

# Keeping *in* Touch



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*...whether I come and see you, or else be  
absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye  
stand fast in one spirit, with one mind  
striving together for the faith of the gospel;  
Philippians 1:27*

Jeremiah 31:12

Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all.

# Info Center

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Dear Readers,

Welcome to our new bulletin. Our aim is to bring you the Word of God, encouragement for your soul, that you would be edified through and through! We are pleased to be able to transcribe so many wonderful messages for your benefit and hope that you will find the time during this busy summer to sit down, cool off and enjoy reading them. There are words from Brother duCille, Brother Kluson and Brother Schneider as well as testimonies of God's workings by Terry Smith, Cathy Burton and Stacy Asbill. Be sure to check out what the kids have to say this time - they are always a blessing! As always, we love to receive testimonies, articles, book reports, you name it, to print in our future editions. Take a pen and paper or sit at your computer and send us a letter to one of the addresses below.

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# UNITY ONLY THROUGH THE TRUTH

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business of the day. The Lord knows about it. It is no excuse that we have to take care of our families, and feed them and go and do business. What God is saying in the every day business is that you can miss the whole thing. If your mind is set on feeding your bellies and assuring that you have things to eat - you are in the meeting one day and the next day you go to work, and you are running from morning to the evening, and there is no God, then you remember that there is God and you go to the meeting... It is not sufficient anymore!

We have to hear what the Lord says. We have to tune our ears. We have to come with God. No more can we say, "Lord, this is what we decided to do and we pray that You would come and bless it, and do this and do that." It is the very opposite of what God is requiring in this hour. We need to come before the Lord and say, "Lord, I have nothing else to do but to do Your will." Yes? Doesn't the Lord know that we need to eat and to drink? Have you ever obeyed the Lord, followed Him and found yourself dying from hunger? No! So we don't need to worry about that part, yes? But we, in the morning, need to tune our ear to the Lord and say, "Lord, here I am to do Thy will." In the meeting, in the fellowship, "Lord, we have nothing else to do. We have no agenda, no personal issues, no business, no church agenda but to do Your will." You have to first learn to hear the Lord. If you don't hear, you cannot obey, you cannot follow.

My daughter was struggling with some sinus problems, and her ears were blocked; she couldn't hear well. I didn't require obedience if I knew she didn't hear me. I first made sure that she heard what I said. So, if you cannot hear what the Lord is saying, you cannot follow. So first, let's hear what the Lord says.

I Corinthians 10:8, ***Neither let us commit fornication...*** Brethren, we have to be honest before the Lord. When we go to our closet, the Lord knows our heart, if we have committed fornication. This is not only committing in a thing I do, but we have heard from God that it is also what I think, what I have in my mind, what I have in my desires. It is no excuse that we are just people, right? Or that everybody thinks that way in this hour. Or that all the young people... These are NOT excuses! God is saying, "Be ye holy, as I AM holy" (Leviticus 11:44-45, I Peter 1:16). So, God understands fornication to be even a desire or a wrong picture in our minds. And what is the consequence? We think nobody sees it. I'm sitting in the church and I look all right. Nobody knows it. My wife doesn't even know it. Nobody can see, but there is One - who is He? The Lord! Does He see? Is He judging? Is He going to judge? He says He will, because they were committing fornication. Verse 8, ***Neither let us commit fornication,***

Everybody has a Bible, but there are also 6,000 years of people and God working, and everything for which they have worked is for the last hour. We will get to the scripture. Everything in the past was for the purpose of doing and finishing God's business in this last hour. God invested 6,000 years of blood and the slaying of His own people that we would be able to have all of this for our example, and we should take it and do what we are asked to do with it. There is the blood of the people who went before us. Amen.

I Corinthians 10:6, ***Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. <sup>7</sup>Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them.*** What is it, idolatry? Let us read next, ***...as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.*** What is wrong with eating and drinking, brethren? Do you eat and drink? Yes, we all eat and drink but the Lord is requiring our minds to be higher and to be on the things of the Lord. It is no excuse that we have the

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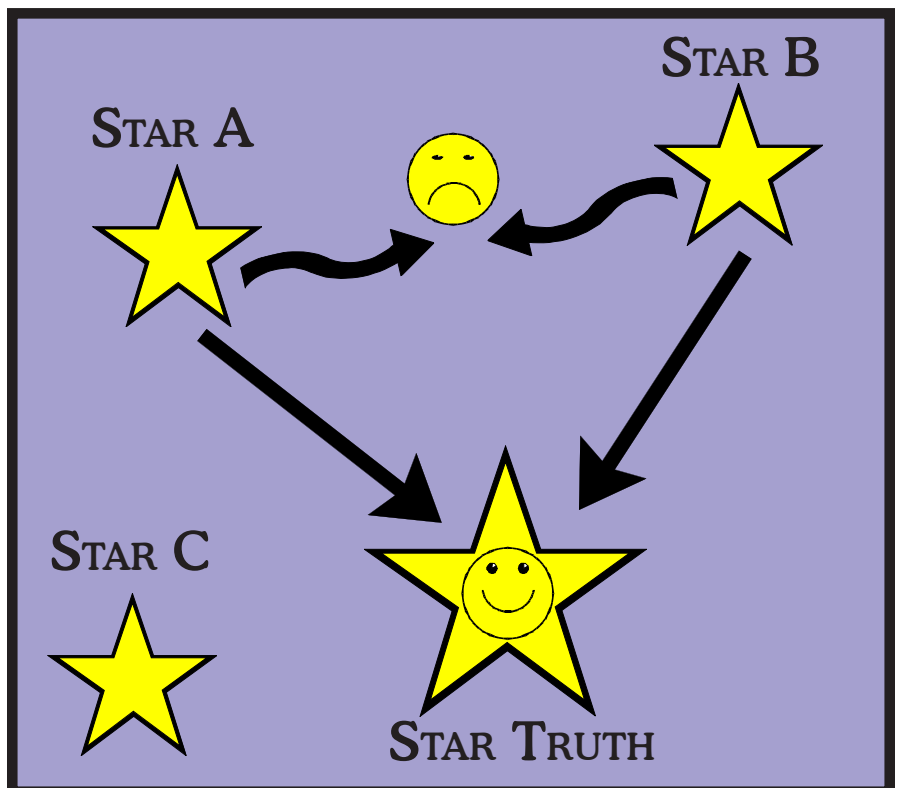
*as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.* What do we think? If God slew twenty-three thousand people then, is He going to let us go in? With all these things in our mind, who are we deceiving? God said in the beginning, I Corinthians 10:1, **Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant.**

Sitting under this Word is not sufficient. Being in the position of, "I like it! It pleases me!" IS NOT SUFFICIENT. There is something that is required. There is a commitment that is required. There is a walk that is required. If you are alive by the Spirit, you should walk by the Spirit. There is no middle ground. I don't think that there is any space between the Outer Court and the Holy Place. Is there something? Can somebody correct me? NO! So you are either OUT or you are IN. Amen? And the requirements are set here, in the Bible. You know, we don't need to have our own opinion on things. There is nothing else but the Word of God, and the Word of God is very clear on what it requires! Praise the Lord! So, let us not be deceived, brethren, and let us not deceive each other. This hour is too serious. Praise the Lord!

God is not measuring the Outer Court. If you would go to Revelation 11:2, you would see that the Outer Court is not being measured. It will be given to the Gentiles to be trampled on. Brethren, we are baptized and we are saved. Praise God! It is a marvelous thing to be saved. But still, it is not sufficient. You don't settle for that. There are millions of people who settle for that, but a price was paid to get further on. Saved is to be changed into only one image, one likeness. You know, there is something that is easy in following the Lord, and this is the rules that we are given. We are not to make the image. What should we conform to? "Let's agree, brethren, and make an image to which we want to conform." NO, brethren, that was already done. Hallelujah! So the Lord is saying that we shall be like Him.

I think it was about 13 years ago that I remember a convention we had, and we had a little group there that did not believe exactly the same as us. We were in disagreement on something. They had a little bit different perception of the Word. I prayed

to the Lord and I said, "Lord, what can I do to be united with them? What can we do? Lord, I mean, they are pleasant people. I love them. We have walked together for several years. Now, Lord, it seems this group is shifting a different direction. Lord, we have to be united. We have to find some ground on which to unite ourselves." I went and I slept outside. There was a beautiful sky, and I could see a lot of stars. I was looking at the stars and I saw a picture. You can imagine a sky full of stars, and God pointed to a star and He said, "This star is like one of the groups." I said, "All right." Let's call it star A. Then He pointed at another star. It was star B. He said, "That's your group." Then He said, "You want them to be united," and I said, "Yes, Lord! That is my desire. I love the people." He said, "Yes, I do, too. What is the distance of disagreement? What is the distance of misunderstanding? What is the distance of difference?" I said, "Well, that is easy. That is A minus B, or B minus A, whatever. That is the distance." The Lord said, "WRONG!" I said, "What do you mean?" He said, "What do you want to do? Do you want to meet in the middle? Or do you want to meet a little bit closer to Star A, or a little bit closer to Star B? What do you think is the answer?" I said, "Lord, I don't know!" The Lord then pointed at a star that was shining the bright-



est. I don't know what you see here in your sky, but there was a beautiful star there, and He said, "This is My truth. The only way you can be united is if you make every effort to get into My truth. The distance of the disagreement, the distance of the disunity, is not Star A minus Star B, but it is the distance from Star A to Truth and Star B to Truth." Amen! He said, "You do not attempt to agree on anything between A and B. This direction is not what I am requiring from you. I am not requiring you to find anything in the middle, because there is another group here, which is Star C." Amen. "If you want to shorten the distance between you and your brother, this is the way that you go, toward Truth. It may seem for a while that you are making the distance bigger." I'm sure it has happened to you with your families maybe or with other brethren, other friends. You dearly love them and because you follow the truth, it seems that you are further from them. But the Lord says, "No. You are closer, because when they start moving the same direction, that is where you meet." If we met here, in the A-B middle ground, we would achieve nothing. We would miss it all. And do you know what? We would even be deceived. We would be deceived and satisfied, because we would think, "We made it! We are happy. We are united. Praise the Lord." But the Lord would be somewhere else! Amen! So, the Lord taught me a lesson, and I relaxed and I said, "Lord, so the best thing that I can do for my brother, to be united with him, is to find out where You are and follow You and pray and desire for the brother to do the same." Amen. The best thing that I can do is to find truth and preach it and teach it and live it. Amen. Hallelujah! AND THE REST IS NOT MY BUSINESS. God has a way. He knows how to talk to these people (Star A). He knows how to talk to these people (Star B). He can use me as an example. But He will not use me as an example to tell them to get here (Star A or B or C), because in the mean time, I will be moving, moving on, moving on closer to truth.

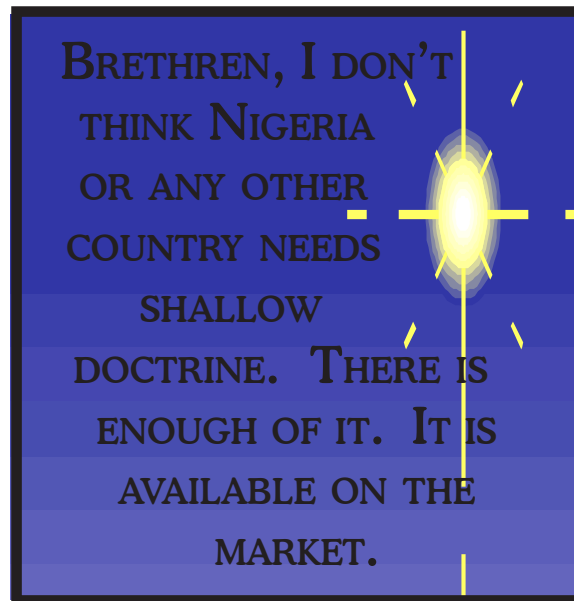
Sometimes, or I would say, MOST of the time, or even all the time, we are somewhere along the way to the truth and preaching truth. My wife sometimes tells me, when I finish preaching, I come in the car, get the children, and sit in the car, and she says, "Are you sure about what you preached?" I say, "Oh, my! Oh, yes!" And she says, "So, I guess you will walk it now, right?" I say, "Well, I guess I should." And I tell her, "We don't want to preach low,

because we walk low. Right? We always preach higher, and then we reach, and we get higher." Amen. We are higher and more righteous than we were yesterday. We overcame some devils that we didn't overcome yesterday. So we will preach high. Amen. We will say, "Be ye holy as I am holy, even though yesterday we fell. And we believe that today we don't need to fall." Do we believe it? Praise the Lord! Yes! We have experienced it. We have made the decision. We made the commitment. We came to the Lord, and we said, "Lord, I will not do this again," and we were successful. Sometimes for a season, in certain things, we have never done it again, and we were delivered. And there are other things that we are still wrestling with, but we are not giving up because there is no space, no middle ground. Praise God! So we go about and we preach truth, in Africa, in Europe, in America, everywhere. We will not settle for less. Are we? NO!

Brethren, I don't think Nigeria or any other country needs shallow doctrine. There is enough of it. It is available on the market. We don't need to compete there. It is there. It is being sold, we don't need to support it. Don't put your money into it. Don't put your effort into it. We don't need to do another church. We don't need to be like the Israelites when they said, "We want a king like the other nations have!" (I Samuel 8:19). We don't need that, right? If you need it, go there and try it for a while, and you will be disappointed because there is no life! There is no change. Amen? We don't need Star C.

So what is truth? What are we supposed to preach? What are we supposed to worry about? What is the business? Praise the Lord!

Well, the Lord says that we should not commit fornication. This, of course, means the natural and the spiritual. So, the Lord is saying that He requires an intimate relationship with Him. You know what an intimate relationship is, right? It is to be very close. I mean, it is to know somebody, like if you are for some years with a wife or a husband. I have a ten year anniversary of my wedding today. Praise the Lord! For so few years, I'm sure some of you would say, "Well, that is nothing." But, praise the Lord, it is something for me. We have gone for ten years, and there are things that we don't need to say anymore. I know what she means. She looks at me, and I know what she wants to say. And the same, I'm here and she is there and I know that she is praying.



We had a meeting back home that started at seven o'clock, and I know that the people are praying for you. Do you know that they are praying and fasting for you? While we are here, there are about ten people every day, just from the Czech Republic, fasting for you. It is Wednesday today. My children - one is two years old, one is five years old. The seven-month-old boy does not fully understand it yet. But the five-year-old and the two-year-old are praying and fasting for Daddy being in Africa. They are mainly praying that I am not eaten by lions.☺ They agreed together. My daughter told me two weeks ago, "Daddy, you are going to Africa and I should be fasting for you, but you know what, avoiding all the candies and all the sweets? I don't know. I don't know. Let me call Lucy." This is a six-year-old daughter of an elder. I said, "Okay." I gave her the phone, and she called Lucy. I heard this dialogue and they said, "Well, Lucy, what do we do? Are you fasting?" "Oh, yes, I was considering. I don't know." These two girls, five and six years old, were agreeing, without parents telling them. And they were agreeing how to do the fasting. They agreed that they would fast one day in the week - the week prior to the trip, the week we are going, and the week after. They agreed on Wednesdays. So they are fasting today for you and for me, brethren. Amen. That is one church, and that is not the A one, that is the G one. We made a little spreadsheet to know who was doing what, and there are about ten people fasting for the trip, for what God has in mind, every day. Brethren, you are loved. You are loved by the Lord and by the brethren. Amen.

I know that my wife is there. I have an intimate relationship with her, and it is by time and by experience, by walking, by trust. We can trust each other. I can trust her. She can trust me. And she is expecting that she is the only one that I am having an intimate relationship with. Amen. She is expecting that in my mind, in whatever I do, in however I think, in whatever I speak, I WILL NOT BREAK IT! Because there is something so precious, I WILL NOT BREAK IT. Amen. Everything was created as a pattern, even marriage. So, God has an intimate relationship with me. You know, I have an intimate relationship with the Lord. We walk together. We talk together. He tells me secrets, about me sometimes, about Him, about His plans. I prayed and He answered. He sometimes prayed that I

would do what He wanted me to do and I answered.

Prayer is not just to make a list of things for God to do. It is not like I have five minutes, so I create a quick list to give God some business. I don't think you talk to your wife like that, do you? "Good morning, Honey. I wanted to tell you that I am very glad that this is morning and the

morning came and I want to tell you that I am your husband. While I am telling you that I am your husband, I would like if you can do the groceries and clean the floor and do this and this. Thank you!" I meet her in the afternoon and I tell her, "Good afternoon, Honey. I want to tell you that we have three children. The oldest is Krystina, and there is Johanna, and there is David. The oldest is six years old and she has a problem with her ear. She had a problem with her ear a year ago and two years ago, and I would like you to help her with it. Thank you!" I do not talk to my wife like this! First of all, I assume that I live with her and

she knows all that. She knows that she has children with me, right? She knows the names, and she knows the problem with the ear. SO I DON'T NEED TO TELL HER. If you have a relationship with God, you are surely not praying like this. ARE YOU? You are not praying and saying, "Lord, I have a problem with my work. I have a boss in my work who is not treating me righteously." Doesn't God know? HE DOES!!!! You know, you need to walk with the Lord and trust the Lord that He is there in the middle of your circumstances. You have not switched Him off after the meeting and you are not switching Him on for the prayers. "God, I need to tell you what happened in the mean time. I need to inform You, that You clearly understand my requests." No. So, instead, you come and you say, "Lord, I know that You know, even better than I do. You not only know my boss, You not only know my circumstances, my headache, BUT You know the reason for it and You know the remedy for it. So I will praise You! Because You knew while You were writing, that I should praise You that I would have this boss and this problem. Amen. So I don't need to tell You, I need to listen. Lord, I'm here and I don't need to tell You the problems with my boss, but I will not bow. I know that You are a God who has the power to redeem me from the fire. If You will, or You will not, I don't know BUT I will not bow." Amen. AND I can **expect** that if I am thrown in the fire, that there will be someone else there with me.



