine and inspiring. Some time in the next year, I was contacted by the pastor of CCF, David Hickey, about taking a group of people with me on one of my excursions into the mountains of Central Mexico. Included in that group was Ras.

It was an eventful trip in several ways. Ras ministered to the pastors I had met in the past two years, and we had several heart to heart talks. Ras asked me some searching questions about my vision and calling, and encouraged me to set up a non-profit (at that time I was still single and running my missions trips through a local church). As we ministered together I enjoyed hearing and seeing the anointing in his life. One evening we were ministering high in the mountains in a church which was hot and stuffy. As Ras was teaching on the anointing and the power of God, a storm quickly blew in and knocked out the electricity. We finished the service by candle light and everyone enjoyed the refreshing that the cool rain storm brought. The next night, in another community, Ras felt led to bring the same message and it came with the same anointing. Again the electricity was knocked out and a cool, refreshing rain storm blew in, to everyone's delight. The following evening we were ministering in another community and just before Ras was going to teach, a brother who had accompanied us the previous days, stepped up and asked Ras, "Should we just go ahead and knock out the electricity ourselves?"



After Annemarie and I married, we enjoyed several trips to Fort Worth to visit the family at Fullness. Ras and Bev were so big on blessing and kept us in their prayers and giving for years. It was always refreshing to pop in for a visit, when touring Texas and visiting supporters and family.

In the spring of 2006, Ras called me quite unexpectedly. After warm greetings, he asked me a telling question. "Have you ever gone anywhere cold-turkey to minister?" He got my attention with that comment and he proceeded to tell me of the open vision he had concerning a map of a place he didn't know. He distinctly saw a name, which seemed to be in Spanish. The image zoomed out and God showed him Chiclayo, Peru. As he shared what God had been revealing to him. He asked me if I would pray about going with him. My wife and I prayed and definitely knew God's "Yes" was for this ministry trip. I joined Ras and a small group from Texas for an amazing 10 days of ministry; starting in Chiclayo and visiting amazing places and people in Peru. Interpreting for Ras was a treat. When he would talk with pastors and leaders, he would connect them; not just connect with them, but connect them. As the Lord would show him Kingdom purposes, he inspired others to connect for those purposes. It was not about Ras, it was about the Kingdom of God and his King, Jesus.

On this trip, I received some personal ministry from Ras as well. We were sharing a hotel room in Cusco and one night I had some troubling dreams. Ras asked me what was going on. I told him about an event that haunted my memories at the time; just months before, my then 3 year-old daughter had drowned. I pulled her limp body from the water and cried to God, shaking her to get all the water from her lungs. As my wife and I prayed in tongues and worked her body, she spit and was revived. What stuck in my mind was the blank expression on her face when I pulled her from the pool. She was staring at me crying for help when her lungs filled up. As I shared this with Ras, he sympathized but right away said that this was a spirit of torment that was using this incident to sidetrack me. He laid hands on me and cast off the foul spirit, which never returned to torment me. I would later use that testimony to bring deliverance to others as well.

The following year, I would join Ras and Bev along with another group from Texas, for another extended ministry trip in Peru. Working side-by-side in many places, it was a joy to see how quickly God moved through Ras, a fruit of his obedience to God's voice.

Over the years we stayed in touch but did not have opportunity to be together. However, several years ago Ras began to call me every couple of months. He would call to say Hi, joke around a bit, ask how we were doing, and tell me that he loved us. He wouldn't stay on the phone for very long but just wanted to let us know that we were in his thoughts and prayers. Sometimes he would call while out and about with Bev. Then last year, he began calling every month, and for a while called every week. Then it stopped.

Shortly before Ras passed away, he came into my thoughts. As I wondered what was going on, I received word that he was shutting down. Memories filled my heart, then I learned he was gone. As I reflect on the memories, thoughts and phone calls, they bring renewed blessing to

my life. Spiritual things were deposited in my life through knowing Ras and Bev. We are grateful to God for the many times our paths crossed with them and we co-labored for Jesus.

## Dale Simmons



### Willing to Change

Jesus called at least 12 men to follow Him. Others were asked and refused. We live in a society where we want things handed to us. We want the "Jesus life" served to us like a fine meal. What happened to the desire King David talked about, the desire to live in the presence of God? We have lost the desire to hunger after God.

