



Keep 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 1:27b

Info Center

All is well in God's country - the heavens. Is it well in your country - your soul? As we worked to bring forth this bulletin, I was aware of the work that God does in my soul as I apply myself to the task of editing, researching, correcting and studying to make this bulletin just as good as it can be. In editing the words that we have had transcribed for printing, there is much edification for me. We must be very privileged to have this job! I am aware of God's intent to use our assignments to bring maturity into our beings and am glad that He has given me the strength to do it! Thus said, please profit from our efforts by reading the different articles we have included. There are preachings and teachings, testimonies and warnings, and best of all, God is the central theme in all! Thanks for reading. We hope you enjoy!

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Sundays 10am
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February Cleaners

2nd-Helping Hands, 9th-Mederana & Becky
16th-Davises, 23rd-Peckmanns

Prison Ministry

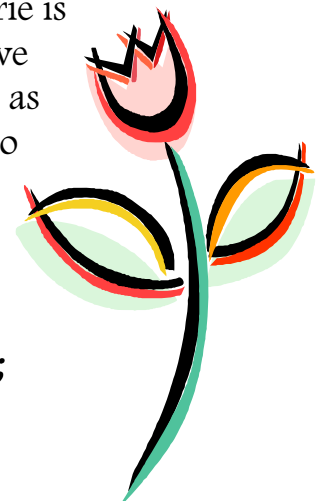
Sundays 10th & 24th
Every Monday Evening

Condolences

We desire to extend our heartfelt condolences to David and Marie Works' family at the passing of their daughters, Stephanie and Rachel. Marie is the sister of Andy Schaepe and Becky Adedoyin, so we would like to remember their families in our prayers as well. We pray that the Lord would bring comfort to the entire Works and Schaepe family during this tremendously difficult time.

***Blessed be God,
even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;
Who comforteth us in all our tribulation***

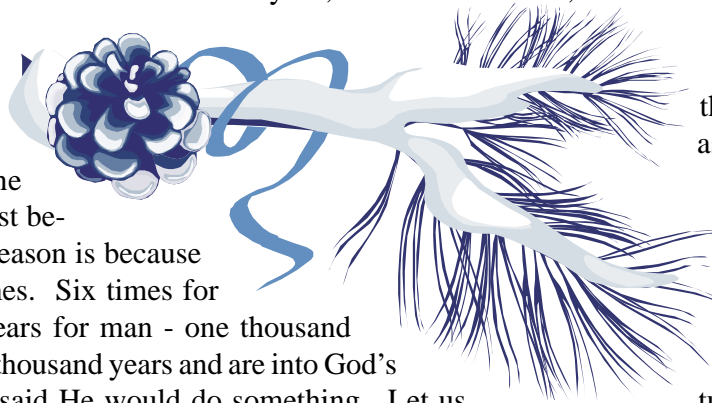
(II Corinthians 1:3-4).



Six Times for Man One Time for God

Cecil duCille May 23, 2007 Mahomet, Illinois

We are indeed time. Many times we tion, "Why are we the time?" I mean, is it just be- saying so? No! The reason is because times out of seven times. Six times for God. Six thousand years for man - one thousand have gone over the six thousand years and are into God's and in this time, God said He would do something. Let us look at it again. As we look at the Word of God, God speaks to you. God speaks to the church. God does not only speak to the ministry, He also speaks to the church.



the people of the end- ask ourselves the ques- people of the end- cause somebody is we have had six man - one time for years for God. We one thousand years, turn to Genesis 2 and

You are blessed with some very strong ministries. You have the apostolic ministry, meaning that God called somebody and sent the person with a Word so that the person can not preach his own word. I would love to bring in some of those nice theories which I used to have, but I cannot. I cannot bring in my own words; I have to bring in what I am hearing. It is no great thing; it does not make me a great person. It makes me a person who is in more trouble than everybody else, for I have to hear God in order to talk to God's people.

Now, there is a whole system of checks and balances called the five-fold ministry. Do not believe that you are just going to grab and swallow. God says that those who just grab, swallow, and run off with the word are unclean animals. The unclean animals do not chew their cud, but the clean animals take in the food... As a matter of a fact, I understand that a cow has four stomachs, and that he chews and then he regurgitates, and he eats up that thing again and he chews it again. When he is finished with the grass out there, it becomes meat. Yes, it becomes meat. He is a factory, a manufacturing plant that turns grass and green things into meat. Now, there is no machinery that is made of man that can make meat. I have seen them do something in Germany that almost makes meat but, you know, I could not take it. It was not meat, you see, and then, they were using meat to make meat. You might call it a bologna, or something else. But when we talk about God making an animal that can eat grass and turn the grass into meat, it is something wonderful. He did that for a purpose, because God says all clean animals must behave like the cow. So, if you are a spiritually clean person, you will not grab and run.

Some people go to Bible School and get a lot of messages, lessons, and teachings. They put them in cans, and then they open a can of this or that on Sunday. Sometimes you open more than one can, and you mix cans together. Amen. You become a manufacturer of messages. Now, a message must be something that comes from one person to another person to take it to a third person. When a person brings a message to you, the first thing you should say is, "Who sent it?" So, a message must have three people: the sender, the carrier, and the receiver. When God speaks in His church, it is not an isolated thing that I can say, "Well, God says so and so, and you must do it!" You are going to do what God says

inside of you. Amen. You are not responsible for the word I give you until you receive it. Woe be unto you if you receive it and do not walk in it. In other words, if it does not become flesh in you, you have wasted the power that God gives.

Now, of the food you eat, filled with all the vitamins, filled with all the goodness that makes human life function, only 20% of it goes into your body - the rest of it is cast out. Amen. In a way it is good, because I have been eating for 84 years and what would I be like if I was storing all that I was eating? Amen. So, God makes it that you only get a part of what you eat, but God wants you to be like that in the Spirit. He does not want you to be wasting, sending out the food that you get as waste matter. You become responsible for the messages that God gives you. The people of God who walk in the Body of Christ's end-time ministry are more accountable for the righteousness they have heard about than those who walk elsewhere, where they do not get the food from the Lord.

Genesis 2:1, ***Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.*** The sun, moon, stars, everything was complete. ***2And on the seventh day...*** Six 24-hour periods passed. How do we know it was 24 hours? There was "evening and morning." That means that in the evening, the sun comes back to the same spot where it was last evening. In other words, we found out that it was the earth that was spinning, and not the sun. So, the earth was moving, and it created a thing that we call time. Do you know that time is not a reality, really? The reason why 24 hours for me is 24 hours for you is because we are all the same. Did you know that?

A fly will live and have great-great grandchildren in 48 hours. He tells his grandchildren how old he is, and he is ready to die in 48 hours. But he does not lose anything. Time to him is just like 80 years to you. A dog has a different concept of time. Animals have a different concept of time. Although we are all living here, and the sun is going just the same for you and me and the dog, we are in different worlds as far as time is concerned, and God made it so. Now, we are going to see why God made it so.

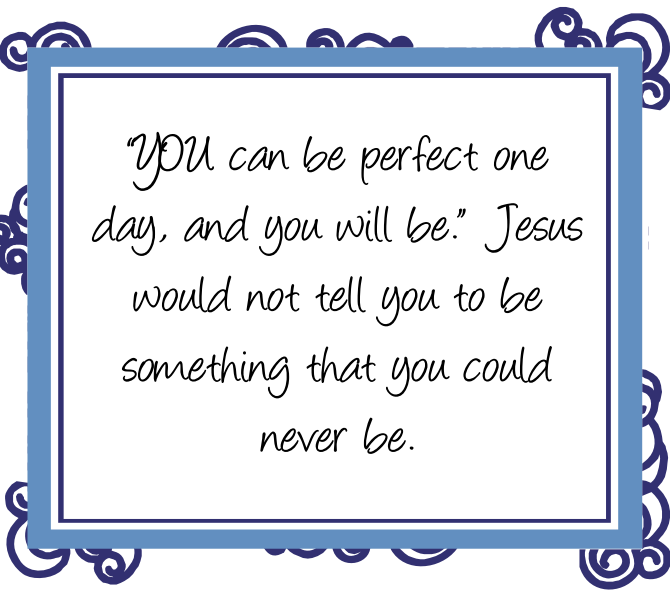
Genesis 2:2, ***And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made.*** On the seventh day, what did God do? He ***ended his work which he had made. And he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.*** Now, one person heard me preach this and he said,

"You are preaching error because the Bible said that God rested on the seventh day. That means that God rested on the seventh day. He didn't do anything more." Well, he said that when we say that God ended His work on the seventh day, it meant that He did not do anything. He just ended. But if that was the case, then He would have ended on the sixth day.

Help me, brethren. If He did not do anything on the seventh day, then He would have ended His work when? On the sixth day. But if He ended His work on the seventh day, then He did something. *He finished up.* Amen. But why? How can we be sure that this word is as I am telling you, and that it is not as the other brother believes? Do you know why? Because we are in the seventh day and it is not finished. In other words, those people could guess, and they could say this, and they could say that, and theologians could argue, but there is no argument for us now, because we are right here, and we know it is the seventh day and it is not finished.

It is like we used to believe one time that the 3½ years of God dealing with the church was before the end of the tribulation. But all of a sudden we are coming to the end of the tribulation and we see, although the worst part is left to come, that the sons of God have not come forth yet. I do not know if any of you have seen one? Has anybody heard of one?

A man came on the television yesterday and said that he was Jesus Christ, and he was a pitiable fellow. I felt so sorry for him. He looked so wretched and he was saying that he was Jesus Christ. Amen. I have not seen one yet that has come through into the glory of God, which God has promised, to be like Jesus. Amen. Remember, the promise is not for when you die. If you have to die to become like Jesus, then Jesus has not accomplished what He set out to accomplish. In this life, in flesh and blood, we must be changed and must come forth like Jesus Christ. Does anybody else believe it besides me? Oh, you believe it? I am just quoting scriptures right along, you see. Jesus looked at the disciples one day and said, "Be ye (therefore) perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." He did not say, "Be ye perfect, even like Me." He said, "Like God Almighty is perfect." There was left no ambiguity, no guessing and spelling there. He was saying, "YOU can be perfect one day, and you will be." Jesus would not tell you to be something that you could never



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be. Those brethren were not perfected, but the church is going to be perfected. I am just telling you basic things that you must believe, because this is basic in Christ Jesus. If you do not believe it, question it, chew on it, look it up in the Bible, until it becomes walking truth for you. Amen.

Genesis 2:2, ***And on 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. ³And God blessed the seventh day, Did God bless every day? He blessed which day? The seventh day. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.***

It is so simple. God makes some things, and He creates some things. Amen. Ford Motor Company makes some cars that can go 120 mph, and car accidents were created. He made cars for transportation with no intention of polluting the air, but he created pollution. So, he became responsible for both that which he made, and that which he created. So, would you say that God made the atom bomb? No. But He made man. He made man, and thus He created the atom bomb. It was there all along, but man found it out. So, if you understand the scripture, He made and He created. Turn back to chapter 1, and just look at the same word being used here.

Genesis 1:26, ***And God said, Let us make man...*** Hear this now. ***Let us make man*** to look like us, ***in our image***. So, if you want to know what God looks like, you go to a mirror. You would say, "Well, God has some BIG eyes." How big would God's eye have to be to be able to see on all dimensions at the same time? Okay. I am looking at many things. I am looking at the piano, and what I see is a box with some white keys in front. You could make a box with some white keys in front that does not have inside what the piano has inside. But I cannot see any more than a box with keys when I am looking here right now. Amen. **WHAT IS GOD SEEING?** My eyesight is on three dimensions. I can only see three sides of that box at the same time. God fixes that three-dimensional limitation by saying, "You should be one." We should be one, so that, while I am seeing the backside of the piano, my brother sitting there is seeing the other side. He can tell me what the other side looks like, and somebody else there could tell me what it looks like from another angle, and maybe we could put an instrument down into the piano to see what the inside looks like. So, by the Body of Christ coming together, the spiritual vision increases.

There are some dimensions upon which the natural eye cannot yet see. Therefore, God looks at the piano and He sees the outside, the inside, the inside of the inside, the inside of the outside, and He sees the inside of the atoms that make the inside of the inside, and He is seeing everything at the same time. Now, that would make me be afraid of a person like that, to be honest with you. God sees the

outside and He sees the inside. He sees my heart and my mind. He sees what somebody is thinking here tonight. He sees what you thought yesterday. He sees everything and He is seeing everybody at the same time. That is totally impossible for us to conceive, yet that is the truth about God, and that is how God is supposed to work in the Body of Christ.

Therefore, if you want a young lady to marry, you ask God. "Father, tell me about that one over there." But you know what happens? Sometimes you get hooked before you ask God. You get hooked with the young lady before you ask God, so when you ask God, you are saying, like the man who said, "Oh Lord, I am asking you, please, give me a wife. But please, God, let it be Mary. Oh Lord, let it be Mary." He is already hooked on Mary, but I am sure that you can see how stupid that is. It is so simply stupid, because if I know that God knows what I don't know, and I ask Him, "What is going on over there with Mary?" And He says, "NO, no, no!" I should rejoice and say, "Thank You, Jesus, because You have saved me from that horrible pit." The person is not a pit. The person is a beautiful, lovely, delightful person. But you do not know what is going to happen down the road, and how the person will react, and what their condition is YET GOD KNOWS IT! God knows it before it happens. Therefore, I would love to have a friend like that who could see the inside of the inside, and the outside of the inside of the inside. I would love to have a friend like that.

So, God makes some things, and in making some things, He creates some things. And He makes everything GOOD. Don't you get that one? GOD MAKES EVERYTHING GOOD. Amen. If the thing that God made hurts you, IT IS GOOD. The hurt is not good, but the thing that God made is GOOD.

Genesis 1:26, ***And God said, Let us make man in our image...*** We will stop there again. We would look like God, so that when I look at Jim, I would see God. But if I am looking at Jim to see God in the natural, I am making a mistake. Because God sees, God gives you eyes. Amen. He gives you eyes. Because He hears, He gives you ears. Peter chopped off a man's ear, and Jesus picked it up and put it back on. Was Peter wrong to chop off his ear? If Jesus undid what Peter did, would you say it was a sin to cut off the man's ear? No. Jesus wanted Peter to cut off the man's ear, because Jesus told him to buy the sword the day before. Jesus knew Peter's nature and that he would chop down the whole forest if he could, and He told him to buy a sword. Peter chopped off that man's ear, and Jesus wanted that man. Jesus wanted that man, and He wanted to put on that man's ear. So He bent down, picked it up, and put it back on. That man was never the same again. Suppose it was your ear, brother? Suppose it was your ear and Jesus came and put it back on? You would never for-

get it. As long as you live you would never forget it. So Praise God! Jesus won a soul just by Peter's sword.

So, the spiritual attributes of God are tantamount to the five senses that we have. He feels, He sees, He hears, He speaks, He smells. The Bible says He smells a sweet savor. But all those senses are on different frequencies, and that shows you that God consists of many frequencies. I know that no words can describe God. Don't even try. When Moses went before Pharaoh, he said, "What will I tell him Your name is?" Now, we are used to names describing the person, but there was no word to describe God. God said, "Tell him I AM THAT I AM..." Amen. "Tell him one Hebrew word repeated twice - 'hayah hayah,' that's ME."

So, for the next one He said: "...*after our likeness...*" Genesis 1:26, *And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*

Over creeping things, cattle and everything. Now, look at the 27th verse. Remember, the 26th verse says, "I am going to make man in My image, and after My likeness." Genesis 1:27, *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. ²⁸And God blessed THEM, and God said unto THEM, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*

God said nothing more about His likeness. Do you think it was a mistake, an omission? NO. God did not omit anything. He could make man in His image, but **He could not** make man in His likeness. Man **had to be created** in His likeness. In other words, man was given the capacity to achieve God's likeness. Likeness, in short terms, means to **be like God**. Be like God. Satan came in to man and he said, "Hey, you will be like God if you eat the fruit." Amen.

It is just like some of the tricks that preachers are playing on people. "You will get the Holy Ghost if you say 'sha-ba-la'." "This will happen if you do so and so." As I

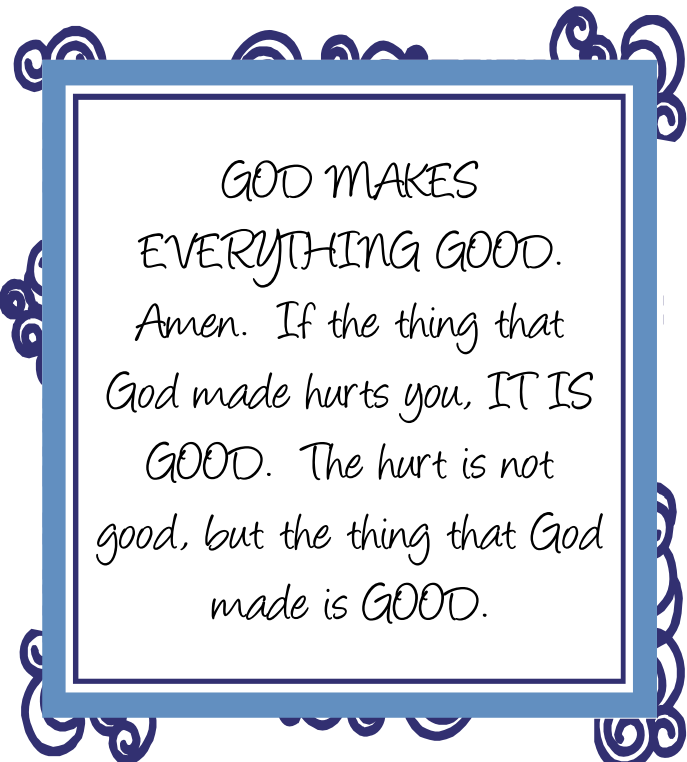
told you, the man told the sister in West Palm Beach, "If you start to call out to Jesus, you will come into perfection. You will see Jesus." She did, and He did come. But as far as I know, she was not any different from the other Christians. Amen.