So, you have this intimate relationship with the Lord. You are walking with God. God is speaking to you. God is speaking to your heart. We are not settling for less. I remember, maybe 15 years ago, I was hiding; it was summer and I was at home. It was nice weather and I was hiding at home, and didn't go out for three days. My brother came and said, "Why aren't you going out?" I told him, "Oh, I'm having a good time with the Lord." From the early morning when I woke up, the Lord talked to me. He talked to me and talked to me, and talked to me for hours and hours and hours. We talked, and He explained things to me, and told me things. I was trying to find it in the Bible and said, "Lord, let me quickly find this. You are quoting scripture." God said, "No time for that. Write down the reference," and He told me the reference and said, "Look at it later. Search it later." So, I was just writing on the side the references that the Lord was telling me, that I would be able to search it later. Then it was evening, and the Lord said, "Go sleep." I said, "Are you sure?" He said, "Yes, I will wake you up in the morning." For three days He was talking to me, talking to me, talking to me. Do you believe that the Lord can speak? It was marvelous and I missed nothing. Then I came out and the light surprised me a bit, you know, there was beautiful weather.

I came to the brethren, and I started to tell them all of this. "Who told you?" "What do you know it from?" I said, "I talked to the Lord. Yes. We can talk to the Lord. He speaks." Brethren, God desires to have an intimate relationship with us.

I remember He sent me once to a little place. I knew some people and they were from a certain town. I didn't know the address. I had never visited them. I had never been there. God said, "Go and preach to them." So I said, "All right. I will go and preach to them." I had no clue where they lived, and do you know what? It didn't bother me at all! There was nothing strange to me in it. God said, "Go!" and I went! Doesn't He know I don't know? So I went, and I was sitting on the train reading my Bible, and I was about three or four villages from the town. The train stopped and the Lord said, "Get out." I thought, "What do you mean, 'Get out'?" He said, "Get out **now!**" I was right there, and I was not prepared, you know, my Bible was open, and I had my drink, or whatever I had. So I quickly grabbed the Bible; I had no time to put it in my backpack. I jumped out of the train and the train left me there, and the Bible fell on the platform. I was collecting it, and I felt so stupid. I said, "Lord, I am here, four villages from my destination." I was collecting my stuff - my pen and pencil and Bible. I hoped nobody saw the Bible, because they would think that I was foolish, and it would be a reproach to His name. I didn't know what to do, and so I thought that I would repent now, and find out when

the next train was leaving, because I didn't want to walk the four stations. So, I went to check when the next train was leaving, and as I was going, there was a road which crossed the railway, and the crossing gate was down. There was a lady on a bike waiting there, you know, for the train to be gone. So, I passed the lady and I looked at her and I thought, "I think I know her from somewhere - YES - that is the lady!" She looked at me and said, "Hey! Hello, Martin." I said, "Hello, what are you doing here?" She said, "What a strange question. What are **you** doing here?" I said, "You will not believe me, but I came to go to your house. Now, you tell me what you are doing here, because you told me you live in the city over there." She said, "Well, nobody knows this village, so when people ask, we always refer to the city." So I said, "You don't live in the city?" She said, "No, no, no. Do you see the house over there? That is where we live." I said, "God, God, I am so sorry that I thought I was foolish. I'm so sorry that I thought You are not knowing." They invited me to stay and we were able to pray and share the Word.

Do we believe in God? I mean, do we believe that God wants to talk to us and wants to have an intimate relationship with us? Even more intimate than we have with our wives and our husbands? So you have this relationship with the Lord. He is talking to you. He is entrusting things to you. You think that you pray when you tell the Lord that you have all these needs. You need to go to the Lord and say, "Lord, what is Your need?" Do you think God needs something? Do you think His heart is after something? Yes, it is. Yes, it is, and we would be surprised. He is looking for people who are interested, who are ready to listen, and who are ready to lay down their lives. God says, "I've got a problem here. There is nobody who cares. There is nobody who is willing to do something about it." He expects you to say, "Lord, I am! I am!" He will say, "All right, but it will cost you something." "Okay, Lord, You know better than I do. I am ready. If You think I can pay for it, I

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am ready to pay for it.” Amen. Then the Lord puts you in the situation,

so you cannot complain. You cannot complain, because you said, “Lord, I trust You!”

You know, Joseph would have been very foolish if he had given up in the middle of his bad circumstances and said, “God betrayed me.” Do you know what I mean? You cannot do that because GOD IS GOD and HE IS GOOD! Sometimes we don’t understand it, but we know that He is there and He means it for good.

I was in the United States with my young wife. We had no children and we were looking forward to having children. When we were about to leave, the brethren wanted to pray for us, and Sister Mavis had a strange vision. She said, “I see something dark, very dark coming to your life.” I thought, “Oh.” We don’t like this type of vision, right? But, she didn’t end there. “Not only do I see something very dark, but I see the light at the end of the tunnel.” I said, “Praise the Lord!” Then we forgot about it. She had seen a white hand afterwards, I think, putting aside the black dark cloud. Maybe a year later, we lost our daughter, and it was very dark - but we knew that God knew, because He reminded us that, “This was what I was talking about.” You know, you wouldn’t believe it, in the midst of it, the very hour - I mean the very hour, the very minute - we could say - me and my wife could say, “Lord, we love You, and we trust You! We do not understand. We do not understand, and I don’t think we need to understand. But we know one thing, if there was something better for our lives, You would do it.” Amen. So you can always trust the Lord. Now we have three healthy children. I still don’t understand, but I still trust the Lord, because He has done what He said, and He warned us. He said, “There will be something, but don’t worry, it will pass and I will bring My name into it. I am in a business.” If it is for a testimony, praise the Lord. Amen.

So you have this intimate relationship. Let’s go back to fornication. After all of this, God does not expect you to go after something else, also called religion, “so-called holy.” God is not expecting, after what He has done for you, after what He talked to you about, after the work He did... You know, there was a sacrifice which was sacrificed on your behalf. This is not just the brethren that you see now - this is all the brethren who made the Word available. Amen. God paid a big price. There are a lot of people who fought the Catholic spirit of, “Now you know and should be baptized.” What did it cost you? How much did you pay for that? NOTHING! There were other people who paid for that by blood. They were baptized and they

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came out of the water. You know, you are saved by believing in

the Lord. There are many people who died for that. Amen.

So, God invested and He is expecting that He is the only God, and we are the only bride. He says, “Don’t be mistaken, I am not foolish.” There were those who were in the same crowd. They were eating, participating in the same meal. So don’t commit fornication. “I am a very jealous God! I want to have this intimate relationship with you. I want to talk to you, and walk in you.” That’s my desire. I am not settling for less. I am not settling for less with my wife either. You know what I mean. I am not settling for that she will cook for me. Well, I appreciate it. She cooks well BUT that is not the objective. The Lord says there are many who will come in that hour and say, “We have done the business, we have prophesied in Your name and cast out devils.” And the Lord says, “Depart from Me. I know you not, those that commit iniquity” (Matthew 7:22-23). Amen. So the Lord is not settling for less. We will not deceive Him by giving Him a list of the things that we have done for Him, in His name, assuming, assuming. God is not interested. He wants us to come to Him and He wants us to repent, to change our minds and be compatible with Him.

There are so many things that God wants to tell us and He cannot. We wouldn’t understand. It is like with my children. I would like to tell them so many beautiful things but they wouldn’t grasp it. You know? So I have to wait until they mature. I am waiting for some more years, and in the mean time I am investing and telling them what I can, you know, and they understand and they desire the Lord. They are able - when I talk to them, I can relate things. I can talk more with the six-year-old girl than with the seven-month-old boy, though he would believe it, I’m sure. The Lord is expecting the same. You know, there are some of us who are seven months old in the Lord, and it doesn’t matter how long you have been with the Lord; that, unfortunately has nothing to do with it. Hardly. The Lord is saying, “I want more. I want to tell you things. I want more. I want to send you. I want to use you, but you will not be able to grasp it. I want to give you power, but you would misuse it.” You know, I cannot give her matches or give him matches. I cannot give her big things to do. When they see me working with the ax, chopping wood, they would like to try it. I can’t let them do that. It is a powerful tool. I have a house made from stones, and I have a nice power drill, you know, or power hammer, or whatever you call it. I can use it. They would like to try it. I can’t let them. It is powerful, but they would not be able

to use it. They could hurt themselves, destroy the tool, and even destroy the house.

IT IS THE SAME WITH US! The Lord desires you to grow, mature, move on so that He can do mighty things for you, through you, and for this country, and beyond. Amen. We cannot settle for less. We cannot be children any more. BRETHREN, WE CANNOT BE CHILDREN ANY MORE! THERE IS NO TIME FOR IT. There are so many children out there.

Do you know how we become sons? Let's see if you listened well this morning. Who are sons? Those who are led by the Holy Ghost. Amen. So we need to be led by the Holy Ghost in order to be sons. God is expecting us to be led by the Holy Ghost. Let's go on.

I Corinthians 10:9, *Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.* <sup>10</sup>*Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.* Brethren, I always tell myself and my family, "Well, let's agree that we will consider murmuring at the time when we are hanging on the cross, being beaten, spit at, when everybody has left us including our last 12 best friends, when even the Father is turning from us. Let us then consider murmuring. Until that point, there is no space for it." I think, even at that moment, I could look and see what Christ has done, and the only thing that He requested from the Father was that He would forgive them because they didn't know what they were doing. So then I suggest that you use the same rule in your household. When you start murmuring, look around, check your hands, and if you are not hanging on the cross, STOP IT! Amen. There is no space for it. I am again PREACHING HIGH!

Let us do it, and let us reach for it. There is no space. "Oh God, You mistreated me." Oh, no, no, no! God is in the business of blessing, and He could have blessed Joseph a little, but He needed a major story. He needed a major salvation for you. Do you know that the story is written for you? It was not only for those people then. Do you know this is a testimony that is giving you hope? I don't care where you are in this very moment. You might be in a prison - for righteousness. "What has he done?" He defended righteousness. The lady went after him and he said, "NO - I can't!" He could have said, "Well, you know, God has forgotten me, anyway. All the promises are gone. He lied to me. He promised me big things. My own brothers betrayed me and I am here as a

servant and a slave. What do I care about Him?" Do you know what I mean? You could almost say that he had a right to do so. INSTEAD, HE SAID, "NO! I am still believing this God and I will still walk in righteousness. Get behind me, lady!" (Genesis 39). And he ended up in a prison, only to be able to meet the purpose of God, and to meet the people who got him to Pharaoh. There was no other way. God is in business.

You might be in bad shape, in a bad situation currently. Maybe the fellowship, maybe the family, maybe you - but you trust the Lord. If you follow Him, He has better things for you, but you need to be diligent and faithful in the little things. Then, He can establish you all the more as a church, as a people, as a family and years, sometimes, don't matter, I believe.

Joseph is giving us the story. Why do you think he said, "Take my bones out of here"? (Genesis 50:25). What was it, 400 years later? I think it was about 400 years later. He said, "Make sure that when God takes you out of here, take my bones." He prophesied. He was sure about it, because he said, "I was in the situation and I knew that God said, 'I will take you out of there.' It took a while. I went down and down and more down, but then He took me up, SO I KNOW MY GOD. I know that He will take you out of this. I don't know how long it will take, but when He takes you out, don't leave me here." He didn't

care about his bones. You know, it was somebody's business, somebody's responsibility to be the person who was called "Joseph's bones carrier." They said, "It will be your responsibility. The only thing that you do for the journey is that you carry his bones." He maybe had a little backpack or something, and he traveled with Joseph's bones. Do you know these bones were speaking? Every time, when they stopped and they fell and said, "The Lord has forgotten us!" they had a chance to hear the bones speaking, "Hey! Hey! Hey!

Didn't I say that God would take you out of Egypt? Didn't I say that? Didn't I say, 'Take my bones out?' What is it? It is I AM A WITNESS - my bones are almost a living witness - I am a witness to the Lord." If they only would have obeyed and listened to the bones. Brethren, if they had only listened to Joseph, to what he had to say, they would not have murmured and they would have trusted the Lord.

There were only two with that mentality. You know, brethren, there is a crowd of so-called Christians. So don't



worry if there are only two. Joshua and Caleb - nobody else was listening to the bones and what they had to say! Brethren, let us not make the same mistake. In Hebrews 4 it says, "They did not enter into the rest" (Hebrews 4:3). The rest is so close to us. It is so close - LET US NOT MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE! Do you know what the thing was that they missed? They heard - it says they heard, but they didn't add in what? Faith! They didn't add faith to what they heard (Hebrews 4:2).

Do you know, brethren, as we read in the beginning, they all heard the same message. They all heard all these things, but they didn't believe it. They didn't believe the consequences. We make sure we teach our children that there are consequences. We say something, they do it and there is a consequence; if they don't do it, there is another consequence. We need to teach them, because this world doesn't believe in it any more.

If you tell your children, "If you don't tidy your room, you don't get candy," and the children don't tidy the room, but here is the candy, you have spoiled them, destroyed them. You have destroyed them, because that is how they believe that God works. God says, "If you sin, you die." If you sin and you don't die, the next day you think, "Okay, it doesn't work. I can sin." Deadly mistake! DEADLY MISTAKE! God says, "If you commit fornication..." and He says that the fornication is even if you look with lust at the woman, you will not make it. You will not make it into the Holy of Holies. It is not possible. There is still belief that it is possible because if I would ask you now, "How many of you want to make it into the Holy of Holies?" I believe that if I asked you to raise hands, everybody would, I suppose. So everybody desires the consequence! But I tell you, to achieve this, you have to sacrifice your soul, and there is no other way. You know, the Tabernacle doesn't have a back door to the Holy of Holies. Am I right? Am I reading Exodus wrong? There is no back door. There is no short cut. Like maybe they had something to clean it, you know, or to do little things like change the bread. So they could go around in the Outer Court and then at the last minute, just enter the Holy of Holies. No short cut, brethren. NO WAY!

The journey takes steps! It takes steps. You have to pass baptism. You have to pass the lampstand. There is no way to miss it. You have to be shining. You have to work with the Lord and give light. If you are not giving light, don't deceive yourself that you are in the Holy of Holies. You can't be because the Lord says, "We are the

light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). Everything that it says about Christ, it says about us, because we are the Body of Christ. Amen! So we are to give light. He said that we have to pass by the bread. It means that we have to be feeding on Christ. If you are not feeding on Christ, and

these are all the forms of feeding: this is the Word, this is the tapes, this is the brethren, I mean, the very brethren. You cannot deceive yourself. If you don't sacrifice your souls at this very hour... It is time to be sacrificing: your emotions, your wills, your desires - repenting, repent-

ing, repenting. When God moves, let us move. If God is in the repenting business, let us not dare to be somewhere else. Amen. So God requires us to get into the Holy of Holies, because He has a business.

I Corinthians 10:11, *Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.*

In the beginning I said it is late, and all this happened for those people of the end. All of this Bible, all these sacrifices, everything happened for us who are at the end. How does it say it? How does it read? *...upon whom the ends of the world are come.* This is us, brethren. According to what we believe, this is us! So it is an example for us. You know, it would be very foolish; we would be like hens. I don't know if you have hens here. I'm sure you do. There is something funny about hens. A hen will go, and hit the fans. She goes again, and she goes again and she hits it again. She goes and she hits it again. There is another one following her and she hits it, and she hits it again. It seems, for some things, they cannot learn the lesson. We are not to be hens, do you know what I mean? We have seen what happens. We have seen the consequences here. They were real brethren. The people didn't make it. Don't believe in ultimate reconciliation. It is a conception that is more among the brethren than you think. It is not that you say, "I believe in ultimate reconciliation." It is shown by the life that you live. If you live your life full of compromise and you think that you will make it, this is ultimate reconciliation. You think, "God is good and in the end I will...!" THE SAME GOD SLAYED 23,000 PEOPLE BECAUSE OF FORNICATION! Has God changed? Matured? Learned some more? NO! It is the SAME GOD, and He says, "This is an example." Don't be deceived, brethren. In a couple of years, I don't want us to be regretting. Brethren, let us be serious about it. We cannot go home again, and do the same as we did yesterday, or think the same as we thought yesterday, behave the same way, have the same mentality. There is

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no time for it. We cannot afford it. We cannot. I mean, I can't. I still have business to do with the Lord.

Let me go to I Samuel. It is the scripture when David is talking with Jonathan, and he is saying, "Saul wants to kill me, he wants to destroy me," and Jonathan says, "No, no!" Jonathan says that he loves David more than anything else. I cannot read it all. But what happened is that they agreed and they said, "All right, you give it the test, and talk to Saul. I won't appear at dinner, and let's see what happens." So, David didn't appear at dinner, and Saul thought the first day, "Okay, he might be feeling bad." But the second day, he said, "What is going on?" Saul understood that David was not coming because he had something else to do and Saul was mad. When Jonathan started to defend David, Saul almost killed Jonathan as well. So Jonathan said clearly, "He is after David." Amen. He was so much after David that he was willing to kill his own son. So David and Jonathan met as they had agreed, and you know the story, I'm sure, what Jonathan does with his servant. I Samuel 20:42, *And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, The LORD be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever. And he arose and departed: and Jonathan went into the city.* You know, this is the only consequence. He was always saying, "The Lord." He was using the name of the Lord. "As God swore, we swear, we are the best friends," and everything. BUT David went away, and Jonathan went back to the city. Do you know what happened next? There was a war, and he died side by side with his father.

