

## Pray for the Ship to Turn

*A word brought by Joan Bennet at the Aglow Int'l Conference, WE KNOW, in St. Louis 2022*

In May 2022, I attended a prophetic conference at Seattle Bible College. During lunch, a known prophetic voice and teacher at the college approached me and began to prophesy over me. She did not know me or that I am a part of Aglow.

I will share three key words with you from this prophesy.

1. **Assignment** – She said you have an assignment. It may be your final one.
2. **Ship** – She saw a battle ship and said I was to pray for “the ship to turn”.  
What came to my mind were the times Aglow has been referred to as a “ship” and the times the Lord has turned Aglow into a new day and new direction. She ended by saying, “and the ship may not turn!”
3. **It is a transitional time** – She said pray when He calls you. As when He called Samuel, pray strategically as the Holy Spirit leads during these times. Watch and pray.

As I have prayed over this word and sought the guidance of the Holy Spirit. He continues to expand and give further insight into the “turning of the ship”.

Since Covid began, it may have seemed that the ship of Aglow has been moored and tied up to the dock for the last two years waiting for the Lord’s direction. What will be next?

As I prepared this message, the Lord spoke to me and said: ***Find out how long it takes to turn a battleship.***

What came to mind was my father who served in the U.S. Navy and was on the USS Detroit – Cruiser ship in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. The Detroit was a Flagship, the communication/command center for the fleet in the Pacific.

It was a quiet Sunday morning and the USS Detroit was moored to the dock on the other side of Ford Island away from the battleships. There were no plans for that day except regular duties. Suddenly everything changed as the attack began on Pearl Harbor. The ship had to get under way as quickly as possible.

On the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, I was with my father watching on television the happenings of that historic day. I remember he began to tell his story and said, “Joan, do you know how long it takes to “turn a ship” the size of the USS Detroit?” The engines need to be brought up to speed in order to move and it can take time. 1-3 hours. They did not have time that day!

A torpedo launched directly at the USS Detroit missed its target passing under the ship and landing on the beach. It did not explode! Somehow, the USS Detroit was able to get underway, made an end for end turn and proceeded up the channel. In spite of the carnage happening around them, It was a miracle that the USS Detroit made it through the opening of the harbor and out to sea unscathed. They had to move out to “deeper waters” in order to regroup with other ships. We were at war!

### **How long does it take to turn a ship?**

I believe the ship of Aglow, is ready to turn and move out into deeper waters with Him when He gives the order. Our anchors are up. Our engines are running. He has equipped us over the years for this time and we are ready to get underway. ***We are ready for the next course change.***

Pray in the days ahead for the ship of Aglow to be ready to turn in His timing!

In the US, we are praying for our nation to turn back to God. It has begun because of the prayers of the rising Ecclesia.

An example - The abortion law was overturned at the Federal Level of our government on June 24, 2022.

- This was due to the ongoing prayers over many years.
- We rejoice one battle was won... **but we are still at war and cannot relax.**
- **Praying for our nations may also be our final assignment!**

We are going to be grappling and contending for our nation in the days ahead.

***Aglow, we are in the beginnings of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Great Awakening.*** As the days get darker, more and more people will be crying out to God!

My husband served in the Marine Corp as a combat veteran who served two tours in Vietnam. He speaks of being in the midst of a battle where they had lost many men. It was a dire situation where they were surrounded and pinned down by the enemy. Due to the darkness and cloudy skies, the rescue choppers could not land and gather the men. The men of his outfit were spread out over a large area and the Lieutenant managed to get to each one to say: **If you know God, Pray! If you do not know God, Pray anyway! Otherwise, we will not see morning!**

There is an expression: **there are no atheists in a foxhole!** The men did pray, the clouds opened, and the helicopters got in to rescue the troops. It was a miracle!

***People are feeling lost, hopeless and “pinned down” as they seek God in these dark times. Pray that the clouds over the lost will open and they will see the light of His Presence within us and be rescued by His grace. We are carriers of His Presence.***

We know that Prayer changes things. It can happen in an instant – things can change and move in a different direction. As we watch the days get darker and turmoil in the nations grow. Where there are wars and rumors of wars!

***Our assignment is to Pray as the Holy Spirit leads you for Aglow and for your nations to turn.***

***Aglow and the nations are in a transitional time.*** The ship of Aglow is ready to turn in the next direction God wants her to go. It will be a quicker turning than in times past.

Just as it took hours to turn a battleship in the war times of our fathers, today’s ships have the capability to turn much more quickly. Today a modern ship can turn in 3-5 minutes.

We will see a course change come quickly. God can turn Aglow and a nation in a day! He is our Captain and is at the helm of the ship of Aglow. He is our gyroscope. He will keep Aglow on course in His timing and for His purposes!

**Some have asked where Aglow will be in 5 years. Only God knows.** Things may look different. Our focus will change, as we look outward towards the lost and hurting world. Aglow, we have been called for this time in history and placed in our nations by our God for His purposes.

Pray the Aglow “Flag Ship” turns and moves out to deeper waters with Him. Pray the “fleet” of Aglow, the nations, will follow.

I believe it has already begun!

*Habakkuk 2:14 – For the earth will be filled with the Knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.*