So, if you look with me here, when He made man, He made man male and female, one person, and He called him **them**. Yes. Adam had in him the whole human race. The scripture says that He dismantled Adam, you know, like you pull down a car, and He took out certain things that Adam did not have any use for and He made Eve. He made Eve, and since then, brothers, we have not been able to keep away from Eve. Our desire is towards Eve. Amen.

You know, the natural thing that God planted in you to make you a man is that you desire a woman. Why is it that every man, who God says is a normal man, desires a woman? Because a man is only half of a person and the

other half is walking around out there. He wants fulfillment for his own nature. He must have fulfillment in his own nature by finding the partner. But some men are not compatible with some women. I remember when I was a young boy; I was in the bathroom one day, having a shower. At our place we had outdoor showers. I was having an outdoor shower in this little zinc bathroom. As I think about it, I'm there again looking at it, just zinc put around and a shower coming down from overhead and a concrete floor. I was having my bath there and I heard my mother and my sister going head to head. One would say,

"That chair is blue!" "Don't you see it is green? Man, it has more green in it than blue." "It has more blue in it than green!" They would argue over every little thing. As a little boy, I said, "Oh, God, I would love to be married when I grow up, but please, do not give me a wife like my mother or my sister." They would argue you down to the ground. They would kill you with argument. Well, some people are like that. But then, my father loved her so much, you know. Sometimes you would hear her saying, "Oh, Dan, you must do this and you must do that." And he would say, all quiet like, "Oh, yes, Mitty." She would talk him into sleep. It was, "Oh, yes, Mitty. Okay, Mitty." But he was made with the kind of nerves that he could take it. I could not take it, and God saw my plight, and He gave



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me a wife that will hardly talk. Amen. So, it is not every Adam that can take every Eve. You have to ask God, "Lord God, where is my Eve? Send me my Eve that my soul can be at peace and rest. I do not want an Eve to keep me up all night talking." Amen.

Praise be to God. Haven't you thought about how amazing God is to make this thing? He made it to operate. He made it to operate just like you see it going on here and through that situation He hopes to bring forth perfection. There is a part in the woman that the man lacks. The only way I can describe it to you is a very carnal way. I put something down and I can not find it and I am distressed. I look here and I look there, and I look everywhere and I can't find it. I say, "Mavis, have you seen my shoes?" And she says, "There they are." It bothers me. Why didn't I see them? Amen. That is a very carnal way of telling you the difference, but there is a situation there that every good man must have a woman beside him that matches his nature.

Some of you who go about and say, "Oh God, why can't I get a wife? Everybody is getting married, and I can't find my partner!" You are not believing God. Don't you think God knows what He is doing? Amen. I was telling a young man a joke today, about how I went to a young lady... I could not just have any young lady, like how all the other boys were getting married and getting girls, I was getting older every day and so and so and so. I got this idea in my mind, so I went to this young lady and asked her to marry me. I did not expect that she was going to say yes. So I went to her and as we were talking she said, "Oh, yes. Yes, I will marry you." I was so frightened. I did not know what to do. Anyhow, I went away and prayed, and God said a loud, big, "NO!" I'm telling you, I never talked to that lady again until this day. If she was coming this way, I was going the other way. Have you ever made a mistake in your life? Okay. All right. Well, I realized what a destruction it would be for me to marry the wrong person. My whole ministry would have been destroyed.

Did you understand that? When you should be thinking about God, you would have to be babysitting a sister. When you should be doing this, you would have to be do-

ing that. So God makes a special woman, I believe it. I believe it, brethren. God makes a special woman for every man. Every man who will walk in righteousness and in truth before God, God will bring your partner. You do not have to go worrying, fussing, looking here and looking there, and wondering why this does not happen, and why that does not happen. God will bring your partner to you.

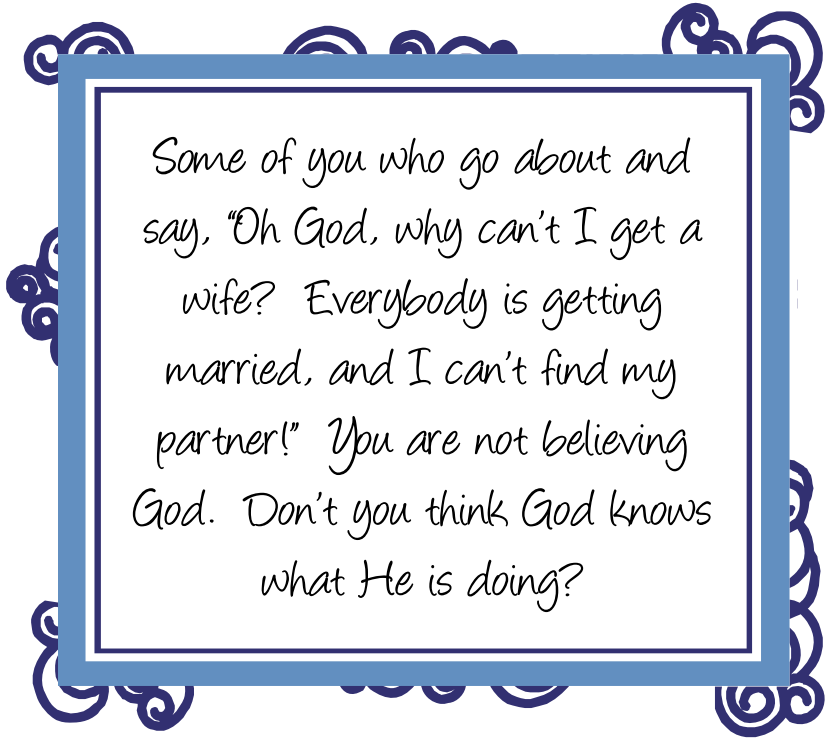
God has been constructing His Body for 6,000 years. Six thousand years. Jesus Christ gave a parable and He said, "There was a certain man who was going from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he fell among thieves. And there was a certain Samaritan who came along and saw the man's plight, and took him up, attended to his wounds, poured in oil and wine, bandaged him up, took him to an innkeeper and said to the innkeeper, 'You keep him for me. I give you two pence.'" Do you remember that story? "I give you two pence," and he said, "**IF**"- (you watch that one now). He said, "**IF** I tarry longer, when I come back, I will pay you."

What is the meaning of that parable? The parable means that the good Samaritan was Jesus Christ Himself and He gave the wounded church into the hand of keepers, the five-fold ministry. He said, "I will return in two thousand years, but if I tarry..." He well knew He was going to tarry. "If I tarry, when I come, I will pay." Did you see that parable to mean that? Amen.

Now, 2,000 years have gone, but just barely, as far as God and time is concerned, and we expect

Jesus Christ to come. But HOW do you expect Jesus Christ to come? Remember, the Father made an incision into Adam, took a rib out of his side and made a woman out of the rib. Are you understanding me? Now, Jesus Christ went to the cross and was crucified, and the centurion pushed a sword in at the same place where Adam got his cut. Are you with me? The sword went into His heart and out came blood and water, and that was the birth of the church. Amen.

So, He said, "I will tarry for 2,000 years. But it is going to be a little bit *over* 2,000 years that I will tarry." So, we are expecting the woman church to be completely formed out of the side of the man. For six days, for 6,000 years, this woman is being formed and she is going to be



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completed on the seventh day. Amen. Now, how did the Jewish day go? Can somebody tell me?

Congregation: Evening and then the morning.

Brother duCille: When did evening start? About 6 o'clock, sundown. The day was made up of evening and morning. So then, evening comes before morning. I want you to be with me. If evening comes first: six o'clock, seven o'clock, eight o'clock, nine o'clock, ten o'clock, eleven o'clock, midnight, is part of the evening. Then it turns over to morning, one o'clock AM, going on. NOW, where are *we*? Are we in the evening or in the morning?

Congregation: We are in the evening before midnight.

Brother duCille: Before midnight. So, because midnight has not yet come, you know that we are still in the evening. So then, when is midnight going to come? Help me, brethren. After midnight comes, what comes? Morning? So, we are sure that midnight has not yet come? Now, no other generation could be as sure as we are, because in the other generations they have been guessing and spelling, and saying things like, "Jesus is coming in 1885," and that one is saying that Jesus is coming at such and such a time, and so and so.

We happen to know that Jesus cannot come until the church is sealed. We have not yet received the fullness of that seal in our foreheads. We are being sealed, but we are not perfect yet. But go back again. Midnight is the time when it is so dark on earth that no other period before or after will be that dark. Do you remember scripture saying that? Yes. It says there shall be such tribulation as never was since God made man until this time, nor will there ever be such tribulation.

It would seem to me, then, that the church *must, will* know before anybody else when Jesus will come. Now, hear this one. I do not know if you are going to believe it, but you can hear it. IF Jesus came before you got sealed, the church would be destroyed. Revelation 7, "Hurt not the earth, nor the sea, nor the Christians, nor the trees, nor the nations, until we have sealed the servants of God in their foreheads." Without that sealing, you would not survive. You understand? Let us look at it. How near are we to midnight? Well, according to what God has revealed to me, this midnight is to take place in the year 2008. Now, believe it if you want or do not believe it if you want - it will not stop Him. Don't you understand? Yes?

Congregation: Is this by our calendar or by the Jewish calendar?

Well, I tell you what - you go and ask the Lord. He told me 2008. I myself have been thinking and wondering, because I remember one time God told me that a man would die in the beginning of the year - but He did not say at the beginning of any month. He said the beginning of the year. God said, "He would take sick in November and he would die at the beginning of the year if he did not

repent." Now, I was foolish enough to go to the church and to tell them, "God said that if you don't repent, you will be sick in November and you will die in January." Now, in God's vocabulary, there is no January. God would never say January, because January is Janus, the god of beginnings. It is dedicated to a heathen god. So, God doesn't recognize January - but He said the beginning of the year! But your poor humble servant had to bear his stripes, because I got whipped. To this day, if you ask some of those thousands of people we used to preach to, they will tell you I am a false prophet because I gave a prophecy that was not true.

Well, in November, the man was flying in his airplane and he took so sick he could hardly land the plane. He landed on a military field. They took him off to the hospital. He was in the hospital, and by the end of December he was better and he came out and came to me, "HERE AM I! God has healed me." Amen. Well, I was baffled. I was distressed. Not that I wanted to see him dead, but I knew he had not repented. You know, a prophet has to be careful, because the prophet might prefer to see the man dead so that he might be seen as a true prophet. But I was baffled because they said, "Now you are a false prophet." And that man lived though January, February, all the while doing his thing, March...

On April 15 I was down in Homestead, Florida, and the Lord came up behind me in the middle of the day and said, "It is the first of Abib." All of a sudden I woke up and realized that when He told me the first of the year, He meant April. While I was running to tell Mavis that the Lord had said that this was the first of Abib, we switched on the radio and the news came on, just like it was waiting for us, that the man had crashed into a mountain in Columbia. There were four people in the plane and they were all burnt to cinders.

I am afraid of prophecy. Do you hear me? So when I say this, I am trying to use the words that I received. He said, "The year 2008." Whether it is God's 2008, or man's 2008, I do not know, but I believe 2008 is 2008. Amen. If the tribulation is going to come to that dark point where it has never been since God made man or before - at that time He said He will deliver all those whose names are written in the Book. Amen. Then we are talking about 2008. Yes?

Congregation: Pat Robertson told them that the Lord told him that it would begin at the end of this year. That is what he said. I did not hear it. Somebody told me. I do not know if that is true or not - that the Lord said that there was going to be a nuclear exchange.

Brother duCille: And you believe that he believed that? You say that Pat Robertson said so?

Congregation: I heard that is what he said. I do not know. Maybe at the end of the year, whatever that means

- the end of this year.

Brother duCille: That could be true, right? But I would not take that as preaching material, and I will tell you why. Because if you believe that, you would do certain things. You know? For instance, financially, you would just send us a few million here so we could fix the things that we have to fix. In other words, I know that some people believe to a point and no further than that. But let us not criticize what he says. But if he says so, he probably should have heard from the Lord. Possibly he heard from the Lord.

But I am saying that the Spirit of the Lord showed me this. Now, if 2008 is the year in which this destruction will begin, because I don't know - it might last for 3½ years. Of course, I can not see a nuclear exchange lasting for more than a month. But if we are going to think, then we need to get our house in order. Amen. We need to get our house in order, because if an atom bomb bursts in the United States, your dollar will be worth nothing. I don't know. Does somebody think that the dollar would go up in value? Amen. So, every dollar that I have to spend on the things of the Lord, I would like to spend it. I would like to buy a lot of windmills to give electricity. I would like to buy some solar panels to give us hot water. I would really go to town buying a lot of these things, all the groups, everybody, and we would build up our refuge centers and ask the Holy Ghost to put fences around them, so that our fruits and vegetables can feed the nations. Like what happened in Switzerland when Chernobyl broke loose. God showed us there were some women who had a camp and their fruits were never contaminated with the radiation. All around them, even as far as England, they had to kill the sheep and animals. And in Switzerland, that was very close, much closer to Chernobyl than England, the women had sheep that were tested and could be eaten, and they had vegetables that could be used to feed other people.

So, I do believe that God, if we will just obey Him, will put a wall around us. Amen. As we talk about this God that can see all down the road, and knows everything that is going to happen, He is the one that I would like to keep close to, and to hear from. Yes.

Let us get back on this thing. I really want to keep on it because there is a point that I want to bring to you about the making of the man, and the completion of the man. The man is incomplete because he was cut in two, and part of him walked off as a woman. The coming back into

union brings back the perfection, the completion. Hallelujah. By the way, going into a little of the numerology, the word for completion is 12, right? If you were complete, Brother Tim, what good would it be to you if we were not? You would be a sore thumb. We would beat the daylight out of you because we could not understand you. You would be the only perfect one around. What a calamity that would be.

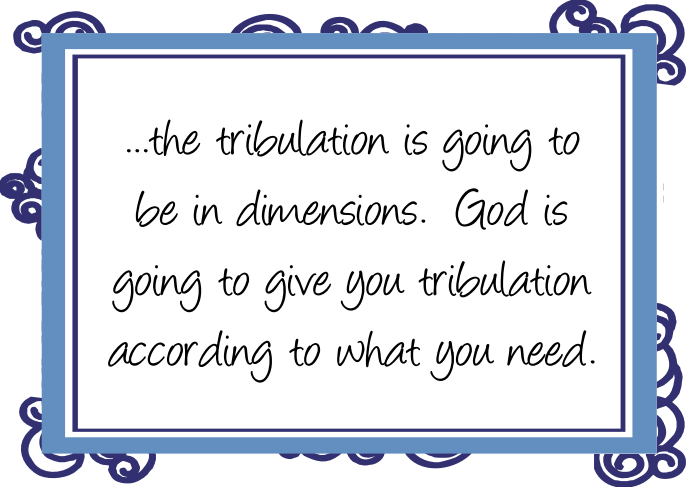
Therefore, the perfect man needs a perfect Body of people. Amen. So, perfect man - 12, perfect body - 12, 12 by 12 is 144. That is how 144 comes into the scripture. But then there is only one way 144 would serve God's purpose - if it is zero, zero, zero. Amen. So, when God speaks about the 144,000, He is not talking about a number of people, He is talking about the nature of a people. The fullness of Christ. Completed man, completed church, in the fullness of Christ, the image of Christ. In other words, He would make you into His likeness. The likeness of Jesus Christ is one 144,000. Isn't it simple? It would be simpler if you had believed it. Amen.

Now, let me finish up. The year 2008. What is it that God is expecting from the church? God is expecting you to make the perfect offering of your soul. Are you with me? God is expecting you to make the perfect offering of your soul. What is that? He is expecting you to get to the Golden Altar - to have nothing more in you but wanting God. An offering of yourself to God, regardless, losing that self-preservation situation - losing it completely. And like incense

being burnt, then you can enter into the Holiest of All. Stop there. We are not there.

Now, tell me, brother, what is going to bring you from where you are to that point where you become essence that wants to be offered up to God? ABSOLUTE TRIBULATION! ABSOLUTE TRIBULATION!

The man on the cross was a thief and a murderer in real life, but death faced him. He was hanging on a cross, and, "There is no way you are going to get out of this, Joe," he said to himself. He looked around and he saw Jesus, and God opened his eyes. And he said, "Remember me. Remember me when You come into the kingdom." What did he know about kingdom? Amen. A revelation of total abandonment. He was finished. He knew he was finished. "I am finished with this life - HELP ME today!" And so it is. We are going to be put in tribulation that none of us can conceive or consider for ourselves. Those of us who are offered up quickly will spare ourselves - in other



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Think of it. That that distress is going to begin in 2008. I have had several dreams, several visions. Now, I am not preaching out of dreams, but if I dream something, I believe it. So, as an idiot, I will tell you my dreams. FAMINE - I dreamed I saw all of you hungry. No food to eat, just little pieces of this and that, and you trying to find something to give the children. Famine was upon the land.