Let us not be deceived, brethren! When the war comes, we cannot say, "I know David! I talked to him! He is my friend! In the name of the Lord, Yahweh, we swore! I belong to David's company! I belong to David's people! Ask David! Talk to David!"

David wished he could say, "Yes, spare Jonathan," but God said, "NO!" It is not enough to say, "DAVID, I LOVE YOU!!!!!" "I love this Word! I want to be among this people! I love David more than Saul!" All this doesn't matter, does it? Because the scripture says he went back

to the city. He went back to his old ways. Amen. He went back to what he used to do! To a doctrine, maybe not a doctrine, but to his old ways. It cost Jonathan LIFE. IT COST HIM LIFE! Amen.

Brethren, I'm very sorry, maybe I've disappointed you! I can't read the Bible otherwise. The Bible says very clearly - there is a calling and an election! God says very clearly that in this hour, there will be sons of God. Do you know it is not a question? John saw it. There is no list of those who are there, but we can hope and have a hope that he saw us. IT IS A DONE DEAL! IT IS NOT A QUESTION - WHETHER GOD WILL HAVE SONS!!! Amen. It is not a question of what will happen in the Holy of Holies. It is not a question of what will happen at the Outer Court. That is not the question. The question is, "Where will you be?" You tell me where you will be and I can tell you the rest. Amen. Or you can read it in the Bible for yourself. AND we also know how to get there! God gave us specific ways of how to stay in the church. We don't need to think about order - "What order do you have? Let's compare." NO, NO, NO! We have that! God says we are boards, very clearly. We know we are boards, and we know very clearly that there are some bars. I didn't make it up, it is in my Bible. There are some bars and the bars are the five-fold ministry. There is the apostle, the prophet, the evangelist, the shepherd, and the teacher. The boards are holding the bars. They are deciding, "Yes! This is the ministry that I believe is sent from the Lord!" NOT, "I like to hear what he is saying." Not necessarily, because sometimes God is challenging me, and challenging me, but I believe that they are sent of God. I cannot pick otherwise. If I do, I am in a different tabernacle. No options! No excuses! Amen. The rules are laid down. Let us play according to them.

Brethren, God bless you very much! I love you very much. I believe I really wouldn't like anybody to come to me and say it was a great Word unless you walk according to it. Then I would appreciate it. Amen. So let's walk according to what we believe.

God bless you very much. ☺

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# *Victory In Jesus!*

*a testimony by Stacy Asbill*



It is with great thanksgiving that I testify of God's infinite faithfulness towards me and my family! As I reflect upon all that God has done for us throughout the pregnancy and the delivery of our seventh child, what has been impressed upon me the most is the absolute faithfulness of God to speak to us and to keep us in the midst of every situation!

When Barak and I found out that we were expecting another child, I went to God asking Him how everything was going to work out. After I finished laying out all my fears, anxieties, and concerns to the Lord, He spoke to me. What He said was simply, "Samuel." I don't think that I can find the words to adequately describe the peace that was ministered to my soul in that moment, but just that one word of the name "Samuel" brought me such hope! After I shared this with Barak, we began to ask the Lord if that meant we were having a boy or if it meant that this child would have the calling upon his or her life even as Samuel in the Bible did. The answer God gave us was that it would be a boy and that there was a special anointing upon his life. With each of our children, Barak and I would pray for them before they were even born, but because God had spoken to us so specifically concerning this baby, we were able to pray very specifically for him.

A few weeks before Samuel was born, the Lord spoke to us that the devil wanted to bring destruction in the process of his birth. It was confirmed to Barak and I that God had spoken that we might begin to pray and intercede for the labor and delivery that was soon to come. We did not know how the devil would want to move, but we wanted to be prepared so we asked God for wisdom and guidance in any situation that might present itself. On July 23<sup>rd</sup>, as we were preparing for the Sunday morning meeting, I started to go into labor. The kids went off to the meeting with Grandpa and Grandma Asbill and Barak and I left to go to the hospital. My labor progressed with everything going "normal" and at 2:27 in the afternoon little Samuel was born. A few minutes after the umbilical cord was cut, the midwife said to me, "Stacy, I want to show you something." With that, she held up the part of the baby's umbilical cord that was attached to the placenta. The midwife continued by saying, "This is called a 'true knot.' Had this tightened, we could have had a problem." The best way that I can describe what the cord looked like was like a little bow tie pretzel. Shortly thereafter, our beloved Dr. Ona arrived to check things over. When she heard about the knot in the cord, she told me how perfect the timing of the Lord was in Samuel's birth because, over time, the cord could have tightened with the baby's movements in utero. We were, and still are, praising the Lord for keeping our son that he might come forth in the health and vitality that God ordained for him!

Throughout the pregnancy, Barak and I would occasionally discuss middle names. Every name that we discussed seemed "okay" but I was impressed that God had so clearly spoken the first name and that we certainly didn't want to settle for "mediocre" for the rest of Samuel's name. Shortly after Samuel was born, the Lord spoke the word "victory" to us. So we looked up the name "Victor" and found that it means, "one who conquers and defeats the enemy in battle." Needless to say, we knew God had given us the perfect middle name for our son!

In closing, Barak and I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those who have prayed for us and for the delivery of Samuel. God is truly a God that hears and answers prayers! We would like to express our appreciation to Dad and Mom Asbill, Dad and Mom Herrig, and Jansen and Lisa for all their help with the children and for making the transition of having another child go so smoothly. We are also very grateful for the abundant outpouring of love from all the sisters who have made us such wonderful meals. Your labors of love are very much appreciated! Most of all, we are so thankful for the complete faithfulness of God towards us! **O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth** (Isaiah 25:1).✍

# HURRAH FOR BOYS!

The Lord blessed us in many ways this summer, and not the least of which was the birth of not one, not two, but THREE baby boys! We rejoice with each of the happy families and welcome the new additions to the body of Christ!



Martin and Kveta Hloska have the pleasure of announcing their first son coming into the world. It was not without pain but very quick. Joseph Elijah was born July 11, 2006. He weighed 6lbs. 13.8oz and was approximately 20 3/4 inches long.



Barak and Stacy Asbill welcomed the arrival of Samuel Victor Asbill on July 23, 2006. He was born at 2:27pm and weighed 8lbs. 8oz., and was 21 1/2 inches long.



Patrick and Christine Wilson are the happy parents of Luke Patrick Wilson. Luke was born August 5, 2006, at 6:19 am. He weighed 7lbs. 4oz., and was 20 1/2 inches long!





# Agape Love

Brother Peter Schneider  
Schuyler, Nebraska  
May 21, 2006



This song is a command that we are to command our own soul. Isn't it funny that we have that authority? "Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name." Sometimes our soul isn't in the proper position and we can begin to take authority over those things.

I would like to read out of the book of Psalms. It speaks pretty closely to the thing that is in my heart and the thing that God is speaking to me. One of the things that I see about teachers is that they are quite repetitive. God is repeating, repeating, repeating. Now, some people in class get it very quickly, but others require a little bit more repetition and God is merciful and patient. From our perspective, the word *patient* sometimes means, "I am just waiting for you to finish." But from God's perspective, many times it is talking about constancy or a continuance, a determination to find the thing and to take it all the way to the end.

I got born again in 1973. I really had an expectation that this would all be over by the end of the 1970s. I had that expectation and I know that God knew that I had that expectation. And do you know what? He didn't change it. He didn't say, "That's not right, Peter," because there was a provocation in that knowledge that was moving me with a certainty to a certain point. I mean, when I first got born again, within maybe two or three days, it was the Six-Day War in Israel. They said, "Oh, my God, the sixth seal is open!" (Revelation 6:12). I said, "What is the sixth seal?" I mean, I had no clue what they were talking about. People began to scurry around as if the world, as they knew it, was over. I have never lost that sense of imminence. It is not so much anxiety as anticipation. "Man, I have a lot of work to do and I better get busy." It is like going into a house that is totally wrecked and saying, "I have to have this thing built, for the master is coming and he is not go-

ing to tolerate discrepancy. I have to get down to it."

At that same time, right after I had first gotten saved, a friend asked me if I wanted to participate in an illegal activity and I said, "No, I can't do that any more. I am a Christian." After I said that, I thought, "Hey, that has kind of a nice ring to it; I **am** a Christian!" Seriously, when I got saved, it was out of a total sense of desperation. Now, some people are not desperate. That's not my problem. You need to get desperate.

Look around you, and you will see the world going to hell in a hand basket. If you don't, you are blind. Sin has risen to the top of the cup. He said that iniquity is pouring over and God is only waiting for one thing: for the cup of iniquity to become full. Brother, sister, it's full. It is starting to creep up over the edges. All of creation is groaning (Romans 8:22). There is an expectation in creation that isn't even definable by creation. You know what it is? It is like creation knows something is coming, and it might not be able to tell you what it is, but when it sees it, it'll know it. There is something of an expectation in creation. Man is gyrating, manipulating, doing all the things they can to preserve terra firma. Quite frankly, God did not leave that in our hands. The entire animal rights things, all of the tree hugger business is done to the neglect of your soul. Quite frankly, what happens if they preserve Yellowstone and you are in hell? Where is the mindset of these people? It has been blinded. The prince of this world has blinded the mind, the eyes, and the ears of people (John 12). But we are a people of destiny. If you are hearing the voice of God today, rejoice because God is speaking to us that now is the time to shake ourselves from the dust of the earth. Don't kid yourself.

I see my farmer brother here. He sits in an enclosed tractor and he works out in a dusty environment. Dust,

dust, dust! When he comes in, it is clinging to his garments. We are in the world, the dust of the world. The dust of our own world has a tendency to cling to us and the commandment of God is to stand up, shake from yourself the dust of the earth (Isaiah 52:2). Then sit down. Don't relax until you have been divested of the dust of your humanity. It is an ongoing process. I told that man that I couldn't do that illegal thing because I was a Christian and then I began to think, "Oh, let's see, I better go and do such and such." I am just talking about rote. It's like, "I had better do my math tables or I am not going to make the test." I knew intuitively that there was going to be a test. Have you seen that sign that says, "There is going to be a test," and down at the bottom it says, "God"? There will be a test, absolutely.

I was thinking about what it is to be saved. We talk about being saved. I was born from above. That wasn't the end of the matter. That was the beginning of the matter. So, as I began to think of what I should do, I said, "Well, I have heard that people who are Christians read their Bibles." So I went right home, picked my Bible up and said, "If you're going to be a Christian, then you are going to have to practice Christianity." Now, I was raised a Roman Catholic and I never had a Bible. I had a prayer book, and I didn't read that. So I don't know if the Bible would have availed me any more, but I do know that when I was face down in the gutter, the Son of God came to me and touched me and the life of God came into me. That is not debatable. Now, you may debate it. That's OK, I have no problem with that. But I am not debating it. I know what happened and it is certifiable. Now, my pursuit from then to now is the thing that will bring me into a place with God. Salvation is not just being saved for Heaven. God intends that He would have fellowship with you and me individually and collectively, personally, and as the Body of Christ. Fellowship, intimate fellowship, is what man was created for to provide in the God-scheme of things. You see, there are some things that you have in fellowship with your wife that you don't have in fellowship with anybody else. There are some secrets that your wife knows that nobody else knows. She probably has a clearer perspective of what your strengths and weaknesses are than anybody, and she

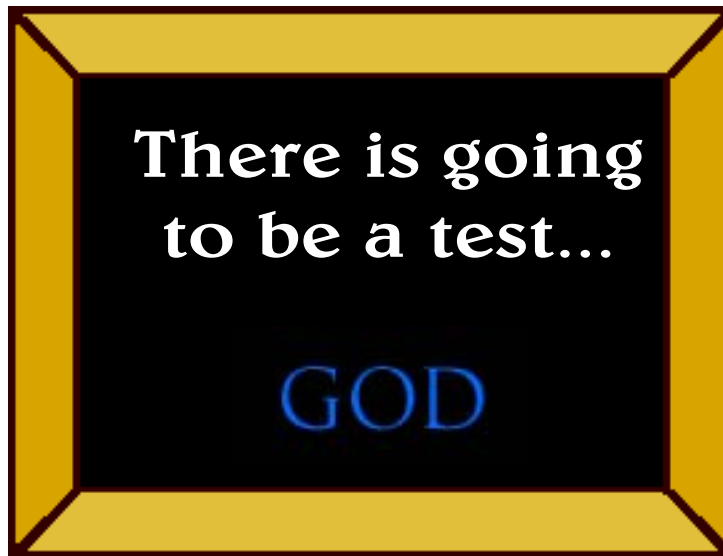
is not shouting them from the corners. There are private matters that stay private. I think that with God, He begins to deal with us on certain levels and He is dealing, dealing, dealing in private in hopes that nothing gets published. You know, I wouldn't like my thoughts up here all the time. Some of them I would, but a lot of them, no way.

So, I opened my Bible and I started reading. God spoke to me on the second day I was born again. He spoke right out of my Bible and it scared me so badly that I closed it quick. It was kind of like what happened today. You know, we should not underestimate the spirit of prophecy in the midst of the congregation. *The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy* (Revelation 19:10). God sends a word to encourage you in the place where you are now. I closed my Bible so fast I didn't know where the verse was. I forgot to look. Then I couldn't find it again. Man, that just drove me crazy. It was in I Corinthians. Boy, when I found it, I memorized it big time. I said, "I am not losing that again." I Corinthians 10:21, *Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers*

*of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils. <sup>22</sup>Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he?* You know what He was doing? He was cutting asunder. He was cutting the part of the world that had fastened to me like a leech and He said, "No more. Cut it off." And you know what? I had to cut it off. He just pointed it out. Shake yourself. It was a habit that was unacceptable. Suffice it to say if you can guess, you can guess. I am not going to tell you

what it was. It was noxious, it was unclean, and it was unacceptable before God and the second day that I got born again, He put the knife to it. Hallelujah. I know that God is speaking to us.

One of the things that we are needful of in this hour is persistence and determination. I am thirty-three years in this new birth situation. It is kind of like raising children. When you get tired of them, you don't throw them out. You **persevere**. Contrary to what some of our little honeys think, life isn't easy raising them. Sometimes it gets tough. Sometimes their needs are so strident, we can't even believe it. How much more the living God with you and me? The multiplicity of personalities that He has to deal with is inconceivable. Do you think that if we put something on the table here, all of us could come to agree-



ment about it? I bet if we put something forth like, “What would you like for dinner?”, we couldn’t come to an agreement because we all have likes and dislikes. We all have expectations and desires and appetites that are mutually exclusive sometimes. I like liver. If I want a sumptuous dinner and I don’t want very many children there, I just tell them that we are going to have liver. “Oh. I’m going somewhere else, Dad.” “Okay, that is more for me.” So, we can’t even come to this place of agreement. Yet God brings a word that the basis of our agreement is not on the basis of our own intellect or our wisdom or our understanding.

You know, one of the things that is most difficult in the Bible, and I can put it in the present day context, is to love one another. I don’t know how you do it mechanically in your mind, but He says that we are to love one another fervently (I Peter 1:22). There is no qualifying in that. That is the problem, there is no qualifier. There is no “if” or “but.” Let’s look at it in John 13. See, I think one of the biggest problems we have in the Body of Christ today is the lack of love, and I am not talking about, “Let’s water it down and overlook everything.” I am talking about an earnest love that propels man past his own attitudes. I don’t think Jesus could have gotten any more pronounced than He did when He talked about the good Samaritan. The definition of what happened, we are seeing. It is coming full circle.

Let me start in verse 31, *Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the son of man glorified...* He is talking about Judas. Jesus gave him the sop and he went out. If nothing else defines his condition, that action defines his condition. Jesus said, “The one that takes the sop, he is the one.” Jesus handed the sop to Judas. Why? He just ate it and went out. *Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him. <sup>33</sup>Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you. <sup>34</sup>A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.* Just so there is no doubt, we are not talking *phileo* here. That *as I have loved* (agaped) *you*, that also you *love* (agape) *one another*. <sup>35</sup>*By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love (agape) one to another.* So He laid it down. A

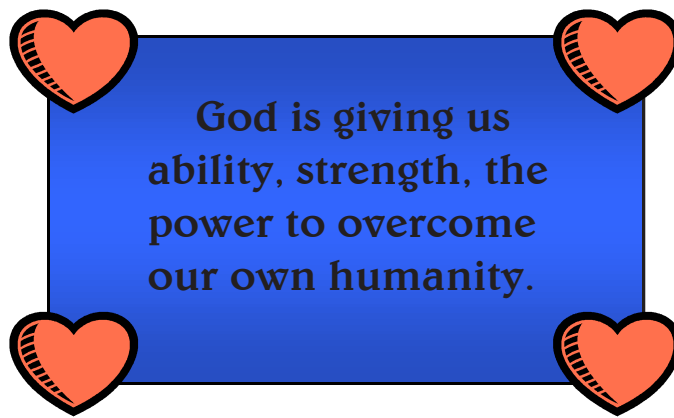
**new commandment.** No excuses, you have to love one another. It doesn’t say love only if you are lovely or lovable or if you like what they are saying and doing. It really is a confining thing. The Word says in Matthew 24 that iniquity shall abound because the love of many shall wax cold. That means there has to be persistency and constancy in love. Sometimes we have to war against one another’s personality defects in order to love one another. The Samaritans were despised by the Jews, so we have a visible picture.