I came to Fort Worth thinking I was going to Seminary. It wasn't a right fit for me. Actually, it wasn't the seminary I was supposed to attend. God had other plans. I wasn't sure what I wanted in my walk with Jesus, but what I found didn't fulfill me. I thought my desire to serve Him was over. God knew better. I am so glad He doesn't abandon us when we lose our way.

Through friends I found Lake Country Baptist Church. It wasn't your typical Baptist Church. There were things there I had been told were taboo, but there was something that I could not deny that was calling to my spirit. I wanted relationship, not just doctrine. Doctrine, I knew, but what I came to realize is not what I didn't know, but who I didn't know. There was a spirit there among the people that I had never experienced. I was afraid to admit it, but I wanted it. I wanted to know the God I had been taught about as a child, a God who cared about me, loved me, wanted the best for me. Was this it? If it was, it was going to cost. It would cost me my reputation as a "church person". It would cost me friends. They wouldn't understand, at least some of them wouldn't. I've learned in life you pay for what you get. My Christian life up to this point was pretty cheap. Yes, I had people make fun of me because of my faith, but never those who said they believe like me. This was going to cost me everything. Was I ready? Yes, I was. I told someone one time I would have done whatever they asked to follow Jesus.

For the first time in my life, I felt alive. My walk was not just words and statements of faith I had memorized as a child. It was no longer a what, but a who. I heard the words for the first time in my spirit, "Hi, I'm Jesus. I love you! I want to spend My life with you!" WOW! The God of the universe was talking to me, little ol' me! It's what my heart longed for.

During this time, I met three men who would profoundly change my life. Men who poured themselves into me. Now, don't hear this was heaven. It felt like it sometimes, but, for me, I was still a young arrogant man, who thought he now had all the answers. These men opened my heart to things of the Kingdom of God I had never known. They listened to me whine, complain, tell them it wasn't happening fast enough. If I had been them, I would have given up on me. Not them. They loved me, encouraged me, prayed with me

and never stopped fashioning me into all Jesus had for me.

No, they were not perfect. They were flawed. They made mistakes. This was the best part. They didn't try to hide their faults. I saw the real men they were. I saw their desire, just like mine, to live in the presence of God continually. I learned from their teaching, their desires, their failures. It takes someone who is passionate for God to be willing to lay all the cards on the table. It's the reason I loved them more.

I am now retired. My life didn't turn out the way I expected. I probably paid a price for following this way of life. Was it worth it? When you read the last chapter of the gospel of John, he says there is not enough paper to write all Jesus did in his life here. You don't have enough time to hear the stories I have about all I saw God do through these men.

I believe I graduated from the Fulness Movement Seminary. No, I don't have a diploma, nothing to hang on the wall, but I left with marching orders. Ras Robinson said it this way. I can still hear his voice. "In my vision I see bonfires of revival breaking out all over this country." I pray I had a part in lighting one of those fires. Did I see my desire fulfilled? Well, as a pastor, a little, but as a Chaplain in Public Safety, yes. I have had the opportunity to plant seeds into the lives of First Responders. These men and women protect us every day. I believe I have helped them see that God loves them and that they are not forgotten. I have been able to be there for them in the tragedy they see every day, to celebrate with them in marriages, births of children, and even weep with them in the death of their loved ones.

These three men are with Jesus. They heard those words we all long to hear one day, "The master was full of praise. 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'" (Matthew 25:23 NLT)

Would I change anything? Not on your life. Just as God knew the plans for me, He fulfilled my desire to know Him. I have a plan, His plan. I'm not finished here or with His plan. I will run to the finish line. I will break the tape. I will finish well and hear the words of Jesus just like they did. I want to see the face of my Savior, but guess who will be standing behind Him, also with big smiles on their faces?

## Bill and Pat Willard



Bill and Pat Willard have served as Elders at Fullness in Christ Church. They were married 54 years and have 4 children, 11 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter. Bill worked for 20 years as a home builder in Dallas/Ft. Worth area before retiring.

Pat continues to serve as an Elder and oversees the Prayer

ministry at Fullness. She also hosts a Single Ladies Ministry and Home Group. Bill passed into the Presence of Jesus in 2021.