Tell me, brethren, America is the breadbasket of the world. No country has more food than this country! I mean, you start to travel across this country and you get to Texas and food is hanging on the trees, or on the fields, that could feed the nations! Do you know overnight, OVERNIGHT, a bomb could blow in New York and all that food out in the field would be dead meat. If you ate it you would be dead. RADIATION. OVERNIGHT! Now, that is the horror of what is going to happen. You are not going to have a famine because the earth will stop producing, but you are going to have a famine because you will not be able to eat anything out there.

This is the basic thought that I want to leave you with before I close. We are talking about a people who believe that the coming of Jesus Christ is inside here (us). Yes. It is alright to say that Jesus is coming in the air. That does not mean much to you if He does not come in our beings. He has to come in the temple first. Then from the temple, we will be able to see Him.

I will close at that. Somebody is going to go away and say, "Brother Cec says that Jesus is coming in the year 2008." I did not say that. But what I said is *maybe*. In other words, if the destruction is going to begin in the year 2008, the sons of God will have to go a certain way before. But I believe it, and one of the problems is that we are reading about it. You look at your television, you look at your news, and you see the thing happening. The nations are arming. Islam is determined to destroy the United States. Islam is *determined*. Amen. The worst part about it is they are being helped. They are being given the bomb. Iran is pretending that they are making a bomb. They are only pretending

because they have it already.

The people who give it to them do not want it to be said that they gave it to them because they are afraid we might attack them also. But no

matter what happens, you see, Satan is playing his game, and the secret services of the world know

everything that is going on in the other camp. The devil is playing "Jack" on both parties. Amen. "My devil does not like your devil." Amen. One devil working over here getting this one against the same devil working over there, and all he wants is blood. Amen.

This place was prophesied to be a place of refuge. This place (the building in Mahomet). God bless you. I want you to pray about that. I want you to pray about that, because you know where I would be guilty? If I had some money and I sat down on the money and did not do what God wants to be done, and then I find out that the money has no value and nothing is done. I did not do it. Yes. I tell you over and over again about the story of the woman in Germany. She promised the church to build a place for the youth. She had the money and kept the money. One day she felt good, "I have the freedom now to take this money down to the pastor." She took the money to the pastor and the tears were running down his face. He said, "Did you read this morning's paper?"

She said, "No."

He said, "Your money is valued nothing." It was floating in the river. People were dumping their money into the river. Hitler changed the money overnight, and the money that people thought they had was worth nothing.

Brethren, we need a revelation from God as to the time in which we are. Amen. There is no pension for me. I am not saving anything for my pension. God is my pension right now.

May God Almighty bless us, and may the Lord speak to us tonight. Amen. ☩





“It’s A Wonderful Life With Jesus Christ”

by Nathaniel Chattic

Have you ever felt like you were at the end of your rope? Or that the path of life that you are on is completely circular in nature, and you’re getting dizzy? Maybe you feel that you are spending more time in the low valleys than on the highest mountaintops? Then I want to encourage you in the Lord, because I, too, have been there. Despite how I felt during those moments of being in what Anne Shirley would refer to as the “depths of despair,” I was aware of the presence of God in the midst of my circumstances. And thankfully, that realization came at the right time so that I could receive exactly what I needed from Him.

At the time this bulletin comes out, we are already a couple of months into the year 2008. I don’t know about you, but I am very much aware of the constant pressure that seems to be building up, not just in the natural arena, but spiritually speaking. We that have heard the word pertaining to certain happenings in 2008 are aware that there will be specific things that must come to fruition during this timeframe. With

that knowledge, and with the intensity of the spiritual warfare ratcheting up so high, it is so very crucial that we adhere to whatever God is speaking to you or me and do with it as if our very life depended on it. In other words, not only is preparation absolutely necessary, but the execution of putting into practice what we have been exposed to through the Word of God must be done now!

There is another thought that I want to spend some time on here concerning knowing what we need to do as unto the Lord. We need to understand that through our own strength or ability, our own intellect, skills or talents, no matter what they are, or how honed they are, we will not get the job done as a part of the Body of Christ or as a potential son of God. The scripture tells us that while one plants and one waters, God gives the increase (I Corinthians 3:6-7).

What man can, with a thought, add one more inch to his height? (Matthew 6:27, Luke 12:25) It is through these examples that God is saying to us that it is not in our natural abilities that we will excel in His kingdom or climb into that position in Him that He has called us to be. His calling and election is just that - His!

It is not only we that have need of learning this lesson, and keeping things in the proper perspective. Job learned this as well, when he was asked a multitude of questions (none of which he answered) by the Lord (Job 38-40). I look back (and even currently) at some situations that I was in, and there are

times I was in so deep that I could not get out of it completely by myself, even though I thought I could. That is the danger of having a mentality that is “I am the master of my domain.” It is by the grace and mercy of God that I did



Anne Shirley

not push Him so far away that He would not bother with me anymore. And I understand that you do not want to abuse His grace or mercy because He gives you another opportunity. It is in God's nature to be redemptive, but to abuse the Spirit of God and to cross that line of demarcation when you know better is foolish. So, we need to continually have and maintain a proper perspective in our relationship with God and what He tells us to do or NOT to do.

Coupled with the thought of having the right perspective is understanding that in order to be a son of God, and to be named in His company of the elect, it is not an automatic "if I accept Christ, I get it all" situation. That position must be earned, and the glorious and scary part of it is that we essentially determine if we are the right candidates to receive such a gift from God. It is like the talents: if we want just 30% of God and live a lifestyle that indicates that percentile is enough for us, that is what we will get. The same applies to living a life that is 60% for the Lord or 100% for Him. According to our perspectives, and what the desires of our hearts are, we can both meet and exceed or fall short of the qualifications God has established. Accepting Christ into your heart is just the beginning of the change He wants to do in the midst of your soul. We need to surrender our entirety to God in this hour.

I heard a brother speak about surrendering that one thing, whatever it is, to God, and to be totally subjected to Him and His Word. God desires to fashion us, to irrevocably change everything that comprises us (our humanity) into something far greater than what our natural minds could ever comprehend. We should not be hindered by fear, intimidation, or whatever it is that would come and want to turn us away from or keep us from totally surrendering to the will of the Father. And when I think about the aspect of surrendering unto God, I am looking at it more and more with an understanding that whatever I lay down before Him, I don't want to go back. It is not that I won't struggle along the way, but in doing business with Him seriously, I am aware that there is something that He is doing in the midst of my being that, before making that decision, had not been touched by His hand. I think about those many men and women in the Bible who committed

themselves into the hands of God, and functioning in the things of God, to whatever degree that they received His Word. Having the knowledge is one thing, but there is something that that knowledge cannot do for you without application. We all need to have an experience in knowing God, in knowing what He is requiring of us to do, and in doing it, understanding why He said it in the Bible.

I was watching a movie the other day called "It's A Wonderful Life," with James Stewart as the star. He plays a character named George Bailey, and the premise of the film is that George is given the opportunity to see what life would be like if he had never been born, with help from his "guardian angel" Clarence. George comes to find out that his life had a lot more worth than he thought, and he asks Clarence to help him come back to reality, which he does. What really stands out for me with this particular film is more of certain circumstances involving George before he comes to his "breaking point."

George had ambitions to travel the world and make a good living, and made it crystal clear

that after he graduated from high school, he was going to leave his hometown of Bedford Falls and fulfill his dream through going to college. However, circumstances did not afford George the opportunity to leave at all. He was asked to stay behind and oversee his late father's bank, and it was his younger brother, Harry, that went to college instead. Yet there was still a determination in George to leave town, and his hope was for Harry to take his place after he graduated so he could man the bank. Well, again, George's hopes and dreams were dashed once he saw that Harry not only graduated and came back from college, but he came back with a wife and a job opportunity elsewhere! Yet, George did not want

to completely surrender his own desires for making more money, and another job opportunity was offered to him by a friend of his, which would require him to move out of Bedford Falls entirely. However, one thing stood in the way of that move and it would be marriage to Mary, a girl that he had known from childhood.

Observing the sacrifices that George had to make really pricked my heart as to what I am doing for God's sake. Ultimately, He is offering us an opportunity to have all that we want in Him and through Him, and that opportunity will be made a reality IF we are willing to pay the



George and Mary Bailey

price through submission to His authority and will. So much of it is counting the cost, and determining just how much of God we want. Once we have reached that decision, then we have to come to a place of realizing that it is not because we are in a position or place of being “qualified” to do the work of the Kingdom. I believe that this is a major issue that our flesh, our humanity, has with God. I did not call myself, and I, on my own, cannot do, nor am capable or qualified to do, the thing that God would want me to do. There comes a point where we all need to surrender all that comprises “us,” this flesh, everything that is of our humanity, to God, in order that He can build us up into that fully functioning person, possessing the nature of Christ, wanting to do all for the sake of God and His kingdom willingly, not because it is the right thing to do, or because it will look good to someone else, but out of love for the Father.

So, how can we get to that place? How is it that we can come to a place of giving up those things that we hold dear, that we believe mean the most to us, unto the Lord, and exchange our place of preeminence on a lower level for a place of servanthood under a much higher level? I think it starts with the small things, the little things that we or others may or may not think mean so much, but to God, it’s the template for which He can build us up to do greater things. What does the song say, “Little is much when God is in it”? We must come to a place of understanding that what we see with the natural eye is not the end all be all of the matter as far as God is concerned. He desires for real change to happen in our very being, in the depths of our hearts and souls, where no person can see with the natural eye, at least, not all at once. Believe me, though, once God gets a hold of us, and that change begins to work inwardly, there comes a point where it must find a release, and that changing process will begin to express itself outwardly for others to see. But we must realize that that change does not come through our own strength or ability, and the transformation from worm to butterfly will not happen overnight.

In this timeframe that we are in, we really need to assess the thing that we really desire the most in life. If there are things in our hearts, in our minds, wherever and whatever, that are hindering us, and we do not do anything about them because we think we can’t, or because we think that is the best we can do, and there is no use trying to be better, we will be in trouble. God is saying to each of us that we can do better, and we will do better if we surrender our all to Him, trust in Him and obey. He wants us to look to Him for all things, and not just when we are in a desperate situation or in trouble, but at all times, both good and not so good! With what we have heard concerning this year, we are coming to a point where all that we know in this natural plane of existence will be severely shaken up. So

much so that we cannot solely depend on what we see with our natural eyes for anything anymore.

Our dependency must turn towards God, and we must trust that He will meet our every need, in every situation. It may not necessarily be how we envision it, or what we want, but He will give us exactly what we need when we need it. But in order to get to that place of total trust in Him, we have to be practiced, or involved, in an active relationship with God. Passivity will not cut it; we need to be exercised in the things of the Lord. We should not forsake small beginnings; if we are practiced in the little things, the bigger things will come soon enough. God is asking for us to give Him our all. Whatever it is that is holding us back, to whatever degree, we need to ask ourselves if that thing is really worth holding on to that we could potentially miss out on the opportunity, the position that we can attain, in God. Would you get all that you could squeeze out of the world and willingly lose your soul in the process? (Matthew 16:26, Mark 8:36, Luke 9:25). Are the comforts of life, our dreams and aspirations that big in comparison to what God has in mind for us? We can only put so much on the enemy of our souls, and use the “devil made me do it” line for so long, before we have to really own up our end of our relationship with God, and assess what is really important.

I want to encourage everyone reading this bulletin today. Don’t look so much at yourself, at your ability or inability. It is God who is the qualifier and disqualifier, not us. Now, we can do things or make certain decisions that can either help or hurt us, but the calling and election comes from the Father. He does not want to see any one of us fail or fall short in anyway. He would never tell us of our potential, of what we could become, if He did not think we could achieve it. It starts with our perspective of God. It is more than what He thinks He wants us to do. We have to know what He wants us to do, and with that knowledge comes practicing and applying His instruction in everything we put our hands to. What seems menial to us may be the thing that God will use to bless us and someone else, but we must be willing. It takes understanding that in order to be a son, we need to have the heart of the servant, and be willing to sacrifice and surrender our all unto the Lord, and do the thing that He requires of us to do as unto Him, and not ourselves. If we really want God, for one, then we need to assess what we are doing for Him in our relationship with Him. We can never pray or talk to Him too much, so let us continue to go before Him, and really find the heart of God in this hour. To strengthen our relationship with God will be to our benefit in the days ahead, as hard as it is for our humanity, as inconvenient as it may be to our flesh, we need to come to a place in our relationship with God where He is absolutely our everything. God bless you. ✨

The Fellowship of His Sufferings

Tom Campbell

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I am thankful to be here and certainly thankful that we can speak during the day. The last time I was here we were in the dark - all the lights went out. We did not give in, we did not give up. We went right on just as though God's light was shining upon each one of us. Praise the Lord. It is good to be here, to be in God's presence and enjoy the fellowship of the saints. There is a strength that we draw from one another. That is why each one is equally important in the Body of Christ. Not that one has all the blessing or the life of God, but as we come together we form that nucleus, that corporate Body that issues forth the very life of God in the very fullness of God. So, we are glad to be here tonight to tap into that life and we are enjoying the Spirit of God thus far and I am sure that God is going to bless each one of us.

If you have your Bibles with you, please turn with me first of all to Acts 14. I want to read just a few verses. Acts 14:19, *And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead.* ²⁰*Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.*

In the index on the left side of your Bibles, if you all have a King James with you this morning. I have a King James, a Thompson. I use this mostly for teaching or preaching. In the index, there is a reference here that says [pp II Corinthians 12:2]. Well, of course being like you, a Bible student, I turned to that. I was amazed to see the reference given for that particular verse. II Corinthians 12:1, *It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.* ²*I knew a man in Christ above four-*

teen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. ³*And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)* ⁴*How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.* ⁵*Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities.* ⁶*For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me.* ⁷*And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.*

A very strange and unusual event happened in Paul's life and ministry. We know that he was a chosen vessel to bear His name and of course, Paul's whole conversion was very controversial, especially among the Jews. He was a persecutor of the Jews, we

know this. Not only did he take them into custody, but he was instrumental in putting many of the Christians to death. So, his reputation up until this time was very negative. There were not many that accepted this man. They feared that perhaps he would put the finger on them, that they would be taken into custody, and given persecution, prison, or even death itself.

Yet God chose this man. It is sort of unusual, the people that God chooses. It is not according to our choosing. Many times we choose by outer appearance, by the talents or abilities that one might have. But God does not choose as man chooses, nor does He see as man seeth. God sees something in the heart of the

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individual of which you and I are many times not conscious. He looks down into the depths of his soul and He sees something that will respond to His workings and His dealings with that individual. I am convinced that we are here today because of divine appointment. We are not here by of our own choice. We are not here because we enjoy coming together and just visiting and having fellowship, but we are here this very day because God has brought us here.

There is a reason for God gathering us together. God does not do things per chance or haphazardly. God has an order and a reason for everything that He does in our lives. I believe beyond a shadow of a doubt that you and I are here this morning in this meeting by divine appointment. There is something God wants to share with us. There is something God wants to call to our attention. Maybe it is something we have heard many, many times, but I believe that there is a **fresh anointing** coming to us, the people of God. There is a removing of the veil from our minds that we might begin to see and look into that which has been hidden for many, many years. God is allowing **this generation** to see it, so we are a privileged people. We are a people that have come to this hour and this time. We are in the right time, in the right season. **We are at the right place, my friend!** We are not just here per chance, but we are here of the divine order and purpose of God. Can you say, "Amen," to that? Amen. Hallelujah.

Paul was a vessel that was chosen of God to bear His name. There were many things that were involved in his calling. Not only would he come into revelations and truth, but he would suffer. I believe that we do not enter into the kingdom by hands laid on us. We do not enter into the kingdom because we sing that we are the sons of God. We enter into the kingdom through much suffering and tribulation. Hallelujah.

God has brought us through much suffering and tribulation. Look about you this morning. Immediately you can see the suffering, the sickness, the weakness that has plagued so many in this congregation, but God, thank God, has delivered us. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but God has delivered us from them all! (Psalm 34:19). Hallelujah!

Paul was a chosen vessel. He was born in season, at the right time. The message that he had was the right message. It was not something beyond him. It

was not something for those that had gone before him. It was for that day and for that hour. Beloved, I believe that the message that is coming to us by God in the Spirit is for us now. Do not ever put it to another time, another generation, another season. We are that people. We are that generation that shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled (Luke 21:33). Oh, glory be to God.

Hallelujah. Nevertheless, Paul was a chosen vessel to bear His name. ***For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake*** (Acts 9:16). Amen. It was so with Paul. Paul had an experience. He was a man of like passion as you and I, but he had an experience. An event took place in his life where he was caught up into a realm, into a dimension, into a level, into a place that I think all of us desire. Every one of us that are here this morning are crying, "God, deliver me from the body of this death!" "Deliver me from the bondage of Adam!" "God, loose me from this unrighteous individual!" "God, loose me and set me free!"

