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BETTER TOGETHER

Over the last couple of months, I've written about the importance of learning and growing together with other people. This month I want to tell you about two resources Streams is making available to help you find your "extended family" with us.

Online Community

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!
— Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

When you attend a Streams course or conference, you can make connections that last a lifetime. Dawna and I are still friends with people who attended the same Art of Hearing God course we took in Cartersville, Georgia, way back in 2001. What would it be like if the Streams family could easily make the same kind of connections online? That is our prayer!

We have been brainstorming ways we could create more community and provide more assistance to our partners, and we've come up with some exciting ideas. One of those is our online community. In April we are launching Streams Tribe. Streams Tribe is the new name of the Streams partner program. You'll be receiving a full explanation in the mail soon.

The new Streams website will have a discussion forum in the portal (previously the Streams Partner Portal), which is the hub for all the resources and benefits you receive as part of Streams Tribe. The

forum will include a number of great discussion threads:

- Dreams and Visions: a place for you to interpret each other's dreams and visions
- Prophetic Words: where you can ask questions about words you've received or give words to each other
- Local Gatherings: posts about local gatherings, outreaches and other events
- Fireside Chat Questions: Do you have any questions you'd like me to answer in a video?
- Prayer Requests: an online prayer room where you can pray for each other
- Testimonies: a place to honor what God has done in your life by sharing testimonies of healings, miracles and answered prayers
- Questions from Courses: If any questions have come up as you've taken our courses, you can post them here to get an answer from one of our Streams teachers.
- Bible Questions and Thoughts: Do you have something interesting you'd like to share, such as a new way of seeing a Bible verse? This is a place for discussion without argument.
- Community Discussion: all other topics

These days, we use crowdsourcing for so many things—from graphic design to new videos, from creative projects to inventions. Let's bring the crowdsourcing idea into the church and harness it for the expansion of the Kingdom.

The key to crowdsourcing is participation. As you get involved with Streams Tribe, you may find you have the solution to someone else's problem, the answer to their question, the interpretation of their dream or the testimony that releases breakthrough in their life. And someone else probably has the solution to what you are going through. "Two are better than one," as Ecclesiastes says.

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Streams staff will not be monitoring all the posts that go up, but that is the beauty of this online community. Streams is not a person or a building—it is a tribe! You are Streams. We all are Streams. We are asking our teachers to help answer any questions posted about the Streams courses, and I will see every question posted in the Fireside Chat thread and choose which ones to answer on video.

Hearing God's Voice Small Group Study

The other resource we've developed to help build community is the Hearing God's Voice small group study. We've been working on this for years. John Paul Jackson wanted a small group study that would be accessible to anyone in any church, so the whole body could grow in the things of the Spirit.

We recognize that while parts of The Art of Hearing God course are specific to those called to prophetic ministry, many of its principles affect everyone in the Body of Christ. Mike Wise, who was on staff here for many years, worked hard to develop a small group curriculum based on John Paul's videos. Our hope is that with this new study, any church small group, house church or spiritual fellowship will be able to grow in hearing God's voice.

The study covers these topics:

- Levels of hearing God's voice
- The soul, the spirit, and God's incredible light
- Spirit rule vs. soul rule
- Knowing God's voice
- The dark night of the soul
- The moment of choice
- Public and private victories
- Spiritual listening
- Renewed in the spirit of your mind
- Godward meditation

This will be a powerful tool to help people mature in the things of the Spirit and know God better.

Persecuted Church

What excites me the most about the new small group study is that we've already started translating it into Chinese and Hindi. We will also make it available at no cost to the underground church in China and to churches throughout India and the Middle East that speak Hindi. We are able to do this because of your gifts toward our persecuted church fund. We haven't completed this project yet, so if you designate a financial gift to the persecuted church, it will help us get more discipleship resources into the hands of our brothers and sisters suffering persecution.

Thank you for your donations and prayers. We are seeing great fruit around the world, and our tribe is expanding.

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As a member of our Streams Tribe we want to make sure you have a place for your questions to be answered. In the letter you found out about the new forum where you can interact with one another, Fireside Chats is a place for us to answer your questions. We will be releasing videos exclusively to

Streams Tribe in our online portal to answer the questions you submit. If you are in the Dallas/Fort Worth area or are planning to visit let us know at the office. If it is possible we would love you to join us in the studio to ask your question in person! Here is how you can send in a question:

E-mail: partners@streamsmministries.com
 Online: **Fireside Chat thread in the Tribe portal**
 Phone: **1.888.441.8080**

COURSES

The Art of Hearing God

- April 19 - 21, 2018 | Dayton, OH | Taught by Lisa Winter
- April 26 - 28, 2018 | Fourways, South Africa | Taught by Yael Berry
- June 7 - 9, 2018 | Wichita, KS | Taught by Lisa Winter

Understanding Dreams & Visions

- May 3 - 5, 2018 | Coeur d'Alene, ID | Taught by Rob Mazza
- June 7 - 9, 2018 | Fourways, South Africa | Taught by Yael Berry
- Aug 8 - 11, 2018 | Limburg, Germany | Taught by Rick Hays, Charity Bowman-Webb & Team

Advanced Workshop in Dreams & Visions

- July 12 - 14, 2018 | Fourways, South Africa | Taught by Yael Berry