I was in a meeting one time early in my Christian walk and there was a Lebanese man that was beside me. Of course, I was just a farm boy and he looked Jewish so I said, “Are you Jewish?” The man instantly responded, “I am no pig Jew!” This man came unhinged. I told him in response, “You are certainly not a Christian if that is your reference.” Think about Hamas, Iran, Iraq and their whole **angst** against Christianity, against the Hebrews. They don’t know anybody personally. If you are Jewish, they hate your guts. That is how the Samaritans and the Jews interacted with one another. It was the good Samaritan that extended himself beyond his ethnicity. He went through the veil. The Bible says that the veil that the son of man penetrated was his flesh. God is bringing us to a second level in the spiritual realm that we are going to be able to

penetrate all of our discrepancies, our bigotry, our little hypocrisies and everything, to love one another fervently. Get yourself on a planeload of Arabs and see how well that love is functioning. Honestly, it goes in two directions, but the emphasis is on the Christian man. God is giving us the ability, strength and the power to overcome our own humanity.

I began to look at love. I think in the New Testament, *agape* is spoken of 187 times. That is a lot. It is speaking of the necessity of Christian people to come up higher. Do you know where He says if you just love your friends? (Matthew 5:46-47). It kind of surprised me. We think it is a characteristic just reserved for Christians. He said if you just love (agape) your friends, why even the heathens, they love (agape) those who love (agape) them. Heathens! So He is talking about reaching beyond those things.

One of the things that is kind of curious to me is our lack of ability, sometimes, in Christ; our lack of ability in the gifts of the Spirit is exposed because the love of God is wanting in us. The Bible speaks of faith that works by love (Galatians 5:6). Almost without exception, in the



epistles when Paul mentions love, he also mentions faith. When he mentions faith, he mentions that it works by love. The catalyst that worked faith was love. That is the thing that motivated Jesus Christ the whole time.

We were talking about the centurion the other night. If you go into Luke 7, they are talking about the same thing but a different reference. They said, "This centurion loves our nation. He built the synagogue for us." It is a motivation of reciprocity that is exposed in this story and God is calling us to be unilateral in our expression because that is what agape love is, and agape love really separates the men from the boys.

Look at the history of the church. The scripture talks about if any man wants to save his life (Luke 17:33), what is his problem? He is going to lose it. The fact is, if you are always looking to save your life, you are always angling for your own best interest, you are always taking the last piece of pie, you are never considering anybody around you, but it is "After me, you come first." That's what my brothers and I used to do. "After me, you come first." My mother solved that big time. If we had to split something, one cut and the other chose so there were no shenanigans going on. Now, sometimes they got out the micrometer and did all of this business and by that time the ice cream bar had melted and was running on the floor. I would say, "Cut it, take whichever one you want and give me the rest." I was not interested in that. But God is calling us to a more diligent and perfect place. We are hearing the voice of God in this hour that says we have to come up higher. The thing that is going to push us up in this hour is the truth of the love of God inside of us.

When Peter was talking to Jesus, you remember... I think the lack of love makes you desperate, especially if you have experienced agape love. Peter had his own history and problems, he saved his own life by denying Jesus - hiding, trying to keep his own hide. That is what he was confronted about. "You were with him. I saw you" (Luke 22:55-62). He exploded! That's the fact. Have you ever thought about what would happen to you if you were in a similar confrontation?

A group of us were in Africa, and a street soldier started waving around his automatic rifle in my face and screaming for all of us to get out of the car we were in - for no apparent reason. I would have liked to tell you that I was on the mountaintop. I was thinking, "My God, am I going to end up in a box over here because of some guy who just has a bad attitude?" Really, in that scenario there is no spiritual significance at all. It could be told like this, "CIA person shot by nationalist Nigerian guard. Guard hailed as hero." That is how it is going to end up, brother. It is not about missionaries or any of that stuff. I was being confronted with the loss of life. This soldier was angry

and belligerent. He was mad and screaming, "Get out!

Get out!" He wanted us out of the car and of course, I am the quintessential "Now, hold on" fellow. "Let's see if we can have some agreement."

The Lord told me not to say one word. For me, that's like keeping your gun in your holster. "Don't talk." Waiting on God. God puts us in certain circumstances and situations. Some of the situations we find ourselves in right now are designed to bring evidence of what we are or what we are not. I think the pressure has been increased because God knows when the end is and you and I don't. There is a necessity for pressure in order that what is inside of us is exposed so that we can either repent or it can be an end without measure if it is the nature of God.

Playing around, messing around - I cannot believe how easily we get diverted. And we means **me**. I have to war with it as much as anybody does. Diversion, diversion. Let's turn to Matthew 13 because it is an end-time message that we are hearing. These guys are coming to harvest and there is a need for preparation. I was thinking yesterday, when we were in the field. You know, there are a couple of things that are necessary. I am sure I won't have them all. One of them is that you need good seed. You also need good ground. The other is moisture in proper quantities, which is very nice in order to have whatever fruit you are desirous of. In Matthew 13, He talks about the sower who is sowing the seed. We all know what He is talking about here. Verse 3, **Behold, a sower went forth to sow; And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:** Do you know what we saw yesterday in the field? We saw so many birds behind John's tractor. Not a whole lot in front of it, but a whole lot behind it. When the seed comes, they are right there. I am telling you that we learned how accurate this parable is. I started counting the birds and there were too many to count and they were all over. You never see them just wandering around out there in the wintertime! They are not out there. The devil is waiting to pounce on the thing that God gives to you. I wonder, if you surveyed Christian people, husbands and wives, how many have difficulties on Sunday morning. "I don't like to be late and you are in there doing this and that," - complaining because things are not going just the way you wanted them. A spiritual problem occurs as a result of a natural disposition.

God delivers to you the substance so that as you receive it, it becomes life to you. I can't get away from the analogy of eating a piece of chicken. We eat chicken and it only stays chicken so long. When the life in Christ comes to you, it invigorates your inward man and it gives you power and ability to love one another. It is love that pro-



voked Jesus Christ. The totality of His provocation was the love of His Father who loved the man He created. **For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him...** (John 3:16). Brother, **...whosoever believeth in him.** There are no qualifications about the quality of a sinner's prayer. It says that when a man believes in God, he can receive life from God. We have become caught up in our own little theological dispositions.

I go in to the prison all the time. Some of the men pray some of the nicest, sweetest prayers. They were raised in the church. "Precious, glorious, heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior." They come in the next week and they still smell like ashtrays. They are still chit-chatting in the meetings. Nothing has changed. Other men can barely get words out. "I am a wretched sinner, God." God begins to move. Why is He dealing with us in this manner? He says ye are the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). Think about that for a minute. The church is to be the light of the world. How lighted do you feel? How illuminating are you? How illuminating is your lifestyle? How illuminated is your thought process? What happens if all of our light comes under the scrutiny of the Master? It is and will continue to be scrutinized by the Holy Spirit. Right now, God is gathering us together, working us with people who are contrary to our thought process or contrary to our own personal demeanor. You know, **Iron sharpeneth iron** (Proverbs 27:17). Sometimes you get into a place and they just can't stand you. So what? God is teaching us to abide faithful in the midst of a bunch of different situations, that the Word of God might be formed in us because it is going to have to be in us when they come to press us.

I marvel at Brother Wurmbrand. We tend to think high-minded of what God has delivered to us. If we begin to think more of ourselves, we are in trouble. God has sent the message of the Kingdom to a people in this hour. There are a lot of people who have heard it. There are a lot of people who are operating in it in a greater measure than we are. I am not one of that self-flagellating group that says, "Oh, we are not the only ones." I am not into that. I am telling you, there is something going on in the Spirit and you are going to be in a place where the love of God will flow out of you so that some Muslim could come into your house and begin to spew out invectives and you won't want to reach out and pinch his head off! Quite frankly, I am still overcoming. God must deliver me from every attitude, which is what the Word speaks of. Hallelujah! It is the love of God that we need and usually it is our weaknesses that show the lack, those irritations and agitations. Think of all the things that Jesus

put up with.

All Brother Wurmbrand had was a Lutheran background and yet he was able to overcome many difficult situations. I began to read in his book of things that went on in the prison and the ministry of the Spirit that he was involved in, and do you know what it was? It was all the love of God. These people would get so beat up and they would hold their peace. Their tormentors would get so tired that they would have to stop. Then the people who were getting beaten would tell them of the love of Jesus. They didn't tell them some theological premise. They told them of a living reality that only comes from one place. It is not the knowledge of the Word, although that is absolutely necessary. It is not the knowledge of theology, although that can help sometimes. It is not the knowledge of history either. **It is the knowledge of Him.** It is intimate fellowship where He knows you and you know Him and you know His ways and He knows yours. There is fellowship.

The thing that Adam lost in the garden wasn't Heaven. It was not Heaven. I am not fighting for Heaven. I am fighting that the nature of Christ might be formed in this fellow. **Christ in you, the hope of glory** (Colossians 1:27). Not you in Heaven is your hope. **Christ in you the hope of glory.** That is what the world is going to need. Not theological premises. Not doctrinal disputations. All of those things are there. I have no problem with doctrine. I am not saying sloppy agape. I am telling you that if the love of God is not in you, all the abundance of those things are not going to do much for you in the day of your confrontation. It was the love of God that was in Peter. He saw it first hand. He experienced it. Worthy of death, he denied the Master. He looked him right in the eye.

God has called us. It has to be the love of God that is in us. Peter was worthy. They all saw him. The Son of God saw him. The Bible says in Luke 22 that He looked on him when he denied the third time. Can you imagine how he felt? Oh my goodness! He wept bitterly. I guess he did, the shame, the degradation, remembering all of his statements. "You know, Lord,"

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I imagine that one was fresh in his mind, "all these others will go." You know what? He was indicting them as well. "They are not going to be



around, **but I will.**” But the finger of God came right down on him. In John 21, when he came to Jesus, there were two things that happened. They were fishing. God gave him a sign. Peter was the same man, when Jesus said, “Children, put your net in the right side of your boat,” he replied, “We have been fishing here all night but at Thy word...” They did it. Now Jesus did it again in John. And somebody said, “It is the Master.” He went right to Jesus Christ because there was some business that had to be taken care of and he experienced firsthand the love of God. Jesus never mentioned it. “Oh Peter, have you gotten over your little denial business?” He never said anything. It ground the soul of Peter. What he needed was the love of God. Listen, he was very much aware of his own nakedness and it had been exposed and everybody that was there saw it, but most of all the Son of God heard with His own ear the very thing that Jesus said was going to happen. What do you think Peter did with that? I can tell you one thing, it was not in the forefront of his mind. Have you ever had somebody prophesy something to you that you did not like? It kind of indicted your personality or whatever? It would be like somebody saying to me, “You are loud.” “I am not loud! Come on!”

Jesus delivered to Peter the substance of reality that was agape personified. He didn’t call him under the carpet and say, “ABCD.” He said, “Do you love (agape) me, Peter?” The worst thing for Peter was that he couldn’t answer the question in the affirmative (John 21). Have you ever done that? Well, what do you think? “Do you agape Me, Peter?” “Lord, you know that I phileo You.” Jesus said, “Feed My lambs.” Feed the little ones. “Do you agape Me?” Do you think Jesus didn’t know the answer? He was demonstrating something to him. “Lord, You know.” It was just Peter and the Lord. Sometimes God puts His finger on something that I consider a strength of my personality. I think in myself, “Are you ever going to make it?” The Word says that faith without works is dead (James 2:20). Love must be applied. The attributes of God must be applied in our daily lives. They have to be thought about. We have to think about what we have and what we don’t have, what we are strong in and what we are weak in, what we have an abundance of and what we are lacking. God is talking about it in Matthew. He is talking about being diverted. He is talking about delivering to us a substance. The worst part that I have found out is that I am compatible. My lower nature is compatible with the devil. That is why he finds access so easily.

I was reading in Timothy that *the love of money is the root of all evil* (I Timothy 6:10). Don’t be fast to get rich. Don’t raise your hands, but I am going to ask you a question. How many of us would eschew wealth? “No, I don’t want to be rich. I just want enough to get by.” Don’t we all? That is a variable scale. If we like boats, fast cars and

big houses, it is going to require more. He is talking about something that is in us that is compatible to or an opening for the devil.

Men will come, when I am in the joint, and hug me and say, “Praise the Lord. I am this, I am that,” and they smell like ashtrays. I mean, the men are out front smoking just before they get into the service. The whole thing is about coming in and having no cigarettes. It is not about that. It is about the love of God being in you and you receiving the substance of the life of God that you could come up out of your ashtray mentality and be delivered from the hook that Satan has put on you. This one man said to me, “You mean to tell me that if I smoke, I’m not going to Heaven?” I said, “I didn’t say that. You might get there ten or twelve years early, but I didn’t say that. I just said to check yourself, brother. Could you ever see Jesus saying, ‘Hey brother, let me hold one of your smokes,’ and then light one up? You are not going to see that.” We can’t get by those things by hiding them.

This man denied the Son of God after all of his bravado, and the love of God was the thing that brought Peter back and actually was the establishment of his calling and his election. The Word of God came to him and delivered him, liberated him. You know that song that Don Francisco wrote? “He’s alive, He’s alive, He’s alive and I’m forgiven, Heaven’s gates are open wide.” That is what I felt like when I got born again. Somehow I knew absolutely, totally, that everything I was and everything I had done and everything that was despicable was wiped away by the love of God. I knew that God loved me. He didn’t love me because I was lovable. He loved me because He is love. God is love.

I need to read these verses out of Psalms and then we will come back to Matthew. Psalm 27:4, *One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple. <sup>5</sup>For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock. <sup>6</sup>And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.* One thing have I desired, that I might dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Matthew 13:3, *Behold, a sower went forth to sow; <sup>4</sup>And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: <sup>5</sup>Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:* We all have some idea of what this means. We don’t understand every little aspect of a parable every time we read it. Each time I go into the Word, God always

brings something fresh. I like bread, but there is nothing like fresh bread. It has a little bit of warmth to it. You can smell it. Now, if I had an old crusty piece of bread and I was hungry, that would be nice, but fresh bread is excellent. It says, *<sup>5</sup>Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: <sup>6</sup>And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.* Keep that in mind. Think about that. *<sup>7</sup>And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: <sup>8</sup>But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. <sup>9</sup>Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.*

All right, let's go to Mark 4. It is the same thing but it is going to have just a little tweak to it, a little different perspective, and it adds something. I was talking to somebody and we were discussing certain aspects of Christianity and there was a lot of disagreement. "Well, what about this and what about that?" I think it was our 5:00AM Bible study and as we were leaving, I was with one brother and he said that it really bothered him. I said that this stuff doesn't bother me at all. I don't mind discussing the Word. I don't even mind if there is disagreement, because we all have a different perspective. Sometimes you are looking at it one way and I look at it another. There can be rightness in both perspectives. Attitude affects us. We look at things from different ways and sometimes what you see, I need to see, because I am on the other side and I don't see it. You should sometimes check out what you see on the basis of what somebody else sees on the other side. We do not always see the same things the same way. The book of Mark has a little different take on it, but there are some similarities. Mark 4:3, *Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow: <sup>4</sup>And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up. <sup>5</sup>And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth: <sup>6</sup>But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away. <sup>7</sup>And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit. <sup>8</sup>And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred.* Now in Matthew it said some hundred, some sixty and some thirty. Here he says thirty, sixty and hundred.

In Luke 8 it is another perspective altogether. There is a little difference in each one of them and I appreciate the perspectives. Luke 8:5, *A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. <sup>6</sup>And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it*

*withered away, because it lacked moisture. <sup>7</sup>And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it. <sup>8</sup>And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. Let's keep going here. <sup>9</sup>And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be? <sup>10</sup>And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.*

Now that might sound a little skewed but I have to go back to John 1:12, *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:* He gave them power! *<sup>13</sup>Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.* There are some things that need to be settled in your mind. I can tell you as much as I can tell you that it is settled in my mind about myself. I know where I was going. I was on a hell-bound train. It was picking up speed and God intervened. He intervened because I have a destiny. In times of desperation and trouble, in times of despair, in times when I feel that nobody likes me, everybody hates me, I can go back to that place where I have a destiny that is inscribed in the Blood of Jesus Christ, and I can begin to move from that point. I am not insignificant in the Body of Christ. We start measuring one another amongst ourselves and it is not right. God has given to each man the measure of faith, to each woman, to each one the measure of faith (Romans 12:3). As you begin to move on that, there are things that begin to come to you. You don't become better or worse than anybody else. You have to move on the things that God has given you. Do it with all your heart, with all of your mind, with all your strength and God will be the one who begins to expand the Kingdom of God. Now your influence might not be as expansive as Wurmbrand, or Tyndale or Wycliffe or any of those men. That doesn't matter. It only matters that you do with all your might what you are given to do.

You remember the parable in Matthew 25. Ten talents, five talents, one talent. Ten talents is ten talents. That is a hundred percent return. Hundred-fold. I mean, that's right there. There is ten, here is ten more. Enter into the joy of the Lord. Five talents and five more. That is a hundred percent again. If that one talent man had given it back, "Here's your talent and here is another one," it would still have been one hundred percent. God doesn't think in terms of dollars and cents like we do. Some men give a million dollars and it is one one-millionth of their total capacity.

I was trying to buy a truck and I was telling the boys that we were going to go to Florida, and of course we were going to get stuck in the same old truck. "Well, I am wait-

ing for my ship to come in,” I said. They said, “What does that mean?” I said, “I am waiting for some money.” Well, the next time they came over, there was a ziploc bag and their banks had been emptied. “Here you go.” That’s it, brother. I mean, that is like God. We get so caught up in our own perspective. I think it was all of it. I don’t think they held any of it back. Come on! He said you have to be like a child. No concept of the total. “Take it all.” All is all no matter what all is. Five thousand, or ten dollars and two dollars or ten cents. All is all, which is what he is saying.