God has heard the cries and the groaning within you and me as He heard Israel in Egypt. He heard them! It took some forty, perhaps eighty years for the deliverance to come, but it came. I believe that God has been hearing the groaning and the travailing within our souls, within our spirits. "God, deliver us." Oh, ***that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence*** (Isaiah 64:1). "Lord, that You might take control, that You might make intercession. Oh God, that You might change me, that I am no longer walking after Adam, or according to his ambitions or appetites. But now I am walking, Lord, in the life of Your Spirit." Hallelujah!

So, he had an experience, and I might say that he had somewhat of an advantage over us at that time. Not at this time, but I can say that he had an advantage over us – past tense. But I believe now that God is speaking to us and calling us out of the tomb. "Come out of the tomb." Amen. So it was so. He had an experience where he was ***caught up to the third heaven*** and I believe that there are about seven dimensions. Not just one, two, three, but I believe that there is a higher realm yet. Amen.

I remember years ago, I do not remember how long ago it was, when Brother duCille was telling us about a mountain that he saw. He saw a path that had not been walked on for a long time. He said that he de-

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sired to walk in that path, for that path led him to the top, to the pinnacle of that mountain. I believe that there are heights and dimensions in God that you and I have never entered into yet. I believe that God is calling us out of the darkness into the fullness of His light (I Peter 2:9). Not flashes and rays as we have had in the past, but into the fullness of His light. Hallelujah.

Therefore, Paul was an example. I think he was one that went before us. He had such an experience in that realm, in that dimension, that he said he could not even share it with human beings (II Corinthians 12:4). He said that you would not understand it. He said that it was far beyond me and it would certainly be far beyond you, and I believe that he had that experience. It affected him. Saints, not only in the spiritual realm, but a transformation, a thing took place, if you please, in his physical being, for we read here in Acts 14 where it says that they tricked him and these were people that pretended to be Christians.

There are a lot of people pretending today, aren't there? There are a lot of people putting on. It says, "Put on Christ," (Galatians 3:27) and they are putting on, all right - but not Christ. There are those that say, "We are the same. We are Christians. Let us speak with Paul. Let us have an audience with him. We want to talk to him. We are just like he is."

Finally, it was given him a time that was set aside and he went to them, but instead of speaking to him and sharing with him the blessings of God, they stoned him. They turned on him and they stoned him. In those days, they did not use little stones and pebbles like when we go to the beachside and we see these that wash up and whatnot, but they were huge stones and they had ragged edges on them. When they stoned somebody, they did a good job and they were left for dead. They were dead when they were through stoning them. Anybody that was stoned, they were certainly dead before it was over.

So they took Paul out one time, as I read in the 14th chapter, and they stoned him, left him for dead, dragged him out of the city and left him for dead. Now, the Bible said that the brethren, some of his friends, gathered around him. As they did, it does not say that they prayed, but I imagine they did. As they did, Paul was resurrected. Paul got up on his feet and the Bible says that he went to the city and the next day he and Barnabas went to Derbe to minister and to preach the gospel. So, the stones had no effect on him.

But you know, as I was reading that, if you would

just turn over to II Corinthians 11:22, he said, *Are they Hebrews? so am I. Are they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so am I.* ²³*Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft.* ²⁴*Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one.* Thirty-nine lashes on his back. ²⁵*Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;* ²⁶*In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;* ²⁷*In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.* ²⁸*Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.* ²⁹*Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not?* ³⁰*If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities.*

He is giving an autobiography of himself. You know, brethren, you had better look at this very realistically in this sense. When they stoned you in those days, they stoned you and left you for dead. When they beat you with rods, saints, you were in such a condition after that that no human being could stand up and walk away from it. When they whipped you, and we know that Jesus was whipped. He had the 39 lashes laid upon his back once, but Paul had it many times! I received *forty stripes save one* five times (verse 24). That would have killed any normal man. Why didn't he die? Why didn't he give up the ghost? Why didn't he leave? WHY? Because in that place and realm, not only did he touch God, but God touched him. The touch that He touched him with was the life of God. Hallelujah.

I believe that there is a place in God that we can enter in. Not so much that we touch God, although that is good, but where He touches us and it is what He touches us with. He does not just touch us with a blessing, something temporary, but He touches us with His life and that life begins to work in us. Not only in our spirit, not only in our soul, but in our physical being there comes a **quickening** that we are no longer weak. Our knees and our hands do not hang down - but there is life in us, vitality from bone to bone. From head to foot **there is the life of God quickening us!**

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that realm. See, it is one thing to get a touch once in a while. We all get that, but I am talking about walking in that realm, living in that realm where death no longer has victory over us. Come on! This is the generation! I am talking to you people, saints! God is saying something to us. We are not going to **pass** until all these things be fulfilled. Glory to God! He was caught up in that realm. The stones did not kill him. The beatings did not bother him. The flogging, the laying on his back five times of the 39 lashes that tore into his flesh down to his bones did not kill him. The cat o' nine tails that they laid upon his back, it did not affect this man. He got up and shook himself and went on. Why? Because he was a chosen vessel. For what? For that generation and that time. Amen. God says, "You are not going to die. I am not going to take you home until all these things be fulfilled." Do you hear what I am saying? **We are not going to pass!** There are a lot of people now that would like to see us dead and out of the way, **but we are not going to die!** So he enjoyed life. That does not mean he did not have a thorn in the flesh. That did not mean that he was constantly praying and overcoming. But oh, the life of God that was manifested through this man. Hallelujah. I believe that he was a type.

I have shared this with Brother duCille and several of the brethren at the beginning. Last October/November, God said, "I am taking you into a sabbatical, a time of setting aside." He did, and I had no idea what was in store. We have all had sabbaticals. That is nothing unusual. We have all set times aside to seek God. That is not unusual. What became unusual is what He began to say. I do not have time to tell it all here. Time does not permit. I understand that time is going to be given to us in the month of August, that we can share from the very beginning. God was able to take us and little by little God began to reveal Himself to us. He started at the very beginning in the book of Genesis and began to share with us what it was that happened. You know, several things happened. We have had much teaching on this type of the beginning in the book of Genesis. But you know, God said to them, Adam and Eve, He gave them strict orders, a commandment.

How many of you understand that there is a difference between suggestion and commandment? **God does not suggest, He commands.** I think we misunderstand and misinterpret that sometimes and think that allows us a certain leeway or that it allows us a certain space to move or to travel in. **No, it does not. God means exactly what He says and He says what He**

means. There is no double-talk with God. I believe that when God tells us something as a people or individually, God is saying something directly to us and **He expects a response.** How many know that God expects a response? Everything that is coming to us in this conference, or in our private meditation with God, when God speaks to us. He expects and anticipates a response. Amen. Not just a, "Well, I will think about it." "I will pray about it." "I will put it in the category of the IBM machine of my mind and I will store it for future reference." **That is not the case.** I believe He is a present help, PRESENT, present tense. God is speaking to us now in the present tense. Not "will be" or "I was." He is the "I AM that I AM." He is NOW!

It says that God commanded them not to eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. They disobeyed. What happened? Well, of course, I saw it a little different than we have seen it. Somebody said to me, "Well, Brother Campbell, how can you say that? You were not there." Neither was Moses! Moses was not there physically. He was there in the Spirit. Come on, saints! You know, there are a lot of things that come to us by the Spirit and we say, "Well, wait a minute! Wait a minute! You guys are getting off the Word. You are getting way out someplace." But, no, we are not! I believe that the Word of God is given to us by divine inspiration. These men of old were moved upon by the Holy Ghost. That same Holy Ghost is moving upon us NOW and there are things coming to us by the Spirit in the Word. If you are not careful, you are going to put it down and say, "Well, this does not fit into my category. This does not fit into my theology." Well, neither did it then.

Nevertheless, a conversation took place and Eve said to Adam, "Adam, taste this. It is the best fruit we have ever eaten." What are you saying? I am saying that they had access to all of the trees. They ate of all the trees. We are people of infinite variety, so is God. There were many fruit trees there. I think they tasted about all of them. This one was a little different. It was a little special. She took a bite of it and she enjoyed it. It was pleasurable. How many think that there is no pleasure in sin? Oh, yes, there is. It says that *Moses...refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; ²⁵Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, Why? than to enjoy What? the pleasures of sin for (a time or) a season* (Hebrews 11:24-25). Come on, saints! So, she ate of this tree, this fruit, whatever it was. I do not know. I was not there. Of course, she gave it to Adam. "Adam, you have to

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try this. It tastes wonderful. It does not taste like any other fruit that we have had.” So he did and he said, “You are right. It is very pleasurable. It is very good.” And the eyes of their understanding were opened immediately and they were opened to what? To condemnation! To death! To fear! To guilt! To all the negative sources that you can think of. Amen. Their eyes were opened.

Then we read, and I was just reading this before I came up here, in Daniel 12. What does it say? Daniel 12:1, *And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.* Oh, hallelujah! Aren't you glad for that assurance? Daniel 12:2, *And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.* So the eyes would be opened. What about the ten virgins? What does it say? They all were awakened. They all slept. They all were awakened and some awakened to righteousness, to resurrection and to life. Didn't they? While others awakened to what? To guilt, to loss, to fear. Amen. I believe that there is an awakening taking place, but we are not awakening to despair and chaos and death, **BUT we are awakening to righteousness.** Hallelujah!

I started by saying that back in October/November, God spoke to me. He said, “In the seventh year, in the seventh month and in the seventh day shall begin an event that shall take place.” I started to figure that out and, you know, you are like me, you start to figure things out right away with your mind. I began to figure it out and I said, “Wait a minute! That is today! That is now! That is today: the seventh year (2007), seventh month (July) and the seventh day.” I thought, “Well, this is it. This is it.” The Lord said, “NOT according to man's timing.” Amen. But I wonder if by faith we could not even claim it. I wonder if even today we could not say, “This is the day that God hath made, let us be glad and rejoice in it, and let us begin to enter in today,” instead of waiting until fall, until autumn, until next year, 2008. Come on, saints.

They awakened all right. Their eyes were opened, but they opened to what? They opened to unrighteousness. They opened to death and despair. But I believe that we, the people of God, are coming out of a spiritual slumber. Amen. We are rubbing our

eyes and we are remembering and it is like having a bad dream. We have been in a bad dream **too** long. I think we have been in a time of despair, “When is the day of Your coming and Your appearing? God, I have been looking for that hour and that time! I want to be released from the death of this body! I want it to be broken, I want it to be broken in me and released from me that I might **rise** with the Son of righteousness in me. That I might arise to life into that dimension in You and that I might walk in You, Lord.” Oooh! Can somebody say, “Amen”?

So, they woke up to unrighteousness, Adam and Eve, to death and despair and the five foolish, “Oh my, I have missed it!” Oh, what a terrible thing. “I have missed it! I have been asleep so long and now, when, ‘Behold the bridegroom cometh!’ I am not awake! I do not have on the right garment! I do not have my wick trimmed! I am not ready.” What does it say? **Prepare to meet thy God** (Amos 4:12). Come on, saints. What has been going on in us, if we have not been being tutored and governed for this time and this hour? Then at the last minute, we want to say, “Well, I do not think it is the right time. I do not think it is the right season.” **Do not be foolish!**

So, Adam and Eve awoke. Oh my! Every time I read that I just groan within me. I say, “Oh my God, let me not miss the day of my visitation!” I am not just talking about you folks. “Let not pride enter into me. Let not confusion enter into my mind. Let me not reason any longer. God, oh God, let me not miss the day of my visitation.” Hallelujah! So they awoke, and Daniel says that some are going to awake to contempt, but some to everlasting joy. It says, “We shall return, the redeemed of the Lord, with everlasting joy” (Isaiah 51:11).

Then the Lord took me back to Lazarus in John 11. You know, Lazarus was a quiet fellow. It does not say much of conversation going on with Lazarus and Jesus. Read it. Martha had a lot to say. She was always talking. She was a real talker, like some of us preachers. Mary was content to sit at His feet, but Lazarus was the quiet one. **Be still, and know that I AM God** (Psalm 46:10). You know, sometimes we are so busy talking that Father cannot get a word in edgewise. We are so busy trying to tell Him what He should do, what we should do, what others should do, that He cannot get a word in edgewise. **May God give us the silence that we need and be still!**

Anyway, Lazarus was a good friend. In fact, do

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you know what it says in the Word? He esteemed them: Mary, Martha and Lazarus. He had a great personal love for them. Oh, you know what? I think there is a secret there sometimes. I think sometimes we get so excited and there are things to get excited about. But there is revelation coming to us. There is truth every day, something coming to us, **new manna** coming from God. Yet I think to just be content to just sit down at His feet and say, **“Father, I do not want a thing, just YOU.** I am not looking, God, for some great revelation. I am not looking, God, for something that will cheer me and cheer the people, but **I just want You, Lord! It is You I want!** It is You that I need, Lord! I am not trying to get something out of You.” Does that not disturb you when you know people are trying to get something out of you and take advantage

of you? How much Father must feel that? So many times we say, “Give me this and give me that, Lord,” instead of just saying, “Lord, I just love You!” “I just love You, Lord. I just want to express my love!”

You know, someone was saying about the giving this morning that it was not so much the big givers, the millionaires. It was the little widow that gave from her heart. You know what? There are many times that all I say is, “I love You, Lord!” There is not a big hullaballoo about it. There is not a big prayer connected with it. There is not a ceremony. I just say from my heart, “God, I love You!” That really says it all, saints, when it comes from the heart. It is not the lengthy prayers that we can pray when everybody is around. That **religious thing** that comes on us, “Oh God, the God of heaven and earth,” you know, and we want everybody to hear us. But when we just say, “Lord, I love You! I care about You, Lord. I am not coming into Your presence to get something. I want to give You something, Lord: give You my love and my attention and my affection.” Sometimes your saying, “I love You!” says it all. It is not so much the contents and how large it is, but it is coming from the heart. Oh, will you say, “Amen”?

So I believe, some of you are going to get a little feisty with me. I believe that because Jesus was God manifested in the flesh, that He was not the “I will be” or the “I have been.” He is the “I AM that I AM.” He knew what was going to happen to Lazarus before it happened. I am wondering, now do not get after me and get mad, if there was not a conversation and He shared with Lazarus one day and He said, “Lazarus, an event is going to happen to you, but do not be afraid.

Do not get excited. Do not dismay. It is going to be all right. I will be there.” Do you know that if He is there with us, we can go through anything? Can’t we, saints? Even through Midway.

I do not want to tell you about that. I got lost in Chicago. I was on 55th Street and Harlem. I just got so confused. I know you never get there. I said, “Lord, how do I get out of this maze?”

He said, “Just listen to me.” He said, “Just take this street.”

I said, “This does not look like the street, Lord.” Isn’t that the way we are? So I got on that 55th Street and whatever it was. I got to Harlem.

The Lord says, “Turn right.”

I turned right on Harlem. Then I got to Interstate 55. That took me to 294 and that was what I was looking for, but that was an hour later. Well, I

suppose the Lord wanted me to see that part of Chicago. I have never seen it.

He said, “Isn’t it nice to just look around?” and, “Don’t get so excited.”

I said, “But I will not be there, Lord, and I need to be there!”

He said, “Just take it easy.”

Then I got on 294 and I do not know, but they have it so messed up, I think I went through some of the things where you are supposed to put money. I did not do it on purpose, saints, because you have to pull over and it has a sign with money, the sign of money, and then this sign and that sign. I said, “Where do I turn off?”

The Lord said, “You should have turned off back there.”

“Well, why didn’t You tell me?”

He said, “You were not listening. You were too busy trying to figure out where to go.”

Nevertheless, I did finally get coming down this way. I got in about 6 or 7 o’clock last night and it was much too late to run out here. It is very easy to get lost, you know, if you do not follow the directions of God. If we follow our own ingenuity, our own ability, our own thinking, we can get off track. Can’t we? Amen. All right.

So, Jesus shared with Lazarus, I believe, “This event is going to happen, but do not be alarmed, do not be frightened. You are going to pass through it.” Oh saints, aren’t you glad that when He gets us in the boat He said we are going to the other side? Come on, saints. We are going to the other side. We are not staying over here on this side with the despair and discouragement.

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Amen. We are going to cross over the waters because He is in the boat! He is in the vessel! Therefore He said, "Lazarus, this will happen, but don't you be afraid." Finally Jesus went on. He was in another city at the time. Word was brought to Him, "Lazarus is very ill, very sick unto death. You must come immediately." He did not come. Of course, the disciples said, "Lord, what is wrong? If he is dying, don't you think you ought to be there to pray for him, to do something?" He said, "It is all right. Lazarus is asleep." Then he said, "He doeth well if he sleeps." Of course, was it not Thomas who had a really cute thing to say? "Well, let us all go to sleep and die." Do you ever meet those Thomases around? You must have met him once in a while.

Nevertheless, Jesus said, "Do not worry about it. Lazarus is dead." Well, that was the final thing. Then He starts to come after several days. He starts to come and Martha came first and said, "Oh, if You had only been here, Lord. If You would have been here You could have done something."

"Martha, let Me let you in on a little something."

"What?"

He said, "I am not the event. Lazarus is going to rise again."

She said, "Well, I know that, on THAT day." Come on, on that traditional day he is going to rise. Wait a minute now.