When you walk each day simply desiring to please the Lord Jesus, yielding to be used by Him with the giftings He has given you, nothing you do is in vain. "Be steadfast immovable always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing your work is not in vain in the Lord." 1Corinthians 15:58

That is precisely how we came to meet Ras and eventually Bev Robinson. Bill served as a deacon in our former church, Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, in Groton, Connecticut. In 1988 Bill was asked by our Pastor Jim Schneider to drive Ras to the airport for his flight back to DFW, after his trip to our church leading a Fulness Conference. This was to become an annual Fulness Conference every fall. Bill's motivational gift was serving and he was happy to do so!

That day, a father-son connection began in the truck and it continued through the years. Ras asked Bill to share about himself and the conversation led to the different ministries he had started and continued to oversee: a backyard Christian movie night, a weekly "Good Neighbor Bible Club" for elementary children in our neighborhood, a weekly soup kitchen in the local elementary school, all the while being a parent to seven foster children. Bill was blessed with so many volunteers to help in these ministries to bring the Gospel to our community. In the Fall of 1990 we were accepted as missionaries to New Life League International, based out of Waco, TX. We began to make the necessary preparations to go to Guatemala and to become "house parents" in the orphanage there.

Through the ensuing years Ras and Bev would come to lead the conferences at our church and we stayed in contact and prayer with them. How one has "parents" 10 years older than themselves is a miracle to be sure! Ras and Bev had become just that, our spiritual parents. I remember the day Ras became my father in the Spirit. We were in worship. He was down front as we sang "Abba Father." My first thought was "how beautiful it is to see a man with arms spread wide apart worshipping our Father, and in that instant I knew he had become a father to me. The mutual love and respect has never stopped.

My motivational gift is hospitality. On one occasion in 1993 it was a joy to open our home to Ras and Bev. The conference was over and they hoped to travel through New England and cross the border of each state. Following their trip, I was serving breakfast at our dining room table. We shared our frustration about not being able to sell our home so we could move to Guatemala. Ras simply said, "If things don't work out there, consider coming to Fort Worth." Well, that came out of left field as far as we were concerned, we were on our way South! As God would have it, "things changed" over the next year. Bill stayed in contact with Ras and we sensed we were going to be moving to Fort Worth, Texas.

In January of 1995 we were on our way! The "mule train" looked something like this pulling up in front of their

home: a 26 foot U-Haul, a van, and a truck towing a car! Yes, we were moving in with them, kids, dog, and all while we looked for a house and a job for Bill. We came on the rhema word of God through Ras, to submit ourselves to them and commit ourselves to this body of believers. Not one time during the six weeks we stayed with them did we ever feel our family was anything but fully enveloped in their arms and heart. When you live in someone's home, personalities show. Ras was a self-disciplined man who kept a schedule and routine! Up and out of the house each morning for coffee at Whataburger, home at 6:30 for breakfast and unless he had a scheduled meeting, headed out the door, carrying his Bible and note book, jumping into his Toyota, heading west on I-20, wearing a yellow LSU hat, worshipping the Lord along with his favorite cassette tapes!

He was a man who knew how to motivate you beyond what you felt comfortable doing. He was keen to see your giftings and desired to see everyone in the body be used of the Lord. Bill had a vision years earlier, while we were still in Connecticut, of a large white tent where worship was happening, the gospel was being shared and needs in the community were met. Ras exhorted Bill to move out on that vision. We were new to Texas. He knew no one for "connections" and this launched him into a deeper walk, in faith, for every provision. This vision came to pass that next Spring in a large field in Saginaw. How Bill's heart expanded in trust towards man and God during those years under the covering of Ras.

Often, we would gather around their table for meals, church business or prayer. Ras was an encourager and would go around the table, and as anyone who knew him well, you would see his baby-blue eyes looking deep inside your soul and speak words of encouragement, challenge and even sometimes an exhortation. But always you felt the of love of God through him.

In 2001 we were asked to be Elders. We did not feel qualified, but knew God was calling us into this servant role. Our church has functioned with plurality of Elders with Ras being the Pastor until stepping into the Overseer's role. Our goal has been and always is, unity of the Spirit when decisions are made, knowing that Ras could, as the Pastor, make a final decision. I do not recall one time he ever moved ahead until we were all in agreement. Sometimes with much discussion, prayer and waiting on the Lord's timing. Our leadership has known the unity, peace and love of the Lord as we maneuver the affairs of the church and the spiritual needs in people's lives. Ras and Bev set a high bar to follow!