Unto you it is given (Mark 4:24). We just need to rejoice in that. God has given us the knowledge of the mysteries of the Kingdom. It isn’t anything that we boast in ourselves about, but we boast in the Lord. He has opened the doorway. He has opened the doors of our minds. We were talking about it the other night. Psychology is man’s thoughts about man’s thoughts. Theology is man’s thoughts about God’s thoughts. Revelation is God’s thoughts about God’s thoughts. That is where I want to be. This is a revelation. I didn’t call myself. I don’t appoint myself. I don’t anoint myself. It is the living God that does all those things and brings us into a place of understanding, and if we begin to understand from His perspective, then we have the strength to do the things that need to be done.

How many here have ever prayed for someone to get healed from a cold? Absolutely. How about cancer? In your mind, is there any difference between the two? There is in mine. We see certain things happen in front of our eyes. Listen, the God who heals colds also heals cancer. The God who gives you a dime also gives you ten thousand dollars, and I don’t think either one is more difficult. The difficulty is not with Him, it is with us.

He has given us something. He has given us to know the mysteries. We get so convoluted in theology. Sometimes we run after revelation. Why don’t you do with what you have been given? Some people want to know when the end of the world is coming. You know what? I can’t tell you. Nobody has told me, and quite frankly, I don’t believe anybody has told you. But He is telling you when the time and season is and He is telling you that you had better be ready. The Bible says that ***the secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law*** (Deuteronomy 29:29). Are we working on the things that have been re-

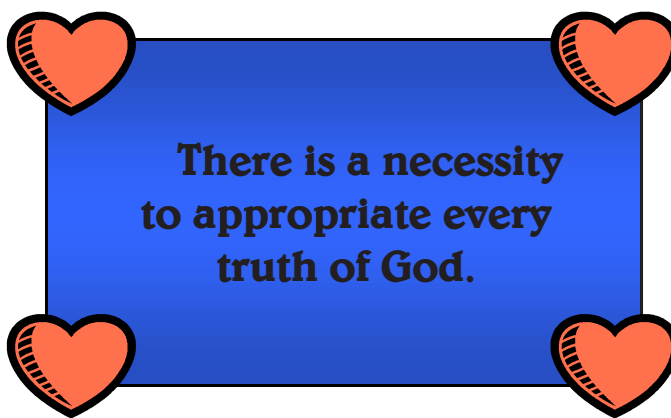
vealed? Right there He says that He has given you the mysteries of the Kingdom. Now, He is going to tell you a couple of mysteries, and if we don’t know them, it is not because He didn’t tell us. It is because we did not take the time to inspect the thing that has been delivered to us and to understand how it must be appropriated in our individual lives. There is a necessity to appropriate every truth of God.

Luke 8:11, ***Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.*** So that takes care of our seed problem. If my friend here wants seed, he wants good seed, germinal seed. We don’t have an issue. The seed is extremely germinal here. ***The seed is the word of God,*** so that solves that problem. ***Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil...*** Those little birds. He planted the seeds and the birds were right there, and a lot of them. Black ones and white ones. They didn’t care. Right away, immediately. Listen, when a man receives the baptism of the Holy Ghost, almost without exception, the first thing he hears when he gets out of the meeting is, “Nothing happened in there.” That bird comes right in to rob him of the thing that God gave him in order that he might be equipped to do the thing that God wants him to do. “Oh, I haven’t spoken in tongues.” So what? Some people make that the barometer. I believe that the manifestation of the gift of

the baptism in the Holy Ghost is speaking in tongues. But it is a chicken and egg problem. What happens first, the baptism in the Holy Ghost or speaking in tongues? So there is a line where you have the Holy Ghost and you are not speaking in tongues. I personally believe that it is an issue of believing God (Mark 16:17).

When I first was in the faith and I was going to Full Gospel Businessmen... Does anybody remember Full Gospel Businessmen? I went to almost every meeting. I was in a meeting and a man said, “Just start saying anything, but not in English.” I thought that God had to move my mouth so I just sat there. When I finally received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, I began to pray and pray and pray, and all of a sudden the anointing came and I just began to speak in tongues, and it was marvelous. After a while I realized it. “Oh, my goodness. Hey, it is here.”

He said, verse 12, ***Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.*** So there is an operation that you are acting on the Word. You begin to walk in it and to appropriate it. Belief is not



just something that happened just one time. He said that the devil is right there to take it. ***13They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy.*** Do you know people like that? They have received the Word with joy. “Praise the Lord. Bless God.” I mean, I know a lot of them. We see a lot of them in prison. There is really a necessity to have some spiritual awakening in prison, even if it is partial. We see a lot of them. They are jammed in the meeting. They come in and are euphoric. A couple men come in and you think that they are the pinnacles of spirituality but they are out in the world. One guy went up to Freeport and was out of prison maybe five months and he is back in. What happened? No root. ***And these have no root.*** It has to go down in. The way up is the way down. You see these big oak trees? They have as much underground as they have above the ground. There is a stabilizing factor in the root going down. Hallelujah! Verse 14, ***And these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.*** That is the key for these men. In the jail it is easy. Everybody tells them what to do. They tell them when to eat, when to sleep, when to exercise, when to do this or that, when to go to school, when to take a shower – everything. Then they get outside and they are all on their own and if they have not dealt with the sin in their life, they find themselves in the same thing they were in before they went to prison. Don’t think that you and I are any different.

***14And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.*** You know, we were singing about mountaintop experience today. Brother Johnson used to say that the mountaintop is glorious but the fruit is always found in the valley. If you notice, when you get high in the mountain there is no fruit up there. There is nice, crisp clear air but there is no fruit. ***These did not bring any fruit to perfection.*** Completion.

***15But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.*** ***16No man, when he hath lighted a candle, covereth it with a vessel, or putteth it under a bed; but setteth it on a candlestick, that they which enter in may see the light.*** ***17For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad.*** ***18Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.*** We have to be careful how we hear. We do not have the prerogative to sift the

Word of God through doctrinal perspective.

We deal a lot with “once saved, always saved” people, “eternal security,” all these things, these little dispositions that people have that war against the Word of God. I am telling you that sometimes it is unbelievable the intellectual gymnastics that contend with the Word when the thing is speaking right to you. I was in a meeting one time and I was speaking about my own condition, about horses and how much I like horses and how God put the finger on me about my affection for horses. Now, He just said, “You can’t be doing that any more.” He gave me the choice. I was just telling them about it and at the end of the meeting this person came up and said, “Who told you I had birds?” “What? I didn’t even know you had birds.” “Yes, you did. You were talking about me.” “No, sir.” I had no clue that God was talking to anyone about their birds. I mean, if it is dogs or chickens or whatever, who cares? If God begins to talk to you, don’t blame it on the preacher. Receive it as it was intended.

He said that whom he did foreknow he did also predestinate (Romans 8:29). Do you feel predestinated? What does that mean? Does that mean that we can just go on willy-nilly? Go along to get along? No way! There is coming a place, a fork in the road and I believe we are there and you know when the fork involves you living or dying, it is going to be an extreme fork. It is going to be a whole lot of thought process going into it. For me, I don’t think you just think about it at all, make a decision and put it on the shelf. When they come and say, “Are you one of those Blood-bought people?” “You bet I am.” “Come on outside. We are going to take off your head.” “So be it. Just do it quick, will you?”

If you have a realization of the Kingdom that it is not of this world... Our problem is that we are mingled. This culture is at odds with the Kingdom of God. The whole of the culture, all of it is at odds with the Word of God, with the work of God and with the will of God. It is working emphatically to counter the ministration of the Spirit of God in church. It is trying desperately to remove the knowledge of God from the hearts of children. He said, “Add to your faith, virtue, to your virtue, knowledge” (II Peter 1:5).

It is the responsibility of the parents to minister virtue to their children, to minister faith to their children. It ought to be parents who are bringing their children to the Lord. It ought to be earnest prayer teaching them that the battle is on their knees and not with their lips, necessarily, or with their weapons of war. He said that ***the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much*** (James 5:16). If my righteousness is not my own and is the righteousness of Christ, it means I have an unending supply of



righteousness. As it is appropriated, I begin to cry out, "Oh God, break the yoke of hell that is binding these people to the earth, the sewer that has been spewed forth."

He is talking about their table being filled with vomit (Isaiah 28:8). Brother, what do you think He is talking about? He is talking about bringing homosexuals into the ministry. Unclean, unclean, unclean! Their tables are filled with vomit. They eat swine's flesh. He is not talking about the unbeliever. He is talking about Israel. Swine's flesh. **Unclean!** Participating, taking it into yourself and allowing it to permeate your being. Some of the unmitigated trash that is on television, I am telling you that it is worse and worse. Go into the colleges, it is unbelievable. I am telling you that the whole of the culture is moving exponentially, which necessitates the coming forth of you and me as sons of God. We have lolly-gagged around in the place of compromise. It is not compromise altogether or intellectual where we have done it intentionally.

Peter got in trouble because his mind was on his ability to do whatever he had to do, when it is Christ in you the hope of glory, and as we encourage those things in our children there has to be an insistence on righteousness. If there is no difference in the children of the house of faith in their behavior, their attitude, and their approach in the things that they do or that they are willing to do, then what is the deal? What are we doing? Who are we fooling? When the pregnancy rates in the denominational church among the unmarried is the same as it is in the world, somebody is not doing their job.

I invited a man to church once with his family and later asked him how he liked it. He told me his wife did not like it because she had a different expectation for children's church. I know three or four people who are not coming to this fellowship because of what their children think and want. God is giving them the ability and an appointment to hear the gospel of the Kingdom of God because where they are at they are not hearing it. "Can't we just all get along, brother? Can't we overlook these things?" Listen, brother, God has not called us to overlook anything. Not in the mirror, not externally. Deal with this terra firma and you will have the spiritual strength to rebuke and reprove those things that rise up in the midst of what is called the church of God.

We have women pastors now. I tell the men in this 5:00AM Bible study that I am one of those "no pastor"

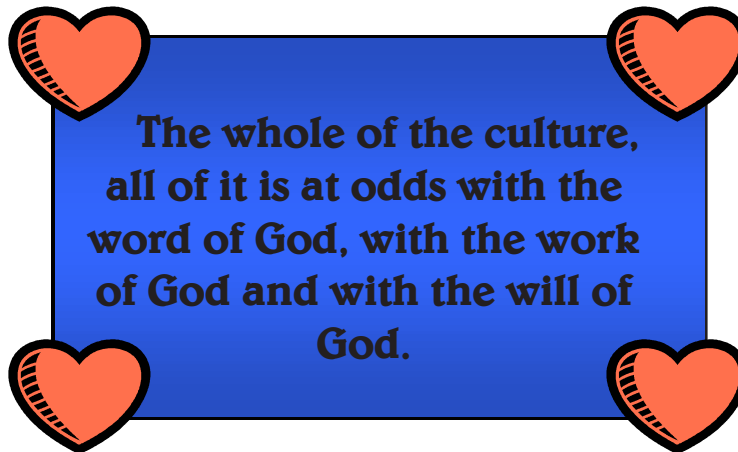
men. They "pastor" this and "pastor" that and you step on that and it is like stepping on an ingrown toenail! I said, "Listen, brother, fourteen times in the New Testament, the Greek word is *poimen*. Thirteen times it is translated *shepherd*. One time it is translated *pastor*, and that is in Ephesians 4:11. Thirteen to one. What is wrong with this picture? Somebody made an adjustment on the basis of a notion that would exalt a certain level. The other thing is that you are appointing pastors and they come in and preach some fancy message. One of the friends of mine said that his pastor is leaving. He is going to Colorado to get a better job. He likes Colorado. I guess that qualifies it as a better job. Who put him there? If you put him there, then he should be able to go out on his own behalf. If God put him there, and that is what you have been suggesting the whole time - that it is God, then God ought to be talking to somebody. They don't understand the mechanics. I said, "Maybe they will let me in there." He said, "Probably, but just once." Well, once may be all I need. Who knows? Honestly, I tell you what, I saw myself in a dream in that church. Brother, if I am there only once, I believe that God is going to put me in there. Now, maybe He has to refine my rough edges. Maybe He has to temper my intensity. So whatever it is, Lord, do it because they have got to hear the voice of God. They need to hear the gospel of the

kingdom. They need to hear that they have the potential. God is looking for a people who will rise up and say, "Send me." Did you notice that Isaiah didn't pull up any degree of theology? "Well, listen, I have been to this divinity school..."

One of the prison chaplains asked me one time if I had been to Bible school. I told him I was graduating summa cum

laude from Holy Ghost University. You know, the guy was rejoicing! I am telling you that God has called us to the school of life that is overseen by the Son of God and that is administered by the Holy Ghost, and the life and the love of God that is being ministered, as it is appropriated, we become more than we could be in the natural. Hallelujah! When the people of God begin to believe on the personal level, we are going to be an insurmountable adversary to the kingdom of hell and the prince of darkness. Glory to God!

I am not talking about this wishy-washy, make it up and hope it is going to happen. God has appointed you, placed you pivotally in a place where there is a strong re-



religious spirit and if all we become religious, then we succumb to the power of the devil that was here that we were called to displace. You know what the ultimate insult to God was? That when He called them into the land and He gave them all that He gave them, their cry was that they wanted a king so that they could be like everybody else. God gave them a king and they became like everybody else. All the way down to where the whole of the house of Israel, even down to the high priest, said, "We have no king but Caesar." Well, have you spoken? It brought blight to them. It is very sad, really. To all of us who watched the Passion of the Christ that was one line that they left out. His blood be upon us and our children (Matthew 27). They pronounced the curse right out. They said, "We have no king but Caesar." Isn't that funny?

We have potential, but potential by itself doesn't do anything. We have potential presidents, kings, and prophets in our midst. You see what Hannah did with her prophet? (I Samuel 1). She was diligent. She gave him to the Lord. She taught him. She trained him. Don't think that it was Eli that trained Samuel in respect and deference. You remember, three times God called him. Can you imagine? He hears, "Samuel, Samuel," and he gets up and he runs to the prophet. "Here I am sir. You called me?" "In the middle of the night?" He didn't roll over, "It isn't 8:00." **Three times.** That talks to me of diligence, of preparation, of training. We must not neglect our children in the operation of God. One day you are going to need them to pray for you and they are not going to be able to properly pray if you do not do your part. You don't want them praying wishy-washy prayers. "Please God. If it is your will." Somebody needs to instill some fire in them.

I was feeding my dad. His arms don't work any more and I had to feed him and my daughter was there watching.



She said to my other daughter, "I didn't know my dad could be so tender." I didn't know my dad nearly as well as I have

gotten to know him, and you know what I have figured out? He wasn't involved with me as a kid. There were 11 of us, so he was working all the time. There wasn't a personal involvement. As I got personal with him, he got personal with me. There wasn't a crowd. I got more respect for my dad. I got more of an insight into who he is. I said, "I didn't know this guy." It tells me something about God. You are not going to get to know God from the outside. You are not getting to know Him from just reading about Him. The only way you are going to get to know Him is with your personal interaction with Him. If it is wanting, you can take care of that today. I mean, many of our problems aren't who we are or who we aren't. It is our

lack of persistent fellowship and our confidence and our access with Him.

My earthly father never told me that he loved me, with words, until I was 49. I said to him, "You know, I knew that. I already knew that, but it is kind of nice to hear it once." He just manifested his German nature. But I know that when I came into his room his eyes brightened up. I would take him a burrito and sit down with him and have conversation with him and fellowship with him and touch him like I had never been able to touch him before. And I never even realized it. Many people in my hometown knew my dad. They would ask me if Jack Schneider was my dad, and when I responded in the affirmative, they would speak of how wonderful a man he was. No one spoke ill of him to me. Even my kids do not have that testimony.

My dad got born again in my pickup truck just because I was persistent with him. I didn't ride him like a pack mule, just laid out the facts, and he received the Lord. It is phenomenal and it has been a blessing to me because I know him now in a greater way. That is unbelievable because I thought I knew him before, and I really had no idea who he was. The man has suffered and he has maintained his testimony. I told him that we were talking design, form and purpose in church and that God has a purpose for each one of us individually. We were just talking about it and out of the blue he said, "Did you ever think of what my purpose is?" I said, "It is kind of funny. I **have** been thinking about it. You know, God is not like men. God prepares a man all his life for one instance."

Jesus Christ had **one** thought. He had **one** function. Now, everything that happened on the way was significant. But He said, for this cause (singular) was I born (John 18:37) **and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!** (Luke 12:50). You and I have but one calling, and that is to become sons. In the midst of sonship and the dispensation of the kingdom of God, God will deliver to each one of us the substance that is necessary for us to be able to do whatever we have to do. But the first issue is to become. **But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God** (John 1:12). If you don't become, it is not because you couldn't. It is because you had something else you wanted to do.

I said to my dad, "Wouldn't it be funny if the whole purpose of your whole life was to bring you into this place to demonstrate to these people around you how to suffer in an unseemly situation?" The man has done exceedingly well. He was going to check out. My mom told him it was okay if he left. I told him, "As much pull as mom has, she ain't the boss. Better check with the boss before you leave your post." He is still living and there is still something of Christ that is ministered out of him. The girls that work there love him. They are in there watching him all the time. He makes sure he has little chocolates in his room

for his caretakers. They know right where they are. They come in and he says, "How are you doing? Come on in here. This is my honey." I told one girl who was sweeping the floor how much we appreciated the way that they took care of my dad and she said, "We should be thanking you. Your dad brought something to us. Some of us don't have dads or granddads. My kids come in here." That is the love of God. That is not the love of man. That is the love of God.