He said, "I am not an event. I AM the resurrection and I AM the life right NOW!" Why are we going to arise? Not because of the blowing of the trumpet. **Because the RESURRECTOR is within us! When He rises, we are going to rise and I feel that rising within me! I feel that stirring within me!** I feel I am rising with Him above this Adam, above this despair, above this death!

Somebody said to me one day, "I do not believe you, Brother Campbell." Well, that is all right. A lot of people do not. "No, no, I do not believe you are 77." I said, "Oh yeah. You see, 7 - 7 is a double portion. I am for getting a double portion." Come on, do you know what I heard? "Campbell's dead." Don't you ever believe that until you see the body, and then I might rise up! Come on, saints. **That life of God is in us.**

So, He said, "Martha, do not get all excited, do not be troubled. Lazarus is going to rise again. Where have you laid him?"

She said he was in the tomb. She said, "Listen, Lord, he has been dead for three or four days now. He

stinketh!" He stinketh! Come on, saints. Sometimes we stink. I mean, in the nostrils of God, we stink. Oh yes, with all that corruption, all of that meditation, that figuring and that reasoning that we do.

So He said, "Never mind."

Mary finally came out, "You should have been here, Lord. You could have done it." He came to the tomb and He groaned within Him. Don't you believe me? I wonder, do we believe what we have been hearing for the last 28 to 30 years? Do you believe it? Has it really sunk down deep in our spirit? Do we believe we are going to be resurrected? Do we really believe we are a part of that first resurrection company? Do we really believe that death shall not have victory over us any more? **If we believe it saints, then we should be expecting it!** We should anticipate it! When I said that little thing just before, perhaps today could be the beginning of that event, some of you looked at me kind of funny. "Well, I do not really think it is the seventh day, the seventh year, the seventh month. Brother Campbell, you are just bending things and exaggerating." I think that if we believe, we could have a resurrection in us. There could come a resurrection in us. Come on, saints. Do not wait for something to happen out there. It is going to happen in here. It is not happening out there. The action is within us, saints. Come on, in **this** temple, in **this** house, in **this** earth.

So, finally He got there and He said, "Show Me where you have laid him," and He groaned within Himself. We are not going to talk about the groaning. There are many groanings that God has had. That was not the only time, but He groaned within Him, and I think

We are not going to do our thing anymore. He is going to do His thing in us.

it was because of the unbelief. Some say it was because He had to call Lazarus back from that place, but I do not think so. He came to the tomb and He said, "Now roll the stone away." He left some things, He could just as well have said, "Stone, be removed," but He did not. He left something for the people, and I think that we, as the people of God - let us not bind our brother or our sister. Come on, let us let them go. Let us loose them and let them go. If they have a word from God, if they have something to contribute to us and our well being, then saints, roll the stone away. Amen. Do not bind them. Amen. Do not bind that word; let it come. I am of the belief that God can speak through the lowliest child.

Come on, saints! Now, do we believe Joel? "In the last days I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy" (Joel 2:28-29). They will enter into a prophetic word, a pro-

phetic ministry, as well. It is not just for the “elite” or the “aloof.” It is for the whole Body of Christ, and when every bone, every joint, every marrow begins to function and quicken, can you imagine what is going to happen? Amen! Amen! Amen! **THAT LIFE OF GOD WILL BE MULTIPLIED WITHIN EVERY ONE OF US!**

Loose the stone! If there is something you have offended your brother with, go to him and get it out of the way. If he has offended you, pray for him or her, but do not bind them! Amen. Each member is equally important. Each one contributes to this life, to the overall picture, to the fullness of God.

So, loose him! Now you have to get him out of the tomb. He called him out of the tomb, “Lazarus!” He had to be very specific. If He would have just said, “Come forth, oh ye dead,” I think every single grave would have been opened at that time. But He specified. He said, “Lazarus, come forth out of the tomb of darkness and despair and death!” **AND HE CAME! BOUND!** Even though he was delivered from death, even though the stone was rolled away, he had to be **loosed!**

Oh, saints, a lot of us have come out of our place of darkness and have been translated into the kingdom of His dear Son, but there is still a loosening that God wants to do in us. Unravel the grave clothes of Adam. Amen. Strip us of the garments of Adam, of despair and guilt, and clothe us with a righteous garment and the glory of the Son of God.

He came forth and they loosed him and they let him go. Can you imagine the shouting? But do you know something? That had a two-fold purpose. It was not just to resurrect Lazarus and bring him out of the tomb, my friend. It was also for the witness of those that were there. There were unbelievers there.

How many of you know that God is still concerned about unbelievers? Is anybody aware of that? I think we get so caught up sometimes in what God is bringing to us, but **God so loved the world**. God still cares about humanity. I believe that we have a job to do and God is inspiring us to do it and giving us the equipment and the anointing to do it - to touch this generation! Can you imagine how that news spread about Lazarus? “Did you hear about Lazarus? Did you hear about Lazarus?”

“Yeah, I hear that he died.”

“Yeah, but now he is alive.”

“No, he is dead, he is bound. I was there. I saw when they laid him away.”

“But he is alive.” A man that will not die. A testimony that they cannot kill. A witness that they cannot

put out of commission. I believe that we are that witness to this generation. Amen. Hallelujah! A witness to **THIS** generation.

So, what God is doing to us and in us at this conference is going to affect our community, our friends, our relatives and the generation around us. Do you know something? I am sure a lot has been said before I got here about the Muslims. You know, it is not the Muslims. It is the spirit behind the Muslims. Words do not bother those people. You can talk to them. You can say, “You know what? You guys are wrong. I mean, you guys are walking in a fantasy. There is no scriptural basis for what you are doing.” You can tell them that. You can quote the scriptures to them. It will not move them. It will not affect them. Do you know why? They are dedicated to death. That is what we need to be - dedicated to the death of ADAM. Death to Adam! Losing our life! Come on. That is why they are so successful. When they hear about their martyrs... We talk about, “Oh, boy. I am going to go to Timbuktu somewhere and I am going to give my life for Jesus.” They are willing to give it anytime, anywhere - for a lost cause! We will not even deny ourself. “I am going to do my thing. I am going to say my thing. I am going to go where I please.”

That day is over. We are not going to do our thing anymore. He is going to do **HIS THING IN US**. Ooooh! Can you say, “Amen”? Come on, saints. We are not going to say, “I am going to go here. I am going to go there.” **NO, you are not.** Not anymore, saints. **We are being apprehended, arrested by Him, into the prison house of God**, where our going out and coming in is controlled by Him. I am not talking about the bondage of our flesh. I am talking about being “confined” to His will. Hallelujah. Amen.

So, the news went far and near, “Lazarus! Yes, Lazarus! He is not dead. He is not dead.” The thing that is going to convince the Muslims today is not our words, not our knowledge of the Word, but do you know what? When they see a people that they cannot kill, you cannot stone, you cannot, what? You cannot even cut their heads off. Well, I hope that never happens, but you never know. Me and my big mouth. If they ever chop off my head, it will come right back on. They will chop it off - OOOOPs - it comes right back on. “I thought we got rid of that Campbell!” “Nope, we chopped his head off and OOOOPs - it comes right back on again.” “Let us cut it off again!” Chop - down it goes — OOOOPs — back it comes back on again. We are not ready for the ascension. We are ready for the resurrection, but not the ascension! So, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, we are being changed. Ooooh!

Glory to God. Hallelujah!

If I was to give this message a title this morning I would call it “**Counter-Revolution.**” “**Counter-Revolution.**” Do you know what? My son has picked up this spirit. I do not know where he got it. He came over one day and he said, “Do you know what? Things over at this place where I am working are just not right. Do you know the boss is not being fair and this is not taking place.”

So my wife said to him, “What do you think you could do about it?”

“Well,” he said, “I am a rebel! I am a counter-revolutionary...”

My wife just looked at me and pointed like that and said, “Like father, like son.”

I said, “But, Tony, now wait a minute!”

“Dad, they are wrong!”

I said, “All right, Tony, they are wrong. Now, are you fighting for yourself?”

“No! I am fighting for all the workers.”

I said, “That is fine, son.”

So, he left and my wife said, “See what you have done!”

There is that spirit of not giving up, not yielding to unrighteousness, not walking in error, BUT standing for truth, saints. Now, I do not mean we should go out with our place cards around. Do you know what I am saying? You know how a lot of people do that? I do not think we need to do that, but I think that the Spirit of God, that the anointing of God is going to come upon a people and they are going to know that we are here. **You are not going to have to say a thing**, they are going to know we are around, saints. You had better believe it. Amen.

I think Lazarus had quite a lot to tell his sisters. I think he had a lot to tell the people. People were affected by this. The Muslims will say, “What kind of people are these that are arrayed in white fine linen? What are these that are arrayed that are not like us? They are not like the President. They are not like the government of America. **They are different!** Who are these that are arrayed? We cannot kill them. We cannot stone them. We cannot beat them.” Amen. What is it? When they see the manifestation of the glory and the power and the life of God in **us, that is going to be the witness**, my friend, that is going to convince them that our God is the living God. Will you say, “Amen”? Oh glory! Glory to God! All right. So, “I AM the resurrection, I AM the life **right now**,

Martha. I am **not** an event. I AM! I AM!” Do you realize that, saints? He is not the “I will be” or the “I was,” but He is the “I AM right now.” So, Paul had touched this place.

I think I shared with a few of you what happened. In the beginning of this sabbatical back in October/November of 2006, I had been reading about the weakness, why so many are weak and sickly among us because they are not discerning the Body of Christ. I was sitting in my bedroom. Judy and I have separate bedrooms. No, not because we fight or argue, but because she does not sleep and I am up and down. Do you know night has turned to day and day has turned to night for me? I do not remember which is which any more. I do not go to bed and say that I am going to sleep 8-10 hours, because that is not true. I sleep sitting up most all the time, just sitting on my recliner. This first night of the seven months that God was calling me aside with prayer and waiting on Him, I was sitting there. As I was, I was not thinking of something personal necessarily, but I began to meditate and it started in my family. It started with me, my wife, my grandchildren, especially little Andrew who has had a

lot of food allergies. I will not go into detail what that little boy has gone through. In spite of all this, then I began to look at the Buckmasters and the Hamptons. I went down the list and many of you that are here are in that list of people that are desirous to overcome and to walk in health, every one of you that came to my attention.

As I was thinking about this, I said, “God, You are the Lord our God that healeth us. By Your stripes we are healed” (Exodus 15:26, Isaiah 53:5).

And I said, “God, I challenge You this very moment to honor Your Word.” As I was sitting there I felt something. If you had been in the room with me I think you would have felt something, too. As I was sitting there in my recliner, with my little blankey around my knees and my legs and I am sitting there, I heard the voice of God very clearly. It said, “**Who is it that challenges My Word?**” I mean, in a loud voice like that. Now, I know what Moses was talking about when he said, “I did exceedingly fear and quake” (Hebrews 12:21). I did fear and I did quake and I gripped the sides of that easy chair and held on for dear life. I felt that I got on the water and I was walking. I felt that I had gotten in a place that I should not have been. I felt I overstepped my bounds and I began to think all kinds of things, and I was repentant. I am sure none of you would have

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bothered. You would have just said, "Hallelujah!" But I was not saying hallelujah. I was saying, "Oh my!"

As I was sitting there right after this incident, I said, "Oh God, forgive me if I have spoken out of turn. Lord, if I have stepped out on the water when I was not ready to walk, forgive me." I just repented. For two or three days that went on. Not a word from God. But after the third day, one of the first messages that God began dealing with me about was this awakening to righteousness, awakening and coming into the full stature of Christ where the resurrection power would come forth in us. I did not have time, and saints, I do not have time to start this whole thing. Seven months is a long time to have this subject step by step in sequence as God had taken me. But I remember this, that after that God began to open to me by His Spirit and by His Word and began to speak to me about the change, the event that was going to take place **now**. **Now!** You see, I am not saying years ahead now. I am saying now. I believe that this is a beginning, and could it be possible that this event might take place in this year? Amen. The beginning of this event, that there might be a stirring and a change.

I think that this change that is coming to us is not going to be some super-duper thing with a bolt of lightning coming down. I think that we are going to awake in the Spirit to that righteousness of God. There will be a change, an activity in us where we begin to actually feel that change within us, where death no longer is reigning in us, where God has rolled the stone away and loosed us from the death garments and we are beginning to walk in the light and life of God. Hallelujah. I believe that we are that people. I believe that this is that generation. Could it be possible that this is that year - the beginning of that event now? That it would take place now? That we awake, not as Adam and Eve awaked, but to the rubbing of our eyes from the slumber that we have been in, coming to the recognition that this is the day that God hath made and I will rejoice in it and be glad (Psalm 118:24). Why? Because He has delivered my soul from bondage.

Saints, I am feeling activity inside of me. Like a woman that is with child, I have been feeling activity within me, a moving and a churning inside. Something about ready to be birthed, something about ready to come forth and that something or someone is **THE CHRIST!** Hallelujah! For when He arises in us, the earth will be broken. The door will be open. Every compartment and corridor of our life will be affected by this life of God, from our mind to our walk and from our walk to our mind; God is going to quicken us. Hallelujah! I believe the day is coming when people

will come into our midst and they will be convicted of sin and convicted of wrong doing. Amen. Why? Because they will say, "What kind of people are these?" Amen. "What kind of people do these be? They are not like we are! Something is going on here! Something is happening here. I cannot explain it, BUT I felt something touch me in my soul and in my heart!" Will you say, "Amen"?

I will be through after I say one more thing. I have just chopped this and chopped this. I feel so guilty when I leave and I am done because that is such a small portion of what God has said to me and I am just giving you bits and pieces of it. Do you remember when I was here the last time and the lights went out, saints? I could not get back to the Word and I could not quote a lot of the Word. Somebody came up to me afterwards and asked, "Were you talking about this? Were you talking about this? Did you mean that?" I could not get back to the scripture. I had much scripture that I could have spoken and given reference to, but it was dark in here. I do not know if anybody was aware of it. It was **BLACK** dark in here! Somebody turned their lights on here and somebody had flashlights and what-not. Saints, I could not get back to the Word and read all the references that I had, but I will say this, that I believe that we are closer to our day of redemption than when we first believed (Romans 13:11). Hallelujah! Oh hallelujah! As a result, God has been preparing us and tutoring us for, lo, this many, many years, but **NOW** is the day of our release and the time of our visitation has come.

Saints, I am not one to go into numbers. I have a basic understanding of all that kind of thing, of numbers and of what God is doing and saying. But as God began to speak to me and say, "This time, this year." As I look at **WHY?** Why did God speak such a Word to me now? Why is He saying what He is saying to us **NOW?** Not just through me, but through the multitude of witnesses, why is He saying this? I believe it is time now! I believe that it is the time and it is the hour and we are in that hour and that time, saints. That is why He is saying what He is saying to us now. Amen. Do not put it off for another time and another season.

I believe that there is a response that we should have and I started to say it and it just slipped me. Back in 1948-49 when they call the "Move of God," "Latter Rain," or whatever came, I remember that one of the earmarks of it was **repentance**. One of the first things that God dealt with us about was our dead works. There were a lot of them and there probably still is. He began to deal with us. As He dealt with us about our dead works and our fleshly manifestations and sin and

whatnot, we went down on our knees and there was a bowing of our hearts and knees before God. As a result, God began to breathe **new life** upon us and in us. As a result, before Oral Roberts, A. A. Allen, William Branham and all of them came on the scene, do you know that before that happened, I was in meetings with over 5,000 people. Can you imagine every single one of them being affected and touched by the Spirit of God to the point of crying out to God, "God, deliver me! Save me!" But we were all saved. "Save me from this death, from this flesh!" There was such a crying out and a groaning and a travailing. Do you know what happened as a result right after that? The Spirit of God just began to flow! There were no healing lines in the beginning of that outpouring. There were no healing lines. That came later. I remember in those meetings in my home fellowship in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the same thing took place.

You have heard me repeat this again and again and again until it is now ancient history to some of you. But there are certain things in God that never change. Do you know what I am saying? There are things of God that never, ever change. As God began to move

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upon us and there was repentance and a going down, what happened after that? After God got us in unity and harmony, what took place after that? After there was a quickening in each one of us, immediately following that, what happened as the Spirit of God just descended upon us like a blanket and the glory of God came into the meetings? There were people that came into those meetings that got saved. There was no altar call. They got saved; they got delivered. There were miracles and healings. Nobody laid hands on anybody in the beginning. In the beginning now, just the Spirit of God, just the sovereign move of the Holy Spirit and the people came down to the altar and got saved and came down and got healed. Nobody laid hands on them at all. What happened was that **He got us in unity**. When God gets you and me in unity, when that ignites in us that fire and that flame that God has been blowing and fanning, when it ignites in every one of us and that flame begins to grow in us, something is going to take place, my friend. Something is going to happen! Can you praise the Lord with me? Can you magnify the Lord with me? Let us magnify the Lord! Let us stand and give honor to the King! 🙏



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I really feel that there has been a word on my heart for quite a while. I shared a little bit of it before the conference and, amazingly enough, the conference was pretty much in line with that word. I had not really been in conversation with anybody about the conference or with those who ministered as to that which was on their heart. In fact, I missed quite a bit of the conference due to my, can I say, grave conditions. G-r-a-v-e, as in, a hole in the ground. But, nevertheless, during the meetings I was in I was very much aware that the thought of God was on the fifth position of the tabernacle.

