

# A Brief Introduction to Banners

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**Banners are symbolic;** they are physical manifestations that represent spiritual truths important for Kingdom living.

**They speak of identity,** reminding us that we are part of something bigger than ourselves and that our God is even bigger than the limits of our mind.

**Banners add a visual dimension to worship:** they add a dramatic, colourful and joyful aspect to worship.

**Banners can help intercessors and prayer warriors** extend what they already do. They can also be used for gentle healing and deliverance ministry, with or without words.

**Banners have very strong precedence in Scripture,** including a direct command from God for men to use them. *The Lord said to Moses and Aaron: "The Israelites are to camp around the Tent of Meeting... each man under his standard with the banners of his family." Numbers 2:1-34*

**God the Father uses banners.**

*He lifts up a banner for the distant nations. Isaiah 5:25;*

**Jesus Christ is a banner.**

*In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and His place of rest will be glorious. Isaiah 11:10*

**Holy Spirit uses banners.** *When the enemy shall come in, like a flood the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him and put him to flight. Isaiah 59:19*



**Banners release movement:** they are visual and add impact to worship. Movement in worship and liturgy has largely been lost from the church. Jesus and his disciples moved when they worshipped and banners help to bring movement back.

**Banners provide a language** that crosses cultural and denominational boundaries. They speak to the unchurched.

**Banners encourage people to understand their authority,** to speak God's Word and to be more obedient in

taking and using that authority to change the atmosphere around them.

**Banners provoke confidence in God,** encouraging men, women and children to step into their authority, to intercede and to prophesy. Properly used, banners help godly men to rise up into their destiny.

**Banners are powerful tools for Worship** They enlarge and extend our worship. They encourage a deeper and broader experience, drawing out from our innermost being a yearning to move in response to God.

**Banners reduce the fear of man** by allowing us to be extravagant and expressive and help us to keep our focus on God and not ourselves.

**Banners are a catalyst for corporate worship.** They express the manifold presence of God, and rally us to flow together more naturally and organically. They allow us to spontaneously interact with others in worship in a way that the total becomes greater than the sum of the parts.

## Banners are powerful tools for *Intercession*

Banners allow us to pray with our whole body; they provide focus and unity and take our intercession to the next level. They remind us how big our God is. They enable us to stay on task either as individuals or as a group. They also make for an easy flow between worship, intercession, and warfare.

## Banners are powerful tools for *Healing and Deliverance*

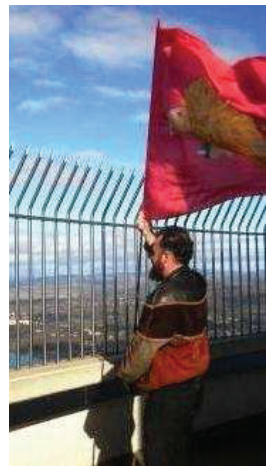
Banners can be used in prophetic acts which make the truths of God more real and physically present, bypassing the rational, verbal and auditory channels. People who have trouble receiving ministry are often deeply touched by banners.

## Banners are powerful tools for *Warfare*

Banners enlarge our focus and give courage in warfare. Because they are physical, they help bring unity and put a face on our warfare. Using our whole body in intercession or warfare removes feelings of powerlessness. Using a banner gives us boldness and confidence to remember how big and powerful God is in every situation.

Banners are an ancient tool that God is re-issuing for His Great End-time Army.

I strongly encourage you to investigate and use them!





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David Stanfield is a global leader and authority on banners in worship, intercession, healing, deliverance and warfare.



He also conveys an understanding of the changing face of the church and the emerging Kingdom of God. He is passionate about people hearing from God for themselves, discovering their personal destiny and walking in obedience to God's call.

David equips, imparts and activates people to use banners effectively and confidently by speaking at conferences and running workshops and seminars around the world.

David believes God is re-introducing banners in our day as a tool to set His people free. Banners draw people out from the blockages and bondages that restrict their freedom and obedience.

Banners also stir up the prophetic gifting, providing a language and the confidence to share what God is saying.

Basic and advanced level training workshops take people to higher levels of understanding, confidence and authority. Participants are equipped and encouraged to step into their future, to change the atmosphere in their home, congregation, city and region.

David inspires Christians to discover and activate their own role in what God is doing on the earth today.



Spontaneous, expressive worship attracts the presence of God and creates an atmosphere where people are healed, restored and set free. David is particularly passionate about men becoming free and able to move as men.

At Christian conferences and outdoor events, David coordinates worshippers to work together to add color and movement on a large scale, bringing an atmosphere of unity, order and worship. He also performs solo pieces with banners that minister deeply to people's hearts.

Within the spheres of banners and the changing church, David has an apostolic calling to connect people across denominational, regional and national boundaries.

In every nation there are many thousands of people who have a call and destiny to use banners with great authority that are not yet using them. Many more are using them in a limited way and do not yet understand or use banners effectively.



## Are you are looking for...

- Equipping and activation in the effective use of banners?
- Greater freedom in worship?
- Increase in prophetic flow?
- Men activated to rise into their authority?
- Men, women and children discovering and stepping into their destiny?
- Creative people healed, restored and encouraged?
- Unity across denominations and cities?

Contact David to see how he can serve you

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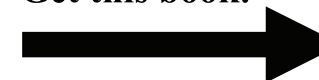
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