You know, a son knows who he is. My dad was very busy when I was little... My brothers always told me that I was his favorite, but I never believed that. It wasn't an issue for me. I don't have any parental issues, you know. "You fed me less than the rest and I have this bitterness." I don't have any of that. I said to my mom that I was treated



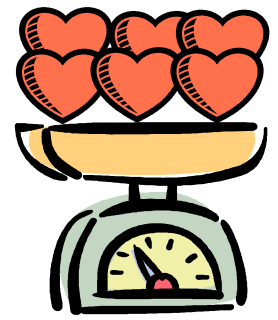
wonderfully in my house. I didn't get spanked near as much as I should have. I might have gotten out of trouble earlier if I had gotten whooped more. I was never mistreated. **Not ever!** Never disparaged, never minimized, never discouraged. My parents have a testimony with

me that is unfettered and unsullied. Then my brothers told me that I was my dad's favorite. I could have said, "Well, he couldn't help himself," or something like that, but that is not true. When I played little league baseball, he would come home and eat and then he would leave, but I would always look in the crowd and my dad would always show up even if just for a minute. I knew how busy he was and how many mouths he had to feed because my grandparents lived in the house with us. He had 15 mouths to feed a hot meal every night. We had all those boys and only a few girls, so we didn't have much help there, but I am telling you that it was the love of God. My dad has got something from God that is undeterminable and it is flowing out of him now.

He said, *He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water* (John 7:38). That speaks of an experience. A brother asked a question and it has really kind of plagued me, because maybe sometimes in my interaction there has been a negative response. "What kind of a taste do you leave in the mouth of the people that you interact with?" You know, the love of God absolutely has to leave a sweet taste and a savor. I remember how I felt when I knew that I was forgiven. **Speechless.** I could hardly talk. That is where we are short in the kingdom. We are not short of knowledge, we are not short of revelation, and we are not short on experience. We have had a lot of experience.

Let's put on the love-o-meter and see how you measure up. It tells us what love is and what love isn't. It tells

us what love does and what it doesn't do. Our marriages would be absolutely repaired if we adhered to that. You can do it just like I did it. "Oh man, I have to read the Bible. Christians are supposed to read the Bible." You know what? We should think, "Oh, I have to love my wife like Jesus loved the church. That is what Christians are supposed to do." You know, if we just began to operate in it. What do you think they do in math? Two plus two is four. You just memorize it.

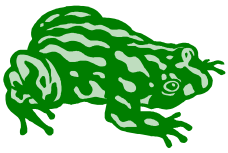


I remember learning how to lay out a floor system. The first time I did it, my brother said, "All right, now you have to put the first one 15 $\frac{1}{4}$ , then 31 $\frac{1}{4}$ , and then 47 $\frac{1}{4}$ ." And I said, "Why?" "Just do it." I said, "I can't just do it, because I will never remember all those numbers. But if you tell me why, then I will remember." So, it took him two minutes. "All right. If you measure out here in the center of this an inch and a half, you have to go back three quarters of an inch." So then I never had a problem with it after that, but I did it by rote the first time. Sometimes that is what we have to do in the practice of the love of God. When we love one another... He said, "This is how they are going to know us," (John 13:35).

I don't care what you say. Muslims are confounded by the love of God. They are also won by the love of God, and that's the thing that is going to win a loveless world. Because you know what? There is something inside that responds to that overture. I don't know how the Pharisees got by it. There must have been such a cloud of darkness working in them, but you see the people that were really desperate.

Remember the woman? (Luke 7). Simon says, "My goodness. If this guy was a prophet he would know about the woman who was touching him..." He said, "Simon, I have something to say to you." He just said it privately. "I have this word to say to you, Simon. When I came in My feet were dirty and you didn't give Me anything to wash them with, but this woman has been weeping and she has been wiping My feet with her tears and her hair. You didn't kiss Me or greet Me, but she has not stopped kissing My feet. Look at her with somebody else's perspective, Simon." This woman had received something of a great magnitude from the Son of God and likewise you and I also have received.

That is the thing that draws us together. It is not logistics or manipulation. It is not trying to behave like one another. It is loving one another fervently only because God loves you. The friend of my friend is my friend. The brother of my brother is my brother. We need to keep that mindset that we are going to love one another fervently. I



tell you, we don't have to look far. I can define the love of God. **I can see it.** I can see it when a son takes care of his father who can't take care of himself. That is not a favorable circumstance. That is not convenient. Love reaches beyond convenience. If you are a toad and you persist in your toadiness, I am still required to love you. As we begin to practice that, I am telling you, the things that divide us will become just like those things the disciples dealt with. You will notice that whatever attitude and issues they had amongst themselves disappeared when the love of God manifested itself in the upper room and they went out. You notice that when they killed James, the brethren didn't stop. When he scattered them, it didn't stop. They were scattered and they were preaching running. That is a picture of what we need to be, and we can't have issues between one another.

Anybody know who Doeg was? The Edomite (I Samuel 21). He was with who? Saul. He heard a conversation and he saw David and the boys and the priest eat the shewbread and Doeg was the one who turned them over to Saul. You have to be careful with your own heart. Doeg was at a certain level and he was privy to certain things, but in the end it caused destruction in the church and it brought him his own death sentence.

All I am saying is to minimize your issues. Who cares? Some of us have personal angst with other people. Listen, I can tell you that I was the toad of toads and Jesus loved me. That kind of escalates my ability to love other people in their toadiness. I think that is the totality of the message. If you read Matthew 24, one of the empirical statements, ***12And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.*** You know what? I am very much encouraged in the Lord with the thing that God is speaking to us. I feel like Peter. I am sure that God sees all of my weaknesses, all of my insufficiencies and all of that stuff, and He doesn't come up to me and say, "Listen to Me, chump. You are on the last line and you better get over it or you are out." No, He begins to encourage me to go this direction, to do these things. Faith without works is dead. Put your feet to the things you believe you ought to be doing and God will bless you. We talk about numbers and all that. When the love of God is the fragrance and the flower that blossoms in our midst, the place will be packed. God bless you. ✨

## Kids' Chronicles

Baptism Report by Caleb Joseph Trotter

I was at the conference and had been going to the meetings and I had been learning about baptism at my house. My grandpa announced that we were having a baptism and asked if anyone wanted to get baptized. I raised my hand because I wanted to get baptized and I did.



Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006, I was baptized by my Grandpa Schneider and Mr. Chattic. I was also baptized in a pond. It was very cold and it was a rainy day. We sang, "I've Made Up My Mind." I was seven years old. All my grandparents and the Czech brethren and my mommy and my brother were there. And the only thing I thought about was God coming into my heart. I said I didn't want any part with my carnal flesh and that is also why I got baptized.

Baptism means death to self. What you do to be baptized is you go under the water. You go under the water, die and come up a new man. Going under the water means death. You come up a different man which also means rising from the dead. Baptism also means going all the way with Jesus. Going all the way means being obedient to all He says and being righteous and letting Him be your Lord and master.

God is the Greatest Healer by Caleb Trotter

August 8th, 2006 - Last Friday, I woke up with a fever. I had it for four whole days. On Monday night, Grandpa came over and he put oil on my forehead and prayed for me. At midnight, I got up to go to the bathroom. My mommy felt my head (and found that the fever had broken) and in the morning my temp was 97.7. ✨

# Yeshua Ha'Mashiyach

by Terry Smith

What does the "Ha" mean? We have learned the wonderful Hebrew names for the Lord, such as Yahweh, and Yeshua, and Mashiyach, and Yeshua Hamashiyach.

Here is the question I have had before the Lord, "What does the 'Ha' mean?" I thought it might be like "a" or "the," but I did not want to assume anything, so I kept asking the Lord. Whenever I would be searching in the Hebrew or Greek, I would have this in the back of my mind, "Lord, what does the 'Ha' mean?"

I tried to search it out on my own and got nowhere. I asked the Jewish and Hebrew scholar on the University's campus, but got no response. I asked at the Jewish building by my parking space and was basically ignored. So, I just kept this question before the Lord when I would think about it, knowing that when it was HIS time, HE would answer me IF I needed to know.

Well, the other night I met my sister and a few friends at the mall to all go to dinner somewhere together. There was this persistent salesman that kept asking us if we needed his fingernail product. No one was interested. Then, after we passed this gentleman, the thought occurred to me that I should ask him if he would let me share the love of Jesus Christ with him, then I would let him tell me about his fingernail product. So back I turned and went to this gentleman's booth to ask him this question.

His response was, "Well, okay!" So we had a discussion on the love of the Lord Jesus Christ and the New Testament. As it turned out, this gentleman was from Israel. He was like a Catholic who fell away from Catholicism - meaning that he was a Jew who thought all the laws of the Orthodox religions were too, too, too legal. He was surprised that Jesus Christ came to set us free from the Law and that I considered myself a Jew "circumcised in the heart and not the letter."

He did not receive salvation then, but several seeds of the Lord were planted, and he might have to go check out the New Testament for himself. His interest was touched and he was not at all offended, and was very glad to receive the blessing of the Lord from me. He knew of the phrase "Yeshua Hamashiyach," and he even took the time to explain the "Ha" to me. He wrote it down for me and we were both blessed, perhaps me more

than he, but God answered my question AND this man will have angels following him around for the rest of his life (with the blessings of the Lord) encouraging him to know Yeshua Hamashiyach as his own personal Savior.

The Lord showed me that because the gentleman did not commit to salvation, not to worry - seeds had been planted. Typing this out, I'm thinking of the scripture in I Corinthians 3:7, ***So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.*** So, if you happen by this young gentleman, maybe God can use you to water a bit! If you think of this, please pray for him.

I almost forgot to share what the gentleman told me about the "Ha"! It means, when paired with Mashiyach, "God" Messiah. If the "Ha" is before any other word, it only means "the." Isn't that beautiful? It only means "God" when it is with "Messiah." How like the Lord.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL!! (Go water and plant and water and plant and remember that we are nothing but servants - HE ALONE is what is important!)

NOTE: - Hebrew 04899 "Mashiyach" means the anointed one, the Messiah, King of Israel, high priest of Israel, etc. ☺

# His Coming And The Completion Of Man

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*Praise God. Father, we just thank You for Your presence with us. Lord God, we know that You are with us. You have been with us all through the day. You have been with those who are traveling and those who have been traveling. But the special way in which we thank You for being with us tonight is that You said that where two or three are gathered together in Your name, You would be there to bless and to do them good. That means, Lord God, that You are here to do something for each individual person, that each person that has a need, that each person that has a suffering, that each person that has a pain, that each person that has a problem, that You are here to fix that problem, because we know that You are in the midst of fixing the temple for Your return. So we pray, oh God, that You might quicken our understanding; quicken us, Lord God, to make us a Body, for hitherto we have not been a Body. We have been scattered here and there. We have been hearing the Word, we have been believing the Word, yet we have not been able to move as one man, even as You have ordained for us. So Lord God, we commit ourselves into Your hand tonight, that You would bring us one notch nearer to that point where You will be pleased with us, and You will say, "This is My beloved son, in whom I am well pleased." Thank you, Jesus. And so we depend on You for the Word tonight, in the name of Jesus. Amen. Hallelujah!*

Greetings to you, brethren. It is such a pleasure to be with you. Hallelujah! To know that God has been preserving you, and preserving us, through many dangers, toils and fears, we have already come. We thank God for this marvelous preservation and restoration. Amen. Hallelujah! You know, when I think that I am 83 years of age, it is kind of hard to think about that because I feel young. I feel excited about what God is doing, and it is such an excitement that I don't have time to think about being old. So, I

hope that those of you who are running after me so closely might think of that and just rejoice in God that we are glad to see the day, and we are glad to see the hour in which we are. Praise be to God.

There is a Word here that the Lord has been speaking to my heart, and this Word is concerning His coming and the completion of the man. You remember, when He started out, He did not finish Adam. Adam was an unfinished product. Let us go to Genesis. Whenever you see me start in Genesis, you know that we are going to end up in Revelation. So, let us start in Genesis 1. This is the blueprint that we must never forget. We must always remember the blueprint, God's blueprint for man. You know, when you are going to put up a building, you lay it out, and you look at the cost and everything. You



say, "This is good." The building isn't yet finished, but you know it is good because you know what it is going to be. You can see from your blueprint, from your plan, the finished building and you rejoice in the finished building. Someone else comes and he sees all the rubble and the trash and everything while men are working, and he says, "Oh, this is a mess." BUT one day it is going to be a palace. Amen. Thank you, Jesus! So, we look at chapter 1, verse 25. I want you to see what happened here.

***25And God made the beast of the earth after his kind...*** Isn't it peculiar that God made the beast just before He made the man? ***And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.*** I want you to understand that all these animals represent something spiritual. Every animal that you see, it represents something in the Spirit. The Bible says that the things in the natural represent the things in

the spiritual. So, when we think that God made the beast just before He made man, and the serpent - the serpent - just before He made man, you must understand that in the fulfillment of this, the completion of this, we are going to see the beast before we see the man. Do you understand? We are going to see the manifestation of the beast nature, we are going to see the total manifestation of the horror of the serpent nature BEFORE we see the perfect man.

You know, we were singing, "We are complete in Him." It is wonderful. You cannot be completed any other way. IN CHRIST JESUS, man will find his completion. Hallelujah! But something is going to happen before that. If you think that it is close for Jesus to come into us, think again! It is closer. You are going to see the beast with your two eyes.

Let me just touch on a little point here before we go any further. We are already seeing the manifestation of the beast nature in the human realm. At no time in the history of man have we ever seen such horror and wickedness in human beings. A man walks into a wedding with a bomb and blows himself apart, and his entrails scatter all over the wedding, killing fifty-odd people. I mean, it is bad enough for a person to say that they are fighting a war against somebody else, but you are talking about innocent people, women and children, on somebody's wedding day. And they marred them, marred the wedding day and killed the parents. God spared the bride and the groom. But this is man NOW, and he is going on everyday.

Today they ran a truck into a hotel. They blew out the fence and another truck came in and ran into the space that was blown up, and blew up the hotel. This is what man is capable of right now. You haven't seen anything yet! You have not seen the end of it, for man has totally lost his human quality, and they are becoming beasts. That is, the worst beast that you could find is a beast that is intelligent, a beast that is able to calculate, a beast that is able to plan. Don't you understand? Such a beast, God never made. He never made.

I don't know if you noticed that God mentioned man and mentioned beast? In the Word of God it shows that a man can become a beast. God demonstrated it in Nebuchadnezzar. He transgressed against God. Do you know how he transgressed? Listen. He built Babylon. Babylon was never intended of God to be built. Nimrod built Babylon and then here comes Nebuchadnezzar, and he builds Babylon. And when he looked at the palace - trash. YES. A palace is nothing but a big heap of trash that is put in order, because if you light a match under it, it becomes nothing. If you drop a bomb in there, there is no palace any more. SO, IT IS NOT REAL! But he looked at it and said, "This is the great Babylon that I have built." And God smote him (Daniel 4:30). What God did when He smote him was He separated... Hear me, now. You

are spirit, you are soul, and you are body. If your spirit leaves you, you become a beast. It is your spirit that is contacting the Spirit of God that makes you human, makes you compassionate, makes you love. HEAR ME! Whenever that spirit is cut off from you, you are no better than a beast. He did not know any more that he had a palace to go into his big bed and lie down to sleep. He slept out in the grass. He ate grass like an animal. He became a beast for seven years! For seven years, nobody cut his toenails or his fingernails. Amen. He didn't want them to be cut. Everybody was afraid of this thing that was out there. He was a werewolf. Yes! He became a beast. God did it to show us something, that there is the possibility of man becoming beast.

Now, we see a man who loves order. Everything must be spic and span. Everything must be in order. If it is not in order, he kills those who don't put it in order, so much so that men get in line before him because they are afraid of him. I am talking about Hitler. He was a beast. He looked like a man. He talked like a man, but he was a beast. Amen. We had many, many, many beasts. Many, many beasts - some in scripture, some in our time. We have seen Stalin, who crept up at night with a sharp razor blade and slit a person's vein so accurately, so sharply, so quickly that the person didn't even wake up. He just bled to death. That is how Stalin used to kill. He was a great killer. Then, of course, he started killing by the millions. He killed his own soldiers because he suspected that they weren't going to be with him.

So, brethren, we see then seven days. God took six days to build the earth, and He built the beast in the morning of the sixth day. You know that the morning of the day is at six o'clock the previous evening. Are you there? So, the beast was made at that time, and the beast reigned through the night - UNTIL MIDNIGHT - and day began to dawn, and God made the man. I want you to understand me. God made man on the sixth day. On the sixth day means in the fifth day evening. As the fifth day was finished in the evening, He made the beast. And so the beast was active all through the night. Remember that animals have the kind of eyes that can see in darkness. Amen. They were made to hunt during the night. So the beast was active. At that time, nothing was killed or destroyed, but the fact that God did it means God is showing us something. God could have just spoken one word and made everything at one time, but that would not teach us the lesson. The lesson is what I want us to get tonight. Are we understanding? We must get the lesson tonight that God deliberately took six days, and in the sixth day, He made beast and man. Hallelujah!

In the six thousand years, therefore, beast must be completed, and man must be completed. Now, that sixth day, God said one thing in the second chapter of Genesis. He

said that He finished the work which He had made. Come, let's read it and see if we can get the understanding of this truth here. Remember, when He made it He said, "It is good." It IS good because God sees things through spiritual eyes, so He can see that which is not as though it were (Romans 4:17). So, when God saw Adam and said, "It is good, good work," it was indeed a good work because it would produce what God ordained. Now, everything that He made will be completed in the millennial year that He made. So, if He made something on the fourth day, or on the fifth day, in the fourth millennium it would be completed, in the fifth millennium it would be completed. If it was made in the sixth day, in the sixth millennium it will be completed. So, when it is completed, it must be manifest. God says that man will be manifested in the sixth day, and of course, in the seventh day he would show forth his perfection. Amen.