I am very much disturbed by a philosophy I am seeing develop in the church and I would like to touch on that thought. It has to do with our desire to know God. The Bible says he that draweth nigh unto God God will draw nigh unto him (James 4:8). I can assure you that God will give you what you need. He may not give it to you in the fashion that you would like, but He will give you what you need. I can guarantee that the way He gives it is the very best thing He could ever do for you.

There is a thought... I do not know quite how to develop it, but I was very much aware of it during the conference, along with the different things that were being spoken and different songs that were being sung. First of all, let me say that I am not doing away with the position of Christ. Without Christ, it would be impossible for us to do what we have to do. Without Christ, we could not possibly do anything that we are doing or attain unto any position. So, I am not doing away with Christ or His immutability. Is that right? Immutable is that which is unchangeable. I believe what I have to share with you is, in fact, the plan of God, and one of the reasons why Jesus Christ came

and did what He did.

I know that we really do not understand. I have probably said this many times that we do not really understand the nurturing and training that has been taking place for the position of service that God wants to bring us into. We are so prone to looking at the natural environment. We are so prone to losing our spiritual perspective because of the pressure and the reality of the natural. Consequently, most of the time this natural environment is more real to us than the spiritual realm. But the Bible tells me that I am not supposed to know the outward husk of a brother or sister. I am to **know no man after the flesh**, but I am to know all men after the Spirit (II Corinthians 5:16). So that means that every person has a spiritual position. Every person has a spiritual destiny. But like you, I am sure, I find myself in many different sets of circumstances in which the natural begins to play a predominant role in my life. The influence that it has over my mind and my being begins to bring me into subjection to those thoughts that are natural. Lo and behold, before I know it, I am thinking and responding in a natural manner and it seems like the more I do that, the deeper I get into my carnality. Yet all the time I know, or seemingly know, the reality of the Spirit, but the natural is in such a place of strength that it pushes aside that awareness. Where I find myself at the end of the day is in a place that I really did not want to be. Am I the only one that feels that way? Hallelujah. Well, that is good that I am not the only one, because misery loves company. Maybe you are not as miserable as I am when I find myself in that position. But nevertheless, whatever misery you have, we can share it together. Hallelujah. Some of us are

not in a place of misery because we are not doing what the Lord wants us to do. Instead many of us are in a place of misery because we are doing what WE want to do and not what the Lord wants us to do. Or our misery is not in not doing the Lord's will, it is because we can not do what we want to do. Of course you are not like that, right?

Many of us do not understand what it is we are doing.

I want to be convinced that that is indeed

the situation, not looking at it from a natural perspective, but a spiritual perspective. I want to be convinced that many of us do not know what we are doing. We are deceived, not understanding what we are doing because if you know what you are doing and you are doing it anyway, you are in trouble. The Word says he that knows to do good and doeth it not to him it is sin (James 4:17). That can apply

to everybody, everywhere, in all things. I can tell you one thing for sure, it can really apply to me if I am in a position and contributing to the fact of sin while knowing better and wanting to do it because I like the sin. I am in trouble. TROUBLE! Because I am working myself toward a position where I will be unable to repent because there will be nothing left to bring me to a place of condemnation or self-judgment! My God. Hallelujah! Can you say, "Amen"? Like I said, I am concerned.

Someone brought a children's word, and they began to deal with the fifth seal, the fifth position in the tabernacle, and the Lord spoke to me in the midst of that word and I have been chewing on it and chewing on it.

I was in conversation with Brother duCille this morning and he was telling me of an article or something that he had read concerning the message of 2008 and a prediction of an atomic catastrophe and this information was coming from some place outside of our fellowship. Hallelujah. My goodness.

I think that we are an end time people that really do not believe the end time word. That is a great concern to me. I was sitting and meditating and chewing on a lot of these different thoughts concerning the word. I am inquiring of God, "My God, what is it that we are lacking? We seem to have the revelation of the word, we have the knowledge of sonship, we have the mechanics of sonship, and we have the spiritual laws of sonship. But it does not seem as though we really believe that it is necessary to implement these things in our environments in order for us to be in a place of safety because of what is going to happen. Will we be in a position of security to bring forth peace and safety to those that are around us, not to mention our

own being?"

I suppose it is very hard for us to comprehend what it is to be without electricity for a great length of time. Some parts of the country know that to some extent. I can assure you that most of the people in those devastated areas who had to live without water or electricity, if given another opportunity, they will have made some provision for the

probability of some future event. I am not saying all of them did. Well, some of them could have been like that Mr.

Harry over there on the side of Mount St. Helens when it blew up. "This is where I lived all my life. This is where I am going to die." Die he did. In a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, everything was gone. That was the spirit of suicide. Somehow or another it seems to be working within the ranks of the body. We have this men-

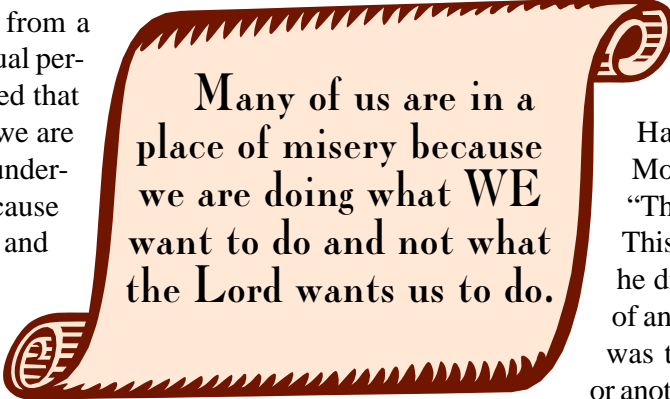
tality that everything is going to be the same tomorrow as it is today, when it is today that God is giving us the opportunity, the chance to be prepared for tomorrow. Yet we twiddle our thumbs or do our little thing here or do our little thing there and we are so non-communicative as to what we are doing. I do not understand that.

You know, I got a little twitch in my toe and my whole body knows what is going on down there in my toe. In fact, it seems like sometimes my toe wants my body to know what is going on down there in my shoe. You know, I walked around with this pair of shoes and this is how stupid we are or, how stupid I am. It was a fairly new pair of boots and they were not really expensive boots

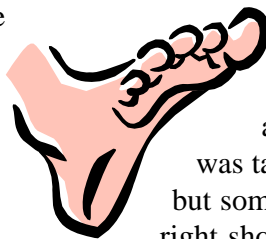
but, you know, for my income they were about as much as I ever want to pay for a pair of boots, and they were good. I only had them about six or seven months. They were good. I

was taking care of them, finally and they were lasting, but something was going wrong in my right foot, in my right shoe. Something was amiss down there. My foot kept saying, "Hey up there! Yoo-hoo!" Of course, you do not think that happens but it really does happen! Something down there in my shoe was wrong. I could not see it. I could not feel it with my thumbs or my fingers. I would take my shoe off. "Hey up there! Something is wrong down here. Would you take a look?" "Ok, I will look." I do not see anything. So the shoe goes back on the foot. Walk around for a little while longer. "Hey up there! Do you not believe what is going on down here?" "No, I do not believe it. I did not see it! I did not see it with my eyes. I did not feel it with my thumbs. There is nothing wrong. Be quiet! Submit to the boot!"

So I walk along a little while longer. I do not know



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what it did but it did something to the bottom of my foot. I finally made up my mind. "Well, I guess I better get another pair of boots." But now I have this little thing on the bottom of my foot and I have had to work through it for some reason, for some time. I do not know, maybe it is to remind me that I need to listen to my foot when my foot speaks to me. My foot took the time to speak to me. "Hey, I got a problem down here!" It is sad that my response was to tell the foot to "be quiet!"

I think that we are like that. Come on. Two planes crash into the World Trade Center. Three thousand people are dead. Life changes for everybody that was directly involved except for our own personal environment to a small extent. And we say, "Oh, be quiet! I am busy! Do

not bother me!" Or maybe I try to reason with it, "I can not afford it. Look foot, I can not afford another pair of boots. This is it. Overcome!" If you apply it to a spiritual principle and it is my right foot, I have a problem, which means I am not listening in the Spirit to what is going on in my body. Now, how does that apply to me in the spiritual realm? Well, the Word says that it is first the natural and then the spirit (I Corinthians 15:46). What it tells me is that I need to pay attention to what is taking place in my body. Hallelujah.

I do not know what it is that you think you are trying to acquiesce as far as God is concerned. I am sure that all of us want to go to heaven, the land of euphoria. Peace, birds singing, flowers blooming, serenity, and a new body. Oh boy! A new body! Hallelujah. My God. Heaven! That place! We are going to hang on. We used to be in the church and the little old lady down in the middle aisle, sitting in the last pew on the left-hand side said, "Pray for me. Pray for me that I can hang on till the end, till Jesus comes." Well, all she was looking for was to die and get to heaven. That is all she wanted to do. That is ok. That is ok if that is all you have. If that is all you want, that is ok. Then we can pray that you can hang on to the end. You can pray that you make that determination and the tenacity just to muscle or push your way through and to maintain your equilibrium to some extent. That is ok, but that is not the context of the word or the thought of being a son. What is it that you want in God? Do you want to be a Baptist? Then be a Baptist. Be a good Baptist.

I had a young man come to me many, many years ago. He told me what he wanted to be, and he wanted to be

something other than what God wanted him to be. Now how do you counsel somebody like that? Well, I tell you how I counseled him. I knew that he was going to be what he was going to be. I told him, "You know, you can do anything you want. You can be anything you want. But whatever you do, do it as unto God." So, if you want to be a Baptist, do it. Do it unto God. I can guarantee you one thing. You will not stay Baptist very long. Hello? You

will not stay Baptist very long. If you want to be a good Pentecostal, be a good Pentecostal, but do it unto God.

Hallelujah. You will not stay Pentecostal very long, because God's theology and position of doctrine is not Baptist. It is not fundamentalism of being saved and getting into heaven just to escape hell. God's desire is not that you escape hell but that you destroy hell!

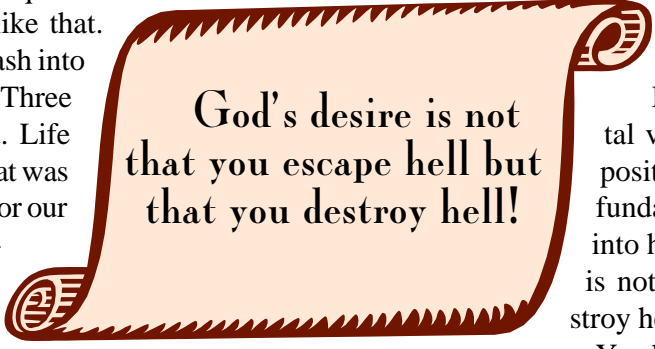
You have been called as the elect. The Bible describes you as the elect of God (Colossians 3:12). My God. We are the elect? I find that somewhat ironic, especially when I look in the mirror. You know, I am not just preaching to you. I am preaching to me. Do you hear me? I am making a declaration.

I am in sets of circumstances that I would just as soon not be in. I am in circumstances that never in my life did I ever think I would wind up where I find myself about six hours a day doing what I am doing. If you think that there was ever something in me that wanted to do that, you are so totally, absolutely mistaken. You could not be farther from the truth. You know what? That grill is not the only

thing that gets hot. I am just glad you are not around. There are some things that come out of me and I go home at night and I am just dragging my feet and my head is down between my legs like an old whipped puppy. Did you ever see a dog that you just scolded the dog out of? He gets down and he just grovels around and kind of whimpers away. That is like me sometimes at night. I get up in the middle of the night and begin to cry out to God about my flesh and self-attainment and all of the things that go with it in that realm. Yet, God sees fit to just bring me right back again and again and again and again! What am I supposed to do? Complain

about God? Am I supposed to open my mouth and condemn the Man who put me in this position? I need to listen to my foot! My foot is telling me something. My foot is giving a message to my body, sending it up those little sinews and all those nerve endings that my backbone has been translating.

You know, there is no deterioration of the message. If



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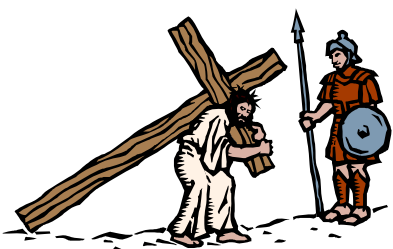
I tell Peter something and he tells you something and it goes to that one over there, by the time it gets back here, it is something totally different from what I said. It is amazing how that works. Words get twisted and turned around to something that you never said.

Somebody got so mad at me one time they would not talk to me. Can you imagine somebody not wanting to talk to me? You can not imagine, I know! They were mad because I said something from the pulpit. They said, "You said so and so." "No, I did not." "Yes, you did." I said, "Ok. You get the tape and listen to it."

Thank God for tapes. They were not listening for edification. They were wanting proof. They wanted the **evidence** so that I could be held accountable and that the judgment could be "guilty!" You know, they never came back to me, but I know that I never said what they said I said. I do know what I said that they interpreted. Oh boy, some of you have the gift of interpretation of tongues. Did you know that? I mean, I can say something in English and you can go out of here and say something that I did not say and you have just interpreted something that was in a foreign language. Oh my God. Hallelujah.

Let me talk to you a little bit about this doctrine or philosophy that I see rising up in the church. I might not say what the Bible says just yet. Let me put it to you this way, if I may. There seems to be some thought that somehow, in some divine, miraculous way that God, in the midst of our tribulation and trouble, is going to move extemporaneously. Suddenly and outside the parameters of my consciousness. We think that somehow, extemporaneously God is going to miraculously, divinely move in our circumstances to deliver us.

You do not believe that, do you? Yes, you do. Yes, you do. Do you complain about your circumstances? Do you complain about your tribulation? Do you complain about this personality? Do you complain about that over there in that form or that form? Or do you have any kind of complaint? Are you absolutely, totally enthralled with the business of God in the place that He put you in? Are you rejoicing exceedingly glad in the midst of all your tribulation at all times? Well, then you qualify. You are eligible for this position, this doctrine. You have the capacity, the potentiality to stay a nominal Christian. Oh yes, you can say, "You do not know my circumstances." You are right. I do not know your circumstances, but Jesus



knows your circumstances. If I believe that I am His child and that I am really working towards Him, I should want more of Him. If I believe that

I desire the position of excellence with Him and if I want to be in that place of relationship with Him, then He is somehow in control of my set of circumstances. Amazing, isn't it? Can you come to that conclusion? Oh yes. It is easy now when we have the air conditioners going, the fans going. You do not have anything to do but sit there and listen to me. No trouble, no pressure, nothing

happening in your life that is pushing you or pressing you. Well, some of you. Others are a little more sincere. Some of you are a little deeper, or not so superficial. Some of us already have plans for what we are going to do next week or next month, or in a year from now. The

Bible tells us that you should not think or worry about tomorrow, but you should be what? Concerned with today. Why? Because it says that the evil of the day, the present time that you are in is what? Sufficient! Can you imagine that? It is sufficient (Matthew 6:34). It means that it is more than what you are able to handle, more than what you are able to bear, more than what you are able to count on because in that moment you are either going to make it or break it. Then you have to start all over the next day.

You know, some of us are in the same situation day in and day out because we are just so thick headed. Well, you are not, but I am! Praise the Lord. I must have had somebody praying for me a lot. I mean, a lot. I mean, a real lot! Because I know how bad it was. I know how bad I was where I was at. You know, if I could blame it on a midlife crisis, that is what I would do. I would! But even if it was a midlife crisis (if men go through such a thing) nevertheless, whatever things that are happening that are bad, I have a responsibility to focus upon He Who has called me and for what purpose He has called me. I cannot look at my circumstances. My goodness!

This may get a little personal. I looked at my bank account and said, "Well, you know, I am doing pretty good. I have a little bit of breathing room." That was before my bookkeeper got to it. After my bookkeeper got to it I said, "What you are doing?" And she had the audacity to laugh. "Ha ha ha! Look what I did to your bank account!" "Somehow, my dear, I do not find that humorous. I do not find that humorous!" Now I want to tell you something. I had just gotten myself out of a hole. I had just crawled out of an emotional black hole. I had not yet seen the rim of the light of day. I had the promise and then all of a sudden it was all snatched away! And I am supposed to say, "Praise the Lord?" My God.

Wrong mentality. I have a wrong perception of my calling and my election. Oh, I want to be a son. I want to sit on the right hand of God. Oh yes, I want to be a son, ruling and reigning. Oh yes! Crucifixion? What? What



does that have to do with sonship? Christ has already been crucified. He paid a debt that I did not owe. I owed a debt that I could not pay. Christ paid it for me. I rebuke you, Satan. Crucifixion? I am a son. I am in the position of ruling and reigning. I do not want a cross. I want a throne! Of course, you want a cross. Brother Ravenhill said, "The foot of the cross is always crowded. **The foot of the cross is always crowded**, but there is always room on the cross."

We do not want to be crucified. "Oh yeah, He did it already. Why do I need to be crucified? He has already been crucified." I tell you why you need to be crucified. Jesus said that you were going to be crucified. "If they did it to Me, a green tree, in its strength, prime, and glory, what do you think that they are going to do to the dry tree?" (Luke 23:31). My goodness.