Others will tell, I am sure, of Ras's transition from a heart of an Apostle in Fort Worth, a "city of great worth" as he would say, to a heart for the nations.

The last three years have been those we all knew would come one day, but did not expect it so soon! Bill passed during Covid-19, Bev passed last year. Ras stopped heading west on I-20 and waited on Jesus to come for him, still sitting peacefully at his table, in his home where the door was never locked.

"For the eyes of the Lord run to, and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him." 2 Chronicles 16:9

## Jennifer Peikert



### Life In the Holy Spirit

My husband Jay and I formed Declaring the Truth Ministries around 2015. Ras Robinson called us a Son and Daughter of Fullness and we have ministered in two Sons and Daughter's Conferences. I am a published author and write a prophetic blog weekly on our website. I am a prophetic writer for "What the Lord is Saying Today" (WTLIST) and I write a column for Fullness Magazine. We also head up the inner healing/deliverance ministry at Fullness in Christ Church in Fort Worth, TX.

We have traveled to other nations and within the United States preaching the Gospel, healing the sick, setting the captives free and seeing God do miracles in our midst. It has been an incredible journey thus far. We have seen God do radical, out of the box things in our midst. Our desire has always been, "Lord, what do you want to do for the people in these meetings?" His plans and ways are higher than ours.

Holy Spirit is a person. He is part of the Godhead. He was sent to us for us and for others. My first encounter with Holy Spirit happened when Jay and I were dating. I was very sick and had gone to the doctor and was diagnosed with Spinal Meningitis.

Jay came over and began praying for me. After he prayed for me in his natural language, all he knew then, was to pray in tongues. To say it scared me would be an understatement. I had never heard anything like it and to be honest, didn't know what he was even doing. As he was praying in tongues something began to happen, my body began to bounce on the bed. It was as if an angel had a hold of the mattress and was shaking it. My eyes were wide open and so were Jay's. When that encounter was over, I went back to the doctor and I was completely healed. What a first encounter.

I know a lot of people who, when they were baptized with Holy Spirit, truly had an encounter. I personally did not experience that. I remember being prayed for to receive, but there wasn't this amazing encounter with Him. I can't say the date and time when I received Holy Spirit and began to speak in tongues. When it happened, it was as if He became a part of me. When He came to indwell me, He began to speak to me, bringing me revelation and insight. Then my prayer language/tongues just rolled out. When Holy Spirit came into me, so did power. Acts 1:8 NKJV *"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth,"*

1 Corinthians 2:10 NKJV *"But God has revealed to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the Spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God."*

I would like to share a powerful testimony of the leading of Holy Spirit. Jay and I were in another country with a team of ministers. This lovely couple had invited us all to stay at their home with them. One evening we all agreed we should pray for this couple and bless them and minister to them. The two ministers that we were with could speak their language; Jay and I could not. Everyone was sitting around the table talking before we prayed for this couple, Jay and I had no idea what was being said. As we began to pray for this couple, the other two ministers decided to step back and have Jay and me pray for them because we didn't have any information about this couple. Whatever we heard from Holy Spirit would be all revelation from God, not information. As we were praying for this couple, I heard the Spirit of God speak about their marriage. He began to show me the problems and what the source of their problems was. The enemy was trying to drive a wedge between them. We had no previous information about this couple's marriage. As God was speaking through me, the couple began to weep and they were both slain in the Spirit. While lying under the power of God, they received ministry. We continued to pray for them and minister to them as Holy Spirit led. They stood up, with tears rolling down their faces, hugging each other. Jay had noticed the wife was not wearing a wedding ring. He didn't share that with me until later; I had no idea. We ended the evening and went to bed.

The next morning Jay noticed the wife had her wedding ring on. As we were headed to the airport, one of the ministers that was with us began to tell us that the couple had planned to divorce. Because of what Holy Spirit revealed, the couple changed their minds about getting a divorce. Jay and I ministered to this couple by revelation of Holy Spirit and God restored their marriage and healed their hearts. They knew we had no way of knowing what was going on and that what had taken place was all God. This is what can happen when you get baptized with Holy Spirit. He shares the heart of God with you.