Now in Genesis 2:2 He said, *And on the seventh day...* I want you to notice this, because the seventh day is the Sabbath. The seventh day is the Sabbath, and I want you to notice here without my going into it, because it is a whole different message that Jesus Christ did most of His miracles on the Sabbath day, and these miracles that He did on the Sabbath day were specially selected miracles. He didn't do any random miracles. He did some specially selected miracles on the seventh day to show us what is going to happen in our time. The man at the pool of Bethesda, He healed him on the seventh day, and He said, "Rise up and walk" (John 5:8). That man represents the manchild church, and the manchild church is going to rise up and walk in our time. We are going to see it. Believe you me! Hallelujah! So, here we are, this church is to become the manchild church. The woman is going to become the man. Come on now, brethren. The woman church, when she is joined with Jesus Christ and becomes one, and Jesus Christ becomes her Head, she will become the manchild church. So, the way God showed it is as a birth, as if a woman is pregnant with something (Revelation 12). Hallelujah! When the pregnancy comes forth, it becomes a man, so it is the woman in the man. That is the only way that God could describe to us that we in our little

wretched, finite minds could understand what He means by a manchild church. Every church has been a woman. So far, from the beginning of time, everything that comes forth has been female, because it had to depend on the male to bring forth anything. In other words, we have to depend on Christ. No Christ is going to bring forth a church that doesn't have to depend on Christ. Why? Because the church will be Christ itself.

Come on, brethren. It is as plain as it can be, yet I can imagine somebody quoting me on the internet. Hallelujah! They put some wretched things about me on the internet. But that is wonderful. That means that they are paying attention. The woman church is to become the manchild church. Let's go to the natural woman. You women - you are not really women. You are pretending to be women. Do you know why? Because you are only women for a season. This season in which we are, wherein we must gain and earn our laurels and our crowns, and our stars, we that God put in a woman body that we might suffer in that body and bring forth the manchild. Can you understand? Can everybody understand? You know, I want you to question me tonight very badly. I really want you to get up and talk. If you don't believe what I am saying, if you don't hear what I am saying, let me hear it. Let us talk about it. Because it is not sin. It is not sin to not understand, you know. It is sin to not understand and to walk out of here with your lack of understanding. That is the sin. It is not sin to be tempted, but it IS sin to yield to temptation. So those of you who are tempted, don't say to yourself, "Oh, I am a wretched person, because I am tempted!" NO SIR!!!! You are not a sinner because you are tempted. You are a sinner because you commit sin.

Let's go back to it. So therefore, in the sixth millennium, which is just past - God has created a man, a manchild, and that child is yet to be manifested, because that child is yet a fetus. Come on, now! He said now, in the seventh day, *God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.* Hallelujah! Do you know why God rested? Because man was perfected. God will not rest until you are perfected. When you are perfected, you will take over God's creation. He will hand it to His sons.

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But how are you going to be perfected? Through great toil and tribulation. Hallelujah. Through great suffering and overcoming and then a TRIUMPHANT CHURCH will come forth. Some of the poor ones who are hopping around, "I'm no good," "I'm weak," all of a sudden, out of weakness, God will bring forth strength! Out of sorrow, He will bring forth joy! Out of pain and suffering, He will bring forth victory! Hallelujah! For this is the plan of the living God. Hallelujah!

I am encouraging you tonight. Do you know what blesses me? Twenty years ago I knew some of you, and you are here tonight. Hallelujah! It means that you are listening. It delighted me to hear Brother John. He is a young one. Amen. He is a young one, and to hear him say that salvation is progressive... Yes! Yes! Even progressive, progression, failure, fall, rise up, fall, rise up, fall down, suffer, pain, and then one day God says, **And I will give power unto my two witnesses** (Revelation 11:3). Oh yes! Yes! So don't be afraid of what is happening. If this doesn't happen, then Jesus won't come.

One day I was asking the Lord... Well, you know, I have been asking God questions for almost 60 years. Sometimes He doesn't answer the question until 30 years after I asked it. So, you are all blessed. You can just get the 30-year answers tonight, once and for all. But that's the way that God makes it. It is not everybody that has to work for it. Some people have to suffer and work and give it to you, so that you can suffer and work and give it to somebody else. So, there is a progression in church. Now, a church that doesn't progress is a dead thing. Jesus is not in it. Oh, you better believe it. If you don't progress, Jesus is not in you. And something else - you are no judge of it. You cannot judge whether you progress or not. You always have a tendency to cry down yourself, and you feel like a dog and you believe that you are a dog or not. Yes! Sometimes you just feel like a dog - feel way down there, but blessed be to God.

God is sending a message to you tonight, and I want you to get the message. It starts here with the blueprint. What did God see when He saw Adam and He said, "It is good"? Now, I want to know what God saw, and I am going to see what God saw. Yes, because the brother who used to rest on Jesus' bosom... I think that it is just a phrase in the Jewish language to say that he was resting on his bosom. I think it means to say that he was kind of close to Him. Hallelujah! He was catching everything out of Him. This brother said, **Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God** (I John 3:1). Hallelujah!

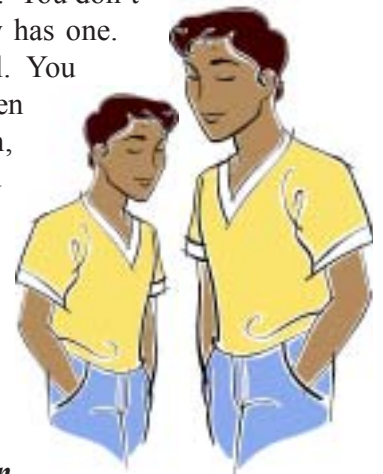
I mean, you feel so wretched sometimes because you are not coming up to your own expectation. Right? You are not coming up to your own expectation. You think that you are no good. But **what manner of love the Father**

**hath bestowed** (meaning to say, given us freely) **that we should be called the sons of God**. Now, this is God's plan from the beginning. In other words, put yourself in God's place. Can you? You are God and you can do everything. You can do everything, but you cannot make a son. You make angels and they are beautiful, and they are powerful and they are great. But the son - you cannot make a son. WHY? Okay, how did the Son come about? How did Jesus Christ come about? God took God out of God and put Him in a seed and put that seed in a woman. So, God became a partner with a woman, that the child that the woman brought forth would be half God and half man. He would be completely man, for He had all the attributes of man and He would be completely God, for although He could not manifest all the attributes of God, He knew that He had them in the heavenlies, and He would inherit them. Hear this now! This is what God wanted, but then He couldn't go taking seeds out of Himself making God-men all around. He made One and that One must bring forth other men like Himself. Are you with me, brethren? God bless you if you can understand what the Spirit is saying to the church! Hallelujah! **GOD IS CREATING GOD!!!!**

He can't make it, but He can create it. He can take one of Adam's fallen race, and He can plant a seed into you, and the seed can germinate, and you can become like God!! A son of God. Let us make sure that we have scripture, because I am on the edge, you know. Do you hear? On the edge! I know one brother who used to go around and he would say, "God bless you!" and he meant to say it. Let's get the scripture. We turn around to Romans 8, and look at verse 29, **For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son... Conformed** means "made in form like." Does anyone have another translation here? An Amplified, or anything like that? You are good people. You don't use those things. Nobody has one.

That is peculiar, wonderful. You see, you can use them when you can understand them, when you know that you must use it with something else. Right? But to depend on it alone, you will get carried down sometimes. Now, **to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he (the Son) might be the firstborn among many brethren**. So that means that many of us are going to become LIKE JESUS. He is our bigger brother, and we will be little brothers coming forth in His image and likeness.

Now, let's go back to Genesis, and let me show you a



little glitch there, why I said to you that we were not completed. Adam was not completed. You see, if you say things, you have to have the proof for it. Do you see? There is no scripture that does not give you scriptural proof. Now, if we look again, Genesis 1:26, ***Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...*** So, the blueprint calls for IMAGE and LIKENESS. Now, if you take a picture of me, it is my image. You can take a picture of me and have my image, but to have my likeness is another thing. So, we have the image of God built in us, but to be like Jesus... "To be like Jesus, to be like Jesus, all I ask is to be like Him, all through life's journey, from earth to glory, all I ask is to be like Him." Tonight, we are going to go a notch higher! Just one notch higher. Hallelujah! As the Lord has been showing me, let us go on.

Turn with me to Ephesians. God bless our brother Paul. He had such a deep understanding of the Spirit, and of the things of the Lord, that he was like the link between the Old and the New Testament. Yes. Paul was like the link between the Old and the New Testament. If you can read and understand Paul, you are making it. Yes, because not even Peter could understand him. Amen. Praise be to God! Remember that he is writing a letter to the Ephesian brethren. Ephesians chapter 1 through chapter 4 is the most used part of my Bible. Ephesians 1:10. It is something that we go over many times, but we need to go over it and over it and over it until it sinks down into our minds, into our hearts, and it becomes life, a part of us.

Ephesians 1:10, ***That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him...*** Come on now! I learned this lesson. My brother died when he wasn't an old person. My mother died when she was an old woman. My father died. All these three, God has given me as my children in the Lord, by promise. Have you ever pinned down God for a promise? Pin down God right now for a promise for your children. They shall not be lost. "Lord God, any sacrifice, any sacrifice I will make. Don't let my children be lost." Call them one by one before God, no matter where they are. Let me tell you something, brethren. This brother of mine was a gun man, a gang leader. Do you hear me? He was an engineer, a highly technical person. At night he went out and led his gang. They would do anything. He had to be saved! He had to be saved because the Spirit of God came to me when I was a child, and told me. I had no understanding of it but He told me, "I will take away the birthright from the firstborn brother, and give it to you." I am second to last born. Amen.

After I got SAVED, I became conscious and I said, "Well, God, if you have taken away his birthright and have given it to me, like you took away the birthright of Esau and gave it to Jacob, then SAVE him!" You have the power!

You have the power! There is a Blood covenant between you and that child. It is your body, it is your Blood, it is your life. My life, my body, my blood, must not be given to the devil. It shall not reign in hell forever with Satan. Hallelujah! Because I have a Blood covenant with Him. I said, "My God, I pin You, I pin You down, God, to the covenant. They shall not die." I want you to be strengthened, brethren. GLORY TO GOD! Amen. I want you to HEAR me! I want you to be strengthened! I want you to understand that the Spirit of God in the end of time must reveal the whole truth to the church. He must reveal the whole truth to the church. Part of the truth has been revealed time and time again. In this place, Tulsa, the mighty men of God have come and they have each revealed a little. Each one has had a little piece! But they have never had the sense to put them together. Each man, building his own kingdom. They have been too busy building their own kingdoms to realize that the Kingdom of God is not you or you or you, but ALL of us together! If I took my little piece and put it with you, all of a sudden, I would have ten times more. Don't you understand? So God is saying that, at this junction of time, He is bringing together a church that has never been before, for THIS church shall not only be with human beings, but with spirits! HALLELUJAH!

I asked God to save the rebellious, wretched, wild man (my brother). Hallelujah! And God said, "YES." One day God called me and said to go down to Jamaica and talk to him. I went down to Jamaica. I went to his place. I sat him down and I talked to him. He never said one word. He sat down for two hours and I poured out the Gospel of Jesus Christ upon him, and he sat down looking at me. The next call was an eternal call. Oh yes! The next call was an eternal call. I said, "Thank You, Jesus. You are a God who is full of mercy, compassion, love! You never fail! Thank You, God! Hallelujah! He has gone to glory." I never knew how it happened. Then God came to me and outlined the whole thing in a vision. Hallelujah! How he died. Why he died. The worst part about it is that the person who killed him - we went to the person and said, "Why did you do it?" After God spoke! I was proving now that the vision was true. Right? He was poisoned. I didn't go to the person, but my sister did, and said, "Why did you kill my brother?" The person said, "Oh, I'm sorry. I never intended to, but so and so and so..." PROOF! There is no harm in proving what God tells you. Praise God! There is no harm in proving it! But I tell you now, and I think that God wants to soak this into us: Last time we were here, Brother Cook was here with us. In Jamaica last week, they had Brother Cook on the television leading the meeting here. Amen. It is on the television there now because all of the meetings here are on the television there. All of you are television stars now.

You see? He was here with us, but is he here with us? He said that they should not weep for those who have gone on. Hallelujah! Don't weep, sister! It is painful, but don't weep! The man is in the Kingdom of God, and he is here with us, learning! Amen! Yes! The Lord said ***we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses*** (Hebrews 12:1). What are witnesses for? I'm telling you that the overcoming that they did not do, we have to do! Amen! Yes! You wonder why so many of the brethren died? They were killed, they were murdered, they were sawn asunder, they were crucified. But maybe somebody says, "What kind of a God do you have who would let His people die?" David said, ***we are counted as sheep for the slaughter*** (Psalm 44:22). Thou ***dost not increase thy wealth by their price*** (Psalm 44:12). Amen. We are counted as sheep for the slaughter. ALL VICTORY! ALL VICTORY! Amen. Because, let me tell you, YOU ARE THE CHURCH MILITANT! GOD'S MILITARY ORGANIZATION! Whether you believe it or not! When you fight and you overcome that little demon that wanted you to cuss, or wanted you to do so and so and you didn't do it - ONE VICTORY UP!

I'll tell you more. I'm telling you as I am seeing it! There is a great slaughter of devils, of demons. Have you ever killed a demon? Hmm? Have you ever killed a demon? You do it without knowing. The Bible says that "if you resist them, they will flee from you" (James 4:7). Did the Bible say so? Now why would someone flee if he was not in any danger? Come on, tell me about it. Tell me, why would a devil run from John if John wasn't a danger to him? You have the power to slay them, put them in the abyss, finish them until Jesus comes to judge the quick and the dead. "Behold, I cast you into the abyss. You shall not torment my family any more!" AS WE OVERCOME,

WE DESTROY! AS WE OVERCOME, WE PUT THEM DOWN! So there is rejoicing! The saints in heaven rejoice. Let us say that there is a brother that could not overcome smoking. He would smoke privately. He couldn't overcome the thing. It was just on top of him, and he died. Are we going to see a smoker in heaven? Is he going to get a cigarette up there? NO! But the soul that did not

overcome is an entity, a living being that has a weakness, incomplete. We are complete in Him, in Christ. So, therefore, you have incomplete man here, on earth, and you have incomplete man there, in the heavenlies. You don't believe that? Now listen! If you would be completed and made perfect by death, then someone could come and perfect you by bashing you in the head and sending you to glory. Are you with me? If death perfects you, then we have no problem. We only have to go and get a car to run over us, or something like that. You are not perfected by death. That is why God wants you to be perfected here, in the earth. That is why God wants you to surrender here! That is why God wants to have a people in the end time, He is going to have a people who He will fill with the power of God, who will destroy the power of darkness. I want you to question me. I can feel the question there. It is so good. Thank You, Jesus! Hallelujah!

Now, we go on. We see another scripture in John 17 that we make sure that we are seeing the perfect will of God, that God is going to have a people who are without spot, without blemish, without wrinkle, or any such thing. That it is a living people on earth here, not people who are dead, because once you pass over, you cannot fight any more. The fighters are those who are alive, but you can gain the victory. Hallelujah! When the church gains the victory, you gain the victory. So, that is why we are having problems. That is why some of us are tempted. That is why we have some real hard situations to overcome, and you wonder, "Why would God allow this to happen to me?" God allows it to happen to you because he knows you have the capacity to overcome. Amen.

John 17:20, ***Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;***  
<sup>21</sup>***That they all may be one...*** One church! One

church! Anybody who thinks you are in another church and you are against this other church or that church, you are outside of God's plan. God has only one church. He does not recognize your church! I'm talking about your denomination now. Yes! He said then when we become ***ONE, thou, Father, art in me.*** We know that the Godhead bodily dwelleth in the LORD (Colossians

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2:9), and we are complete in Him (Colossians 2:10). ...***And I in thee, that they also may be one in us...*** One in us! Have you ever heard of one person who is one with Christ divorce another person who is one with Christ? It is not possible. All of this divorcing thing that is going on, it is outside of God, outside of Christ. Nobody who is one with Christ can divorce another person who is one with Christ. You divorce the person who is with the devil, yes, the person who is with the devil and is not with Christ, that is the only time that there can become a break between a person who is with Christ and another person. But two people who are walking in Christ cannot divorce each other. Amen. So, whenever you see a case of impending divorce coming up, find out who it is that has turned away from God, because you have to divorce God before you divorce His daughter or His son. Amen.

John 17:23, ***I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me...*** When you see people walking in Christ, they are sending a message to the world that God is alive, and God is in us. ***I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me...*** It is not possible to be perfected or completed until you are one with those who are one with Christ.

Let's go back over it again. There are some people who are one with Christ, and until you are one with those who are one with Christ, you cannot be perfected. Now, let us look at what I am saying. Jesus Christ has sent the spirits of the departed church to be with this church - did I read that? ...***in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth (in one); even in him*** (Ephesians 1:10). Don't you understand? The moment that you become one in Christ, you are also one with the departed ones. Amen. They are not dead, for God is not a God of the dead (Matthew 22:32, Mark 12:27, Luke 20:38). They are more alive than you are!