Do you know what? I came to the understanding that I was not born to rule, I was born to die. I do not mean physical death although if that is necessary, then so be it. But that is His to give and His to declare. My hope and aspiration is to say, "You do not take my life from me. I lay it down! And as I lay my life down so shall I again pick it up!" Oh my! Oh, heresy, right? Well, if it is heresy, it is the right kind of heresy, because I believe it is gospel. Hallelujah. It says that if a man does not what? Take up his cross and deny himself (Mark 8:34). How do you deny yourself? Come on, tell me. Is buying a new car, or this or that, or clothes or food or making sure you are warm and clothed and all of those sorts of things, is that being crucified?

If you have a coat, what are you supposed to do? Give it away. What are you supposed to do with the extra in your pocket? Give it away. What are you supposed to do with the one mite that you have in your pocket when you do not have any extra? Give it away. You know what? The giving away determines the position of excellence that you have with God.

The whole aspect of how willing you are to be crucified determines the place of the glory of the resurrection that comes to you at the end of the day. Do you not understand that? Every man to his own order (I Corinthians 15:23). Isn't that what Paul wrote to the Corinthians? Hallelujah! My God, my God.

How carnal is it that we are in the place that we are living where everything that we are doing is self-oriented. Of course, that is not you. That is just me. The problem is that you do not understand the position. We can not even come to the place of the fifth altar because our soul has not yet been sanctified or freed from sin. We think that we are a people most fortunate. We think that we are a people most blessed because we can approach unto the fifth altar. I want to tell you the fifth altar is the offering of the sanc-

tified soul. Not a soul that still has a me-ism complex or a self-appointed attitude of self preservation. There is no room for me-ism.

In Hebrews 11 it says that they died not receiving the promise. There was a promise. I believe there was a word that they saw in the Spirit of being like unto Jesus Christ and they did everything and yet they did not obtain, for whatever reason.

Paul himself said, "I am a man that is born out of due season. I have the revelation. I have the understanding. I have the experience. I have the strength" (Acts 22:28). Do you know that I believe that Paul had the strength in the Spirit? It was not the place. There was yet a body to come. It was his last position. It was his final test, I believe, with regard to Paul laying down his soul upon the golden altar. Now he is assembled in the great

cloud of witnesses seeing those things that he spoke about worked out in the realm of the living (Hebrews 12:1). My God, how must Paul feel when he looks at a lethargic, self-oriented, me-ism church that is struggling for survival? Not survival in the Spirit, but survival in the natural, thinking about their position of preeminence and all the things that are in that arena. My God!

Where is the church today? What comparison is the church today with the church then? My God. John the Baptist said, "I am like a voice crying in the wilderness," a wilderness of hard heartedness, self-appointment, self-orientation, self and me-ism. "Crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the way. Make straight the path. Make straight the path" (Matthew 3:3). You know, there is a straight path that leadeth unto salvation. It says also that there is a narrow gate (Matthew 7:14). My God. We need to rise up in the Spirit. We need to rise up in the Spirit in our own personal set of circumstances, in our inward environment, and begin to take possession of the land that was given to us.

My soul is mine for an inheritance. Do you know that? It is mine. The Inheritor has bequeathed it unto me. I can sit back and wait for God to move some magic wand that He is never going to move. God is not going to move any magic wands. He may heal you. He may bring some sort of financial blessing. He may move in your circumstances to give you strength and vitality and some assurance that He is still around. But what about the hour, what about the day that you find yourself hanging between heaven and hell and the words that come forth out of the midst of your mouth are, "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?"

Is it a position of lost faith? No. It was a reality of what happened and a question that was birthed out of the agony of the moment. Did He lose His salvation? Did He



lose His place? Was His sacrifice any less acceptable? Absolutely not, because He maintained His position of integrity. It was not an accusation. My God.

How is it that you and I are going to stand in the realm of Paul's position of faith? He was a man who had not yet attained but had the revelation. "I have run my race. I have finished my course. I know what lies up ahead of me" (II Timothy 4:7). What if God says you are going to die tomorrow? Paul had the knowledge. He knew his time was finished. He knew his course had been run. "I have run my course. I have finished. I know that there waiteth for me" a what? "A crown."

What if somebody came to you and said, "On the morning at 2:00 your soul is going to be required of you." What are you going to say? What are you going to do? I tell you what I would probably do. I would try to find any means I could to eliminate the fact that my demise is most imminent. I would try to find some way for self-preservation. I found out the only way that you can self-preserve something in that realm is to pickle it. That is not what I want. That is not the position that I aspire to or desire. I want a commendation. Do you hear me? I want a stamp of approval. I do not want the "Woulda, coulda, shoulda," award. I do not want the "Well, you did all right but you could have done better." I want to be in that place of relationship with Jesus Christ, so I have to know that tribulation, the place of my pressure, my agony, my confinement, my cage that I have been put within, that it has been erected on the basis of what I believe to be the way of the Lord. Hallelujah!

How can I begin to move contrary to my position of being the bondservant of the Lord, in any other way but in an affirmative manner? Well, I want to tell you something; I am not always affirmative. I do not know that we really understand the calling and the election. Jesus had a very simple explanation. He said, "Thou fool, knowest thou not that a corn of wheat must first fall into the ground and die or it abideth alone?" (John 12:24). Oh, yes. We give up this. We give up that. We do not smoke, we do not chew tobacco, and we do not go with the people who do. We do not do that. We go to church. We do this. We do all of the normal things that Christians do.

It is time to stop carrying the cross. Carrying the cross does you no good. If the time is to be hung upon it, you can carry it from here to Timbuktu and back. You can testify to its power and its ability to save and all of those things, but it will not do anything for you until you are up on it. What it needs to do is to crucify you and me and bring us to a place where we are hung between heaven and hell and the offering that is ascending to God has a sweet smelling savor. Ever think about it? That your destiny is going to be determined by how it smells in the nostrils of God? No wonder it has to be the sanctified soul, because

you know God does not want any flesh. I think somewhere in the Bible it says that flesh stinketh. (John 11:39) Does it not allude to the fact of the scent of flesh arising to God is a stench in His nostrils? And the

action of God was what? He wiped them out, didn't He?

The word we had at this July conference was a very serious word, and we want to get away from it. We really do. We want to get away from it. We want to go on to other things. We want to run on to the next thing and get something that sounds a little better. We have this theology that somehow God is going to work out our salvation with a magic wand. You are the magic wand of God. You are the magic wand of God and the only way that God is going to be able to do anything is if you do it.

Jesus hung on the cross and His final words were, "It is finished!" (John 19:30). What more could Jesus do than what He did when He said, "It is finished"? What work is yet to be done? The work is given to you and me to do. Not the overcoming of this principality and this power on a glorious white horse riding through with our shield of faith and our sword and slaughtering the enemy. It is a manifestation of Jesus in us when we are persecuted, when we are brought down to the spot of the abyss and we can cry out and say, "The Blood prevails!"

Thank God for the word. We are putting Mavis duCille's word in the K.I.T. Bulletin. I encourage you all to read about the Blood of Christ prevailing. The word is short, but very profound. She tells of the incident when Cecil was in Africa and how the demons came in and they taunted her to "plead the Blood." Can you imagine a demon telling you to plead the Blood because the demon knows that in your mind it is only a temporary thing? It is something that is just temporal and your faith is about as thick as your hide is when it comes to somebody doing something to you that you do not like. The Lord spoke to her not to plead the Blood, but that the Blood prevails! It means that it begins, and it goes on and it lasts until the end and then it is still in a position of prevailing. You know, you do not have any idea. Some of you have no idea.

I had a dream. In this dream, I died and I went to heaven but I found out it was really hell. I was really concerned about this because I thought, "My God, I have been working and if this is as close as I have gotten, I am in a lot of trouble." I was in a place and I was worried until I saw Brother Cecil. I said, "Well, if he is here it can not be all that bad." But there were demons and devils, princes all around. Who was it who had the vision of the body with demons coming in on the body? Yes, Tommy Hicks. De-



mons were coming in the body and it came down and it devoured the flesh and then they devoured something else... the inner structure. But when they came down to the core all they could do was polish it. **(This might be mixing two separate visions. In the Hick's vision, when the body began to arise the demons fled. Cecil had a vision of a piece of watermelon where the birds pecked away at the fruit but when they got to the seed they polished them.)** Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

So the devil has begun to get you and me into a place where we are absolutely in a position of despair. And yet, in the place of that frustration and all of the things that you are doing that are not working and everything around you is falling apart, God has got to get you down there in that place. You can stand up in the midst of that hell, darkness, and all that temptation that is coming in on your mind and tempting you, your flesh here and there, the spirit over here and over there coming in devouring this and devouring that. It gets down to the reality of who you really are in the inner core of your being and the thought that the Blood prevails. The Blood prevails!

Job had the revelation. He did! How in the world does God look at things? I read Job and what he speaks here and what he speaks here and I think, "Is God deaf?" You know what I mean? Because, he sounds to me like he is complaining. He sounds to me like he wishes he were never born, like he wishes that he were dead and that he is not worthy of this thing that has come upon him. Does it sound like that to you? Am I the only one who reads Job? Yet the Bible says that Job did not transgress against God with his mouth. So, there is really something there because God was not listening to the words evidentially that were coming out of the man's heart and mouth because of the position of his complaint and the place of his physical condition.

He was bankrupt. Oh yes. Bankrupt. He was bankrupt! Come on. His body was full of boils. You know, he was in this condition for three years. Three years! How would you like to sit on an ash heap with a potsherd for three years listening to so-called friends telling you how bad you are and what you should do to repent? Then everything that comes out of your mouth justifies their position of righteousness. Yet it says that Job did not sin with his mouth. There was something of a reality that Job had. "Though worms eat my flesh." (Job 19:26) He sat there watching the worms eating his flesh. That was the only congregation that he had to prophesy to. "Worms, eat my flesh. Go ahead. Eat it up! Devour it. But this I know. This I know! That same flesh that you are consuming, that you are devouring, that you are pulling off of me

bite by bite, piece by piece, it is with that same flesh that I am going to stand before my Creator." HALLELUJAH! What kind of faith did the man have? What kind of vision? What kind of understanding? My God. He is an indictment against the church of God in this hour with the revelation that we have. My God!

You know, I am very pleased with the Divine intervention of God. I am. I need it more and more in my life. The older I get and the closer we get to the end, the more I need that Divine intervention of God. But there is an expectation that I believe God has of me concerning my set of circumstances.

Jonah had the revelation also, you know.

Quite frankly, to me it seems to be a position of self-sacrifice. The boat was in peril of sinking. Men's lives were in peril of being lost. Wasn't it? He said, "Well, I am the reason for all of your trouble." Oh my goodness. The fortitude of the heathen in that hour. They did not really want to throw him over. You know what? If some of you were in that boat and I said that I was the problem, there would be no conversation. I would be the first thing that was jettisoned. Oh my God. It is funny, but it is true. They did not want to throw him over. He had to convince them to throw him into the sea. My God! All these things are written, God notices all these things. Do you know what I mean? He puts us into circumstances, puts us into a situation and puts the pressure on, turns the fire up and all we can do is complain about how hot it is or how much we do not like to be there. I am talking from my personal experience. It is not that God is going to come down and wave some magic wand and deliver me out of my set of circumstances, my trials, and my tribulations. I have to ascend. I have to rise up in the Spirit to get to a level of understanding that no matter what happens out here, I will overcome.

"Oh king, live forever but knowest thou not that even if thou dost kill us..." what? "We will not recant. We will not acquiesce. We will not say something derogatory or negative about He who is our God" (Daniel 3:25). God could have delivered them with an angel. He did, but they had to go through the binding. They had to go live in a position of captivity. Can you understand what they went through? They lost their masculinity. They had been humiliated. Hallelujah. Been used and used and abused.

There was an experience and a history behind them that brought them to that point. We just want the man in the fire. We want the fourth man experience, but you can not have the fourth man experience unless you go through the captivity, the destruction of home and all you know, all your love, your fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, all of those things destroyed and carried out. They were

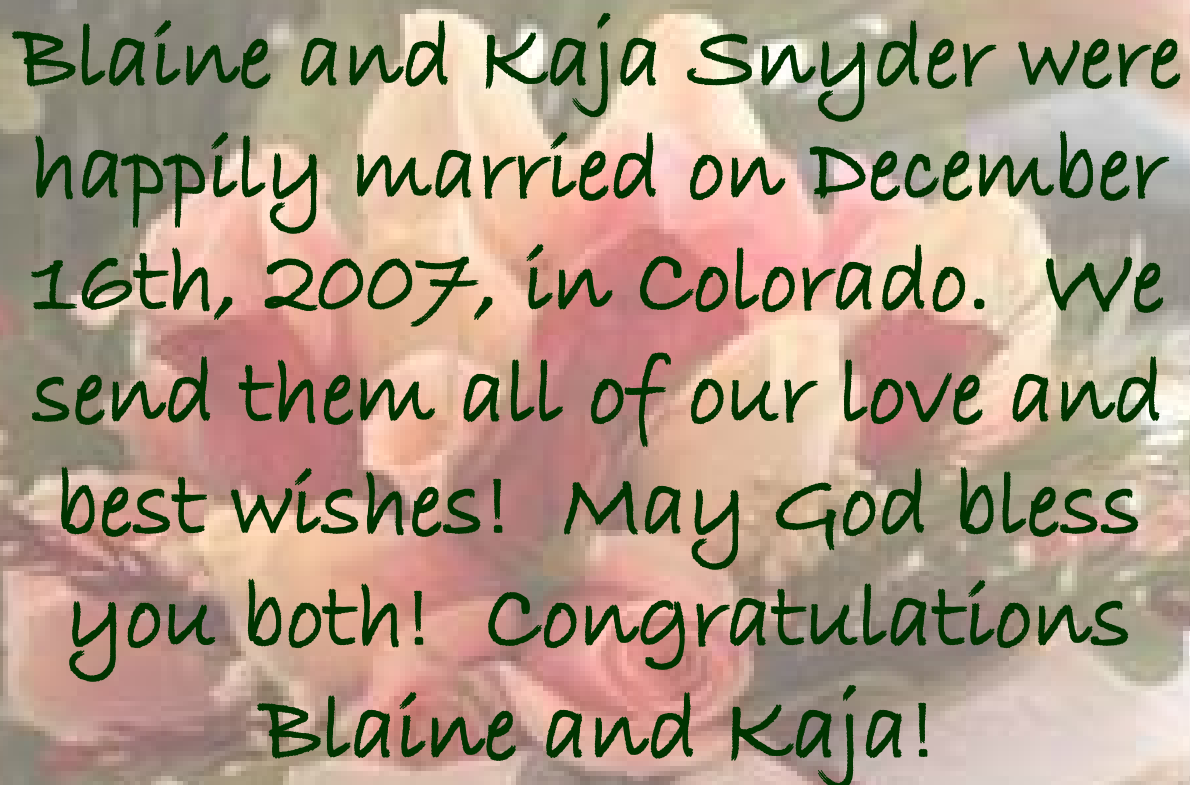


royalty. Do you understand? They were in a place of favor. The things of the land were theirs and they were brought into a place of servitude. They were emasculated at the whim of a man and they were to serve him. Their life hung in the balance as to his whim and moods, so he thought.

All of that was preparatory. We are not told what they had to go through and experience. We are not told of the emotional turmoil, the mental turmoil, and the agony of the things that went on, the conversations they had in and amongst each other, the weaknesses of their flesh. We are not told that, but I can guarantee you there was something working in their human nature that was trying to convince them that God was a figment of their imagination and they needed to bow down to Nebuchadnezzar. They needed to humble themselves before the image of this man's enormous ego. Had they not maintained the position of integrity, had they not understood the reality of the thought that it was something more real than imaginary or legends of the Father. There must have been some sort of demonstration all of their life that God would move and show the reality of Himself. Even the fact that they found favor in the midst of the court, hallelujah, to such an extent that the other princes were jealous of their position and wanted to have them. Their whole thought and intent was to bring them to that place of death. Wipe them out. God looked down upon the situation and judged them righteous. He deemed them as righteous.

Oh, it would be great to be thrown in the fire, wouldn't it? Well, I stand in front of a grill. I sure do not want to get on it. But there is something of a calling and determination that I have to make concerning where I want to be at the end of the day. I must decide what I am willing to do in my present set of circumstances, concerning the issues of my tribulation. I have to come to the point, that even in this grave Jesus is Lord. Even in this position.

Death, you are a spirit and therefore in subjection to the power and the unction and the anointing of Jesus Christ. Work your wiles into me, in my set of circumstances. Work your wiles upon my flesh. Do your thing in my mind. Do your thing in my emotions. But this one thing I know, the Blood prevails. The Blood prevails, and I have a desire and I have an aspiration that out of the dust and the ashes of that which is left, and if it be God's will to have it consumed right down to the last fragment, then let it be so. Out of the dust of that ashes shall come forth beauty and I will know the resurrection power and I will demonstrate to you your inability to thwart or to divert the plan of God. God bless you. 🙏



Blaine and Kaja Snyder were happily married on December 16th, 2007, in Colorado. We send them all of our love and best wishes! May God bless you both! Congratulations Blaine and Kaja!