Jay and I have heard Holy Spirit tells us things, that without Him, we would have never known. He has led us in our personal lives and in ministry. He leads us, directs us and will reveal the heart of God to us. He wants to reveal secret things to you. Praying in tongues is nothing to be afraid of. It is such a powerful way to pray.

One time Jay was prompted by God to pray for his dad. He didn't know why or what to pray. He began to pray in tongues for him. He prayed in the tongues until he felt a release from God. Later that day he found out that his dad was in a wreck. He was not hurt nor was his vehicle. We know that Jay's praying had a lot to do with the outcome.

The Holy Spirit is in you and for you. He is on you for others. Jesus did not do any miracles before Holy Spirit descended on Him in the form of a dove (Luke 3:21-23 NKJV). We should desire all of God and all He has to give us. Holy Spirit is part of that. **Romans 8:14 NKJV** *"For as many are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God."*

God desires for us to live a Spirit-led life. We need Holy

Spirit; He is part of the Godhead. Life in the Spirit will know the next move of God, what He wants to do, before He does it. To walk in the Spirit is to align or subject oneself to the Spirit. Galatians 5:25 NKJV *"If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."* As we walk according to and with the Spirit, we will perceive ahead of time what God wants to do so that we can move with Him. This is God's desire, to know His heart and to move in Fullness WITH Him. We can do that with Holy Spirit. Receive Holy Spirit today.

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I am Bruce Cook, Ph.D., Th.D. and I have significant experience in business consulting, fundraising and resource development, private equity investments, business development, marketing, corporate communications, branding, media relations, higher education in administration and teaching, and Christian ministry. I am a frequent speaker for conferences, summits, seminars and workshops, and reside in Lakebay, Washington. I am married with two grown sons and two grandchildren. I became a Christian in 1964, and was ordained in Christian Ministry in 1985. I am a member of WayPoint Church, where I have served on the leadership team of the WayPoint South campus and am active on the prayer team, worship team, community dinners team, and men's ministry.

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It was around 2005 that I was first introduced to and met Ras and Bev Robinson and was connected to the Fullness in Christ ministry, family and network. He had recently connected with the late Dr. C. Peter Wagner and the International Coalition of Apostles (ICA), now ICAL, headquartered in the DFW area. A fellow member of that group had recommended that I meet Ras and Bev, and visit the renewal movement going on at the Fullness Church in north Fort Worth, TX. Others from the Austin area who also were regular attendees during this time were Mark and Suzi Henderson, David and Sheri Clark, Kenn and Michele Renner, and David and Petie Newsome from Temple. Dan Slade from Catch the Fire Ministries in Toronto also attended several of the meetings during this time at Fullness.

I was struck by the biblical church government, humble but strong leadership, family atmosphere, anointed worship, hunger for the Lord and pursuit of the Holy Spirit in the meetings I attended, and the genuine mutual love and affection, respect and honor I saw lived out and modeled by Ras and Bev toward each other, and toward others, including Robin, Jonas, Kathy, Kevin and Jeanette. "They loved their family and placed a high value on creating a family culture in their ministry," I said, "and made the Holy Spirit welcome and offered prayer ministry to attendees as needed." I added, "Ras and Bev set a high bar as they created and led the Fullness community, stepped out in faith and began faithfully writing daily prophetic words to encourage others for many years, and then were stretched again by faith to begin a rice evangelism ministry and schools in the Philippines, Bolivia, Peru and other developing countries."

I feel led to share this story from a Fullness-sponsored missions trip that I was part of in 2007 to LaPaz, Bolivia and Lake Titicaca, which lies half in Peru and half in Bolivia. Bolivia is among the poorest nations on the earth, and in both Peru and Bolivia, the Philippines, India, Brazil, and many other places on earth, children live on garbage dumps. On this particular trip, led by Apostle David Newsome, Temple, Texas. and his wife Prophet Petie Newsome, our mission was to meet and minister to local leaders, set up rice evangelism programs for several churches and orphanages in the regions, purchase initial food supplies, conduct evangelistic services as well as street evangelism, and conduct strategic intercession. As a result, a number of people came to know the Lord and received salvation.