You see, we believe that we are alive. Do you know why we believe that we are alive? Because all of us have the same kind of death. So, we can see one another, we can hear one another, and we believe so. But those who are departed are in the real LIFE. We are only hearing about LIFE. They have the REAL LIFE running through them. God says that when you lose your body as a Christian that He lends you another body. For years I never understood that. He said that He would lend you another body so that you would not be naked (II Corinthians 5:2,4), so that you are not a disembodied spirit. Are you with me? A disembodied spirit is a spirit that has lost his body and is all spirit, no body, naked. Right? II Corinthians 5 says that they are naked. So if somebody is telling me that God made demons, I am telling you, broadcast it and tell them

that God never made a demon. God made man, and God made angels. A fallen angel is a fallen angel. A demon is a demon. God never made demons, these little devil spirits. God never made them. Hallelujah!

II Corinthians 5:1, ***For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.*** <sup>2</sup>***For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house...*** OUR HOUSE ...***which is from heaven:*** <sup>3</sup>***If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked*** (disembodied). Naked is Strong's Greek #1131, gumnos. <sup>4</sup>***For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed...*** We don't want to be disembodied. ...***but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.*** Amen. So, God lends you a body, and our deceased brothers and sisters have that body. When John the beloved saw one of the brothers, what did he look like? He looked like Christ. John bowed down to worship him (Revelation 22:8-9). Something so bright, so powerful, lighted the whole earth with his glory when he came down with the power. He had a body that God lent him. Amen. And one day, he is going to come and to pick up his body, his own body, in the resurrection - the dead in Christ shall rise first (I Thessalonians 4:16). They are going to pick up their bodies which are covered by the mountains, they are going to rend the mountains open and take out their body, and that is what happened when Jesus rose.

Therefore, there are some brothers who have their bodies now. Millions of them have their bodies in heaven. Moses and Elijah and Enoch are with them. So, Elijah and Enoch are not the only ones in heaven who have a physical body, but the millions who rose out of the tombs when Jesus Christ called them, they have their bodies with them, too. That is why, when somebody tells me that they have the body of Peter, I don't believe it. I don't believe it because I believe that God takes up those that He wants to, that some of those people have their bodies in Heaven. Let's not go into that too much. I would have too much to explain. But the fact is that there is that class of brethren in Heaven who have their bodies, and if I believe that there are some people who, after Jesus Christ, were still translated, and have their bodies, then you will forgive me (John 21:21-22). Yes, yes, yes. Amen.

So, praise be to God. Let us not worry about those who are passed on. They are with us as surely as you are with us, because God said that at this time, ***in the dispensation of the fulness of times...*** (Ephesians 1:10). Now, what dispensation is that? We had a dispensation of the Law, and out of the dispensation of the Law, one man came forth, through the Law, into immortality, and that man was Moses. Amen. But you have to look deeply into the scriptures to see that, you know. Do you understand? You have

to look deeply into the scriptures to see that.

Then the scriptures tell you clearly that Enoch's wife said that Enoch walked with God (Genesis 5:24). Now, tell me, brother, sister, what did you think she was saying? That Enoch was arm in arm walking with God? Now, come on, tell me, isn't that what your mind told you? Tell me what you saw! What I saw is that God was walking IN Enoch like God walked IN Adam and God said, ***I will dwell in them, and walk in them*** (II Corinthians 6:16). This is the will of God, not just to walk with you arm in arm, but to walk INSIDE OF YOU, that men see the Glory of God in your life.

The woman said, "That man, my husband, he walked with God. And it is as much as to say that he walked so close that I knew I was going to lose him. God took him." What I see when I say, "God took him," is something entirely different from what some people see. That if you get God in you so much, and God pervades every figment of your being, amen, God is going to overcome this flesh! Yes. God took him. Hallelujah! Walked away with him.

One day I had a vision. I was walking with Jesus, and Jesus got to three steps. He went up on these three little steps, and He turned around quickly to me and He said, "Don't come." I believe, had He allowed me to go, I would have been gone. But I had a job to do. He said, "Turn back." I said, "But..." He said, "Turn back!" Amen. I believe, brethren, let me change that... I KNOW that what God is speaking now is that He wants to fill this temple with His glory, that He wants to come in. You must begin to drop off all the problems of life that hinder the spirit of God from moving in you like He moved in Enoch, like He moved in Christ, because the hour is at hand. Amen! Hallelujah!

I asked Him one day, "Lord, how are You going to save the world?" I look at the world. It is so hopeless. Do you ever look at the world? Lord, have mercy! It is so hopeless. You look at mankind - it is so hopeless. Hallelujah. You look at the things that they do, and you say the church is the hope of the world. Have you seen the church recently? Lord, have mercy! Oh God!

First of all, the church can't sing. All they can sing is Beatles. You know, the Beatles came with yun yun yun yun ding-y ding ding, and that half tone that they got from India. The Guru there took them to India and blessed them with whatever spirit, and they came and they took the whole world, and the church started to sing like the Beatles. So, you can't get a good tune out of them. Oh, Lord, help us! Oh yes, I heard a woman singing Amazing Grace. She sings: Am-a-a-a-a-A-a-zing Gr-a-a-a-a-ce. Hmm? She is gone. And the people clapped and said, "AAAAAAMEN!" She disfigured the song absolutely. We have a program on the television in Jamaica, and this thing comes on, this church comes on just before our pro-

gram. And the church, when you look at it, is expansive, thousands of people, and for two hours, they will just dance and (disfigure) songs. The man with the microphone is going on like Michael Jackson. Yes! Like Michael Jackson, and then he starts rapping and he raps and all the people are "AAAAAAAAAAAAAmen!" GOD HELP US!!!!

The church has been gone a long time. There is no church there. No word. No deliverance. No power. Preaching without authority! Preaching without ANOINTING! People say, "AAAAAAMEN." "Everybody now get up and say, 'Amen.'" And they say, "AMEN." And then they boogie across the floor. GOD HELP US!!!! The church is the hope of the world, and the world has no hope, except you if you will turn and give God yourself, and say, "Lord God, though the earth be removed, though the waters be carried into the midst of the sea, though the sea roar, and be troubled, I WILL SERVE YOU! I WILL GIVE MY LIFE TO YOU!"

Some wonderful things are about to happen. God took 300 men and defeated 33,000. This is the place we are. He says, "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the time of the end," (Matthew 24:37, Luke 17:26). Hallelujah! This is what we are facing right now, brethren - THE TIME OF THE END! I am asking you, by the grace of God, SUBMIT YOURSELF UNTO GOD, "holy and acceptable, a living sacrifice" (Romans 12:1).

My son called me this morning at 5 o'clock. He said, "God has given me a Word. God has given me a Word!" "What is it?" "Romans, chapter 12," he said. "Yes, Romans, chapter 12; what does it say?" "Submit yourself unto God, holy, and acceptable, which is your reasonable service." Amen. He called me again, and he said, "Do you remember that scripture that I gave you? What was it?" I told him again. And tonight before I came out, he called me again, and he said, "That scripture! It is just blessing me so much!"

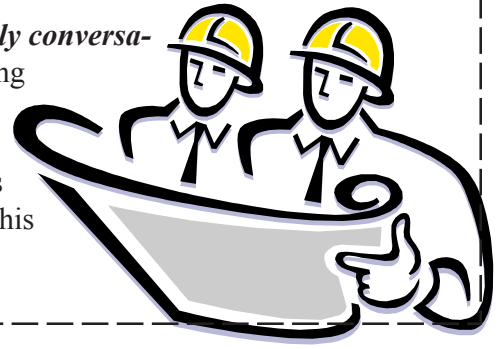
It is a blessing, having turned away from God for so many years, to have him come back with so much vigor. It blesses you because it is a promise. It is a promise. We held on to that promise! HOLD ON to that promise, brethren! HOLD ON to that promise and get down on your knees for that child. Not necessarily even your child. Sometimes God puts someone on your heart - "Give me that person, God! GIVE me that person as an inheritance! That that person might live and not die." We are here to save the world. I let the secret out now. YOU ARE HERE TO SAVE THE WORLD! Hear me! And BELIEVE me! THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LIVING GOD! Hallelujah! We are here to save the world.

Those who will hear the truth - you don't have to be strong and powerful. Just trust God with the rest. "Lord God, I don't understand half of what the man said, but I believe it." Hallelujah! If you believe God's servant, God

will count it to you as righteousness (Matthew 10:41). Yes. Yes. He said, Abraham believed (Romans 4:3) - Abraham didn't know what you know. Abraham was a fool to the things you know now, but Abraham was counted for righteousness, because he believed God.

Let me give you the last scripture which the Lord has given me. He gave me the beginning and the end of the message, and bless God, the end is not in Revelation. It is in II Peter 3:10-12, *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.* <sup>11</sup>Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, <sup>12</sup>Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

That is the Word that He gave me. *What manner of persons... all holy conversation.* Tell God you give Him your tongue. You don't want to say anything against anybody anymore, or contrary. Tell God, although these things will come to you sometimes, you are going to give them to Him. You are not going to repeat it. You won't let the enemy have his way with you. "This body is the temple of the living God. I will not allow any sin to come into this temple." Tell God that, and God bless you. ✨



## Visitors' Corner Ave.

### Look Who

Blaine Snyder

Roger Edwards and his two children, Zierra and Tierra

Nate Sheen and his son, Payton

David, Kristi and Joshua Wickboldt

Stopped

Jennifer Schneider and her three children, Khaylee, Olivia, and Emily

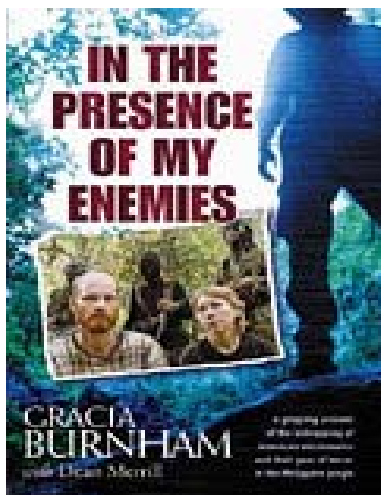
**In to see us.**

Scott Cox and Family

George and Susan Herrig

Emily Sonmore





# In The Presence Of My Enemies

By Gracia Burnham

Article by Cathy Burton

Imagine that you and your spouse have gone away to a small resort in the Philippines to celebrate your 18th wedding anniversary. You have been happily married and have 3 beautiful children. Your lives have been dedicated to serving God as missionaries in the Philippines. This weekend was just a little getaway to rejoice in all that God has done and will do in your lives. In the middle of the night, you are awakened by some masked men breaking through the door of your cottage with guns in hand, forcing you to go with them. You have no time to grab anything and you are forced out, with only the clothes on your back, to a small boat filled with 18 other strangers that were staying at the resort. You are whisked away as captives of a terrorist group known as Abu Sayyaf and spend the next year as their prisoners held for ransom.

This is what happened to American missionaries, Martin and Gracia Burnham, and this book is the account of all that happened that year in the jungle. This is an incredible testimony that shows the full range of emotions, physical endurance, and spiritual battle that they went through. The book begins with their capture, but then reflects back to Gracia's life. I can see how, step by step, God worked in her life and built a strong foundation that remained in her throughout all that she went through. She shares of how she and Martin met and then married, and how they were led to be missionaries to the Philippine people. All through their captivity, Martin was a constant optimist and always had a word of encouragement for Gracia. They relied on memory of Scripture verses and hymns to carry them through those dark moments when it seemed like all was lost and they would never be released. God was able to use them as an encouragement to the others that were hostages. Some of them were killed and some were released. Martin, Gracia, and another Philippino nurse were the ones that were held the longest.

The physical elements that they had to endure were almost unbelievable. No showers. No toilets. No bed to sleep in and no toothbrush for most of the time. They finally got one which they shared. They were forced to walk everyday in the jungle because their captors didn't want to be found. They had sandals in the beginning but eventually were given some rubber boots. They had a hammock for the latter part of their captivity although Martin was handcuffed and chained to a tree every night because the Abu Sayyaf were afraid they would try to escape. They never knew what their next meal would be and sometimes it would be some eel or wild bird that they caught and ate. There were mosquitoes, snakes, heat, rain, and sickness that they had to deal with everyday. And yet through it all, God was their provider and protector.

One of my favorite parts of the book was the day that they were rescued. They had been walking through the jungle like any other day and it was time to stop and set up camp for the night. "We sat in the hammock for a minute. Martin was in a reflective mood. He said, 'I really don't know why this happened to us. I've been thinking a lot lately about Psalm 100 - what it says about serving the Lord with gladness. This may not seem like serving the Lord, but that's what we're doing, you know? We may not leave this jungle alive, but we can leave this world serving the Lord with gladness; we can come before his presence with singing.' We prayed together then, something we did often. There was nothing else to do; we were totally dependent upon the Lord." And then, right after this, the military came into the camp to rescue them and Martin was shot and killed in the crossfire. This is a very sad ending to an incredible testimony and yet even Martin's last words to his wife showed his true heart's desire of following God even to the very end.

I would encourage everyone to read this true life account of two lives that affected countless other lives through their faithfulness and love towards God. This story will boost your faith and trust in knowing that no matter where you are and what you're going through, God is always there and will keep you safe as you trust in Him. 🙏

# Content under the Covering

By Krystina Kluson

If you ask me what the key experience was for me in Ukraine, I would say it in one word: “harmony.” It was seen in many ways, but where I sensed it the most was in the household and taking care of our families. As you know, we were two families each with 3 children. We stayed in one apartment with one little table where you could fit six people at a time, so we were taking shifts. And you know, when one of the wives was too busy and could not do her part, the other wife stood up and did it without any, any, any question. Without any, any, any problem. And the other way around. It seemed to me that, especially as we were the only two women on the trip, we were very tied together in all levels. The harmony of love, care and flexibility was vital.

Going for a mission trip, I gave my self up. I was determined, deep in my heart, to do whatever, go wherever, etc. But (☹) as usual, when it got to the “nitty-gritty” I still seemed to have “preferences.” On one particular morning, I had my preference to go grocery shopping so we would have something to eat. We discussed what we believed we should do and as the discussion went on that morning, it seemed I was the only one pushing the shopping. “But I need to cook, I need to feed us something and there is ‘almost’ nothing.” I yielded, but inside I had not really overcome yet, and all of a sudden my husband turned to me saying, “Honey, do you know that you are bleeding from your nose?” I had not even noticed! I layed down and in five minutes it was gone. Just for your information, I never, ever bleed from my nose. So, I stood up and went to the kitchen. That was a hint from the Lord that I was stepping out of the proper place and leaving my covering. However, I didn’t consider it to be anything spiritual, at that time.

In that moment, Eva jumped up and ran to the bathroom as her nose also began to bleed! Only, her bleeding was not as easy to stop as mine, so we called Brother Burt and the whole team for prayer. It came back three times that day. And just for your information, Eva never bleeds from the nose! Devil was allowed to show his face and I got my lesson.

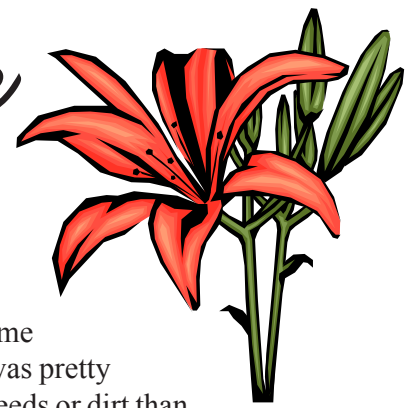
You know, on the mission field, wherever it may be, we have to be content, even if the circumstances do not allow us to cook and we have just bread. Or we might even have nothing to eat. Then the Word of God says in Philippians 4:11, ***Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.***

One more thing, after we came back home, I woke up in the morning, looked out of the window at the old barn and I heard the Lord saying, “Your mission is not over. You are still on a mission!” ☺🙏



# *In His Time*

*By Cathy Burton*



Craig and I were living in a rental house that needed a little bit of maintenance. We had to paint some rooms and do some work in the kitchen. As far as the yard, it was pretty sad looking. Technically, we didn't really have grass. It was more weeds or dirt than anything else. Craig and I love flowers, green grass and nice trees. We enjoy planting and having a nice yard. In the front of the house, there was a flower bed that had some weeds and a type of plant that I was not familiar with. It had long, green, skinny leaves but no flowers of any kind and just looked really ugly. One day we decided to clean out all those flower beds and at least get the dirt ready for something a little more pleasing to the eye. We pulled up all those ugly things except for one little patch because it got dark before we could finish the project.

About a month later, we ended up moving out of that home and moving to another place that was in the same neighborhood. Every once in awhile, we drive past the old place to see how it looks and to see any of our old neighbors. In April, I was going somewhere and I thought that I should drive past the old place to see how everything was. I was TOTALLY shocked when I looked at the flower bed! In that one place where we had never pulled that last "ugly" plant were some of the most beautiful coral colored lilies that I had EVER seen! I could hardly believe it!! As I drove away, I thought of the verse in Ecclesiastes 3 that says that God makes ALL things beautiful in His time.

Are you in a situation right now that you just don't really like? You can't seem to see anything positive in it. Maybe it's something that you're struggling with...or perhaps a hard family situation. Maybe it's financial problems or a job that is stressing you out. Maybe it's a physical problem that is always bothering you. You think, "I don't like this at all and I wish that I didn't have to go through this." Whatever it is, be patient and wait on the Lord. What we think are weeds can end up being beautiful lilies! What we think is horrible and hard can end up being something unexpected and glorious.

I encourage you to put your eyes on the Lord and see things the way that He does. Be patient in whatever situation you're in and trust what He will make will be absolutely beautiful in His perfect timing. He sees things that we don't see and has a perfect plan. We just need to wait for His timing and His ways to let the beauty come forth. ☺