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Brethren, our God is faithful in every way regarding His Word to us. He said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you and I will be with you even until the end." Therefore, we know that there will be an end of all things. There will be an end of sin and all wickedness will be removed and destroyed out of the earth. There will be an end of this world (age), wherein old things shall pass away and a new heaven and new earth will be established, wherein dwelleth righteousness. There will be a time of great tribulation and distress and a time of rebellion and turning away from God to perdition.

The problem for us is that we do not know the time, therefore, we are left with the question of when will this time be? God said that it will be, therefore, we know that it must surely come to pass, but of the day and hour knoweth no man, but God alone knows. However, God is faithful to us and declares in His Word that He will do nothing except He first reveal it to His servants the prophets (Amos 3:7). God demonstrated this in the time of Abraham and Lot, when He was about to rain down fire and brimstone upon the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Let us read about this in Genesis 18:17-33.

¹⁷And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; ¹⁸Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him. ²⁰And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; ²¹I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know. ²²And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD. ²³And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein? ²⁵That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? ²⁶And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes. ²⁷And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes: ²⁸Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it. ²⁹And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it for forty's sake. ³⁰And he said unto him, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there. ³¹And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake. ³²And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake. ³³And the LORD went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

Jesus gives us a similar thought in John chapter 15:12-16 where he says, ¹²*This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. ¹⁵Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. ¹⁶Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.* This is truly marvelous for us to understand, that God, the creator of the heavens and earth and all things therein, the omnipotent and sovereign God desires such fellowship and such a relationship with man that it would bring about the oneness of a close friendship, whereby He shares with man the mysteries of His ways and His will. Just as God confided in Abraham, whom He called a friend of God, concerning the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, He also confided in Noah concerning the flood. Noah was an upright man

who found grace in the eyes of God as he walked before Him (Genesis 6). Daniel was also a man greatly beloved of God, who God confided in and revealed mysteries concerning the captivity of Israel in his time and the Abomination of Desolation of the time of the end (our time - see Daniel 10).

We have heard a word from the ministry in the midst of the body of brethren that we fellowship with concerning 2008 and nuclear destruction. This word has brought with it much stirring and many questions among us, to the degree that lines of demarcation, separations, and divisions are beginning to be drawn. One of the things that is very good about our various fellowships and has been good about our fellowships has been the ability and freedom to question the message in an attempt to chew the cud and glean every ounce of truth from that word. However, what seems to be taking place now is not an objective approach to question the message to gain clarity and strength of understanding, but a faultfinding expedition of a confederate nature, whereby we involve others in our discontentment. The enemy of your soul is the same enemy of my soul and what he hopes to do is to create contention and confusion among us. We must not allow it to happen because we are not ignorant of his devices. The devil is a liar from the beginning and his sole purpose is to steal, to kill, and to destroy according to Jesus in John chapter 10. If he can cause us to doubt God, to murmur and complain, and to sow seeds of discord among the brethren, then he has begun to hinder us greatly from accomplishing the very purpose of God for the Body of Christ, which is ONENESS.

Jesus prayed to the Father in John chapter 17 regarding this oneness. He said, "Father, that they may be one even as We are One, that they may be one with each other." He further describes the oneness, as the Father is in Jesus, and Jesus in the Father, *that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.* Every prayer that Jesus ever prayed was answered by the Father. This prayer of oneness will also come to pass. We will be one and no devil in hell can prevent it. However, we have something to do with bringing about this oneness and the first thing we must do is to believe God, believe the Word of God, and believe in the ministry that God has ordained. The second thing we must do is to endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit. According to Ephesians chapter 4, there is one Body and one Spirit. This one spirit is none other than the Holy Spirit, the Comforter sent by Jesus to work within us to bring about the very nature and likeness of Christ. When we submit to the operation of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives, it will bring about the transformation of our soul. Our mind, our emotions, our will and our desires will respond to God. The operation of the Holy Spirit in our lives will bring about love, peace, and unity. All we need to do is examine ourselves to see if these things are the fruit of our fellowship one with another. Endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit takes work on our part. It may even require a time of fasting and prayer. In either case, as we bring issues before the Lord, He is faithful to give us His wisdom, and He would not have us seethe a kid in its mother's milk (Exodus 23:19).

I believe this word regarding 2008 is an opportunity for us to seek the Lord about the preparations we need to make as the bride, for surely the bride is to make herself ready. The brother that gave this word is a diligent brother that God called and sent with a message to the church regarding destruction that is coming to us and to the world. This message as a trumpet has been blowing for some thirty plus years for a number of us that have been a part of this fellowship and this work of the Lord. The word has become much more specific regarding a time frame, which has created the concern. I believe that we all believe that the "end" is nigh at hand, even at the door. I believe that we all believe that God will save the elect that cry unto Him day and night. I believe that we all believe that instead of a "wait and see" attitude, we need to have a "Watch and Pray" attitude. Watch and pray is what Jesus said to His disciples at the most distressing and agonizing time of His life. It was there in Gethsemane that He said, *My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch* (Mark 14:34). Jesus returned to find them asleep and said unto Peter, *Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour?* ³⁸*Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.* Brethren, our flesh is weak, which is why I believe we are unable to discern the body of Christ.

Brethren, how many times has the message of the ten virgins in Matthew 25 been ministered unto us? Five were wise and five were foolish, but they all slumbered and slept. However, the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps, whereas the foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them. However, someone was watching, and behold a cry was made that the bridegroom cometh: go ye out to meet him. Praise God! Let us thank God for the voice of one crying in the wilderness, as it were, and sounding an alarm to the people of God to prepare for the judgments of God. Brethren, I think that the word concerning 2008 is such a cry in our time about the destruction that is coming upon the nations. Let us begin to watch and pray as never before. Let us begin to call upon the Lord, for He is faithful to hear our cry. God bless you in Jesus' name, amen. ☞



In His Presence

by Stacy Asbill

This past November our family was blessed to go to the conference in Schulyer. The presence of the Lord was with us as we gathered together; they were many times of wonderful praise and worship as well as some very good words. The one theme that seemed to stand out to me was about the time that we are in and the need to be prepared for whatever may lie ahead. Actually, it is interesting to note that this is not a new theme that was just spoken at this particular conference, but something that the Lord has been speaking to His Body for quite some time now. As I began to think about the need for preparation, I began to inquire of the Lord with regard to this in my everyday life – and specifically, as a mother with young children. You see, my heart’s desire is not just for my own preparedness, but for my children’s as well.

Now, to properly share with you the thing that God has begun to do in our home, let’s consider what the natural everyday life of a mother is like. We know that there are three meals a day to cook; endless piles of laundry to wash; a house to keep clean; and all the people in your house to keep happy. As a home schooling mom, there is also the proper educating of your children that requires a lot of time and diligence, right? So I began to say, “Lord, all these natural things are good and necessary, yet there is so much more that I desire for myself and my family. How is it that I can maintain my responsibilities and yet rise above this natural realm?” The answer that came to me wasn’t a thought that dropped into my head or even a verse from the Bible, but it came in the form of my heart’s yearning

for the presence of the Lord. In fact, that yearning can best be described as how our natural body HAS to have air to breath; so also my soul HAS to be in His presence to live!

Now, I will try to connect these thoughts... Most of us are familiar with Psalm 91, which, I believe is a very apropos chapter for the time that we live in. I will just share the first two verses here. *He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. ²I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.* We know that this scripture, along with many others, and even the types and shadows found in the tabernacle, all indicate that the only place of safety that we will find in the midst of great tribulation is as we are abiding in His presence. Now, to take that thought from the future perspective to the present: there is a need for us to come into the presence of the Lord, not just on Sunday mornings, but every-day of our lives! Just what exactly does it mean to be in His presence? Here again, there has been something in my heart that desires to know Who God is. Throughout the day I find myself asking, “God, what are Your thoughts about this?” “Lord, what is it that You want me to do?” “Lord, what is Your desire for Your people?” James 4:8 says, *draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.* So, as I consider my life, I find myself really desiring that living reality of Jesus Christ moving and speaking and bringing forth life in the midst of each and every circumstance. With all this in mind, I would like to share a testimony of one situation that happened that God moved in an absolutely wonderful way.

Everyday in school I have been reading to the children out of the Miller book series. (If you have never read them, they are excellent books that I highly recommend!) At the point of this story, we were reading *Schooldays with the Millers*. One story was about a little girl who went to school with a boy who had dyslexia. The girl was telling her mother how some of the children at school had been making fun of the little boy and so the mother shared with her daughter the importance of always being kind to others and went to her Bible and read Proverbs 17:5. I am really paraphrasing the story here but it was really excellent. After reading this the children and I prayed and went on with our schooling.

The next day, towards the end of school, we had a situation arise where one of the children had done something and the others began to laugh and make fun of them. Immediately I was reminded of the Miller story and went to the Bible and read the verse out of Proverbs. One of the children replied, “Well, So and So isn’t poor!” (The word poor is used in the scripture verse.) With that I turned to the computer to look up the verse in Power Bible to see what the words meant in Hebrew. This is what I found:

Whoso mocketh (deride, laugh, scorn) *the poor* (needy, destitute) *reproacheth* (defame, blaspheme, defy, upbraid) *his Maker: and he that is glad* (joyful, gleeful, merry) *at calamities* (misfortune, ruin, destruction) *shall not be unpunished* (not be blameless, be cut off, desolate). When I finished reading this verse along with the definitions of the words, there was absolute silence. Without any prompting whatsoever, all of the guilty parties began to humbly and thoroughly repent to the individual. The presence of the Lord was there in the midst of our little schoolroom and it was a marvelous experience. I must add that in the course of this discussion, the only words that I spoke to the children were from the Word – there was nothing that I added of my own self or thoughts and truly the Word went forth and did not return void, but it accomplished that which the Lord pleased! (Isaiah 55:11).

My prayer pertaining to this situation was, “Lord, this is the place that I want to walk in on a constant basis. I

want Your life to come forth and to minister to my children’s needs. I want the reality of You to be first and foremost in our thoughts. I want You to give us direction and to set our feet upon the path of righteousness.”

Of course, since that time we have had our times of difficulty, yet we have also had our times of victory. One thing that I can say for sure is that every time that we come into the presence of the Lord, it whets our appetite for more. It excites me to think that there is coming a time that we truly will abide in His presence; not to any longer go in and go out, but to stay! It is such an exciting time to be in that God wants a people who will allow the reality of Jesus Christ to emanate from their very being. Let us exercise this today that we may become that people in the days to come! May God indeed bless and strengthen each and every one of you!

O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him (Psalm 34:8). ❧

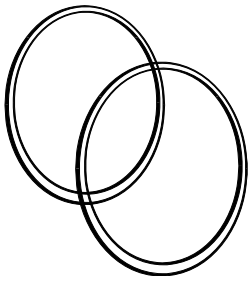


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to you both!





In His Timing



By Wesley Schell

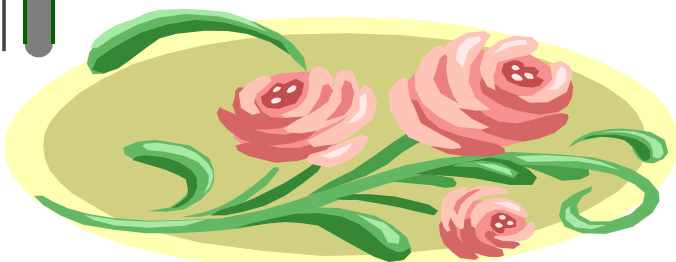
Galatians 6:9, *And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.* That little phrase “due season” is quite a testing one to a person’s mind, because it is totally out of one’s control to determine when that time is supposed to happen, or at least, in my prior circumstance, it was out of my control. My circumstance, which most of you could easily guess, was my wedding. Bibi and I were waiting for the government’s approval of the visa to get married and that has been my test of “due season.”

Last May, I had to file an I-129f petition with the U.S. immigration services. At the same time, Bibi had to return to Europe. She brought with her all the completed forms that she would need to finish the paperwork over there. The work here in the U.S. was done except for the drudgery of waiting on the government. I had called them probably 15 times over the course of 6 months to request any information about my case. I received the same answer each and every time. “We file the cases in the order that we receive them. When your case comes up in line we will notify you if we need anything else. The estimated waiting time for this type of a visa is six months. Thank you.” I had heard that every time. I didn’t want to hear that. I was interested in knowing some real facts, but you are only allowed to contact a mediator who has a computer that they read from. It is impossible to contact the real visa issuers unless there is a serious emergency, and guess what, love is not an emergency. So, we waited and waited and then November came along. November was our six-month ending time and we were getting excited because it would be over, and soon. We thought that we would be able to see each other and get married. November 10th came and I got a letter from the

embassy. I was ecstatic thinking that it was approved. I opened it and it was a notice requesting more information. Which was a huge relief that they finally acknowledged my petition. It took me one week to get photos and a certified birth certificate and I returned their letter. Then I was back to waiting, but only for three weeks. When I called again, and they told me that it was approved and they were sending it on.

This is where I got a little thrown off. Since we had been approved I began to start to plan the wedding. The Jamaica conference was being held the end of December to the first week of January so that time was excluded. We had then picked a date two weekends after the conference, the 19th of January. We began to plan the wedding. With Bibi in Europe still, we talked on the phone and I did the actions of planning it. January 19th gave me two full months before the wedding. We had been praying also for the timing and all of the activities needing to be done so it was not an out of the blue choice. It was all going good until about the 20th of December when I didn’t know what was happening with the papers. I surely thought that Prague would have received them within three weeks but we had heard nothing. So I called again, only to find out that there is another visa center in America that has to handle the visa, also. Time was coming closer and one night on the phone Bibi and I were a little distressed about the whole situation. We were blinded to this step and it put a kink in the whole plan. But I counted the weeks and figured out that if everything went smoothly, it would all work out. We prayed together that night about the papers and a wonderful blessing happened the next day. It was totally approved in the U.S. and mailed to Europe by DHL.

Then we had three and a half weeks before our time scheduled and she was not here. Most people would have thought to change the timing but I didn’t want to because some of the brethren had already planned their traveling over here. I could change the time, but they wouldn’t be able to attend, which neither of us would like. So, we stayed on task and decided that if she comes here the week in advance it would be fine, and if not, we would wait a week. Well, that plan sounded very good, however, it really stressed me out because I was am planning everything



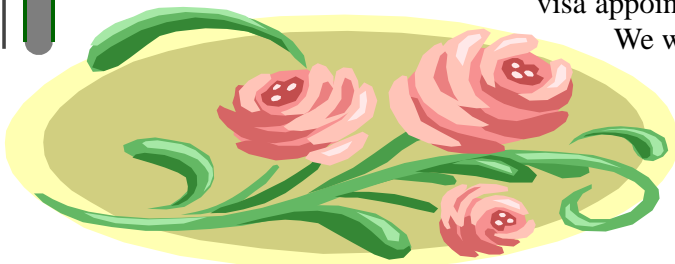
to be done on the 19th and the most crucial element of it all, the bride, was not here yet.

During the whole process that we had been going through, there really wasn't much that could be done by us except wait. We called the embassy and visa centers numerous times and in fact, Bibi called the embassy so much that they told her to quit calling and that they would call her when it arrived in Prague. That was very nice of them but it didn't stop us from calling, because time was getting short. By the third of January we were getting a little distressed. I knew that it still could happen if things started going fast, but it would take a miracle. The other option would be to wait, and that was fine, if needed. So, that night we prayed over the phone again and asked God for His grace with our case. We needed a miracle and we asked for one. The very next day I got a call from Bibi that the papers had arrived at the embassy and they mailed her all the information. It was so awesome to see God move every time that we needed it really bad. So, with two weeks to go, we needed a visa and the ball was finally starting to roll. Bibi now had to fill out some papers, go to a doctor, go to the translators, and then to the embassy to get the one and only piece of paper that we had been waiting for for almost seven months. We needed to wait for the mail though. It was now Thursday, fifteen days before the planned wedding date, and I had no clue how fast mail traveled over there, but praise be to God, it goes equally fast as America because on Monday she received it. Not only, that but the papers she needed to fill out we had finished seven months ago and that was done. Also, she went to one doctor that day and made an appointment for another. On top of all that, the translation of the birth certificate was taken care of, too.

Tuesday came and she finished the doctor's examination and she gets her medical record in English, which was such a blessing because it would have needed to be translated otherwise, which would take another day. Then, it was time for the embassy. Yes, give me a drum roll please. Da da da da tat tat tat tat. This was it. We were almost done in two days and that left plenty of time to spare. God had been so great to us that everything went so smoothly. He really answered our prayers. Bibi was also on fire because she didn't miss a beat. Everything was done in an expedient manner and it was looking good. We called the embassy to make our appointment and "slam" we hit a big wall.

The earliest that was possible to get the appointment was the following Tuesday, January 15th. This was a problem. We called the consulate and no help was given. The 15th would make all the plans too crowded and it would create too much stress during a time of great joy. So, it was an obvious choice to postpone the wedding for a week to allow us some breathing room. Bibi went in for the visa appointment and praise the Lord, it went great.

We were approved and given the visa the next day. The moral of the story is that God's timing is flawless. He was not stressed out like we were, but knew all along. God bless. 🙏



Timothy Abraham Trotter



STATS

Born: December 12, 2007

9:51pm

Weight: 10 lbs. 5oz.

Length: 22.5 inches

How great is our God in bringing forth this new baby! May he grow to be a son of the Most High. He is a healthy, glowing baby, and he and Mommy are doing fine!



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