One of the more interesting aspects of this trip was the opportunity to be involved in strategic intercession and to prophesy to local and regional leaders. Did I mention that LaPaz has the highest altitude of any airport in the world at over 14,000 feet? The altitude definitely took some getting used to. One sunny day we interceded outside the presidential palace, the legislative headquarters building, the vice president's office, a large Catholic church, and the three largest banks in Bolivia. All of these were located within a few blocks of each other. Then, on another day, which was overcast and raining, our team was driven to a mountain overlooking Lake Titicaca, which was several hours from La Paz by car. Lake Titicaca is considered by many experts to be one of the most potent centers of black

magic in the world. Many priests come there from Tibet, India, Nepal and other nations to renew their black magic powers. There are rumored to be one or more demonic idols buried in the lake, and there is an ancient temple ruins nearby.

Our team was told by an indigenous apostle who seemed well-informed that as part of a recent presidential inauguration, a baby boy was cut in seven pieces and his body sent to different parts of the nation by one of the spiritual advisors to the president. We were not able to verify that, but instead had to pray for a short while inside our vehicle after arriving at the mountain for the rain to stop so we could carry out our assignment that day, and after 30 minutes, the rain stopped only where we were parked and on top of the mountain, and kept raining everywhere else in sight.

After reaching the summit after a brisk 30 minute nearly vertical hike, we discovered a demonic altar and tore that down and performed several land repentance acts and ceremonies over several hours, built an altar to the Lord, and made a number of decrees over Peru and Bolivia. As we were finishing, the rain began again and before we could start down the mountain, one of our team members began to experience symptoms of hypothermia due to the coolness of the altitude. The team leader and I bundled her up with gloves and extra jackets and hustled her down the mountain and into a waiting warmed car in time to prevent any problems. After a visit to a restaurant on the lake, a delicious and inexpensive fish and vegetable lunch, and a few prayers and prophetic acts over the lake, we called it a day and returned to our hotel. I am fully expecting those decrees to have had an effect and to come to pass.

Perhaps the highlight of this trip, however, was a visit to the downtown marketplace in La Paz one night. We left our hotel after midnight by taxi and were in search of a group of street teenagers known to get high from sniffing glue. After some effort we found a group of them on a side street in a huddle and offered to buy them dinner from a street vendor of their choice. With some hesitation they accepted and we watched them eat several plates of food. As they were eating, the Holy Spirit spoke to me about one young woman and said, "She is ready to come into the Kingdom." So I asked her if she would like to receive Jesus as her Lord and Savior. She said, "Yes!" and our team began praying for her. After a few moments, the rest of the street group saw what was happening and came over and said they wanted the same thing. The entire group of street teens received salvation early that morning through a word of knowledge, teamwork, and the gift of Prophetic Evangelism because of the vision and faith of Fullness Ministries.

This is only one of countless other similar stories that could be told and so Ras and Bev, 'Rest in peace and enter into the joy and the rewards, crowns and mansions in heaven awaiting you. You have left an enduring legacy, and a heritage and inheritance for your children and children's children,' which is a sign of true apostolic leadership and being a godly father and mother. I honor your lives and memories. Well done, good and faithful servants.

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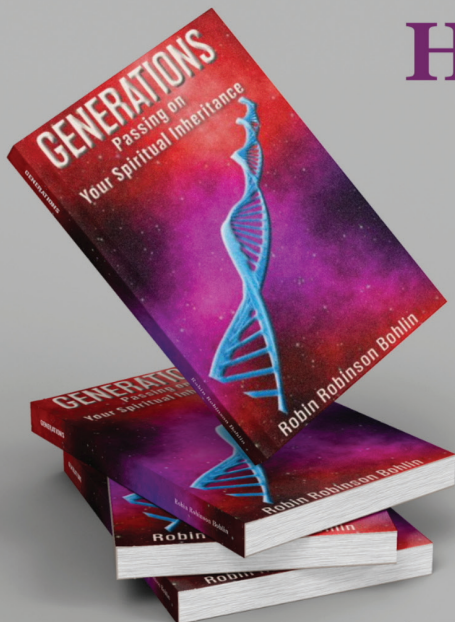


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**Ephesians 3: 14-19**