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

Keeping In Touch



*Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof. Let the field
be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the
trees of the wood rejoice before the LORD:
for he cometh. Psalm 96:11-13*

Welcome, readers, to the August issue of Keeping In Touch! We have so many exciting and challenging articles that we are sure you will be blessed by!

This bulletin we have testimonies written by Linda Pocajova and Veronika Capcikova; as we have had several other young people visiting our area this summer, you will also be hearing from them soon in an upcoming issue. We have some thoughts on the conference from some of our bulletin members, as well as a baby announcement from Tyson and Shannon! We are including two messages in this bulletin, one shared by Brother Jerry Gadwa and another by Brother Burt Asbill; both are very pertinent to the hour we are in.

If you have anything that you would like to submit to the Keeping In Touch, please send it to one of the addresses listed below. We always love to hear from our readers - it blesses us, as well as all of our readers!

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Jerry Gadwa Sunday, March 23rd, 2008 Mahomet, Illinois

That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. John 1:9

Thank you for the opportunity to come here today. Really! I'm blessed. Everywhere I have been going, it has been God Who has opened up the door. What I have been sharing and what I am about to share with you today, began in my home, with my children. I don't think I need to speak to this group of people about the seriousness of the time we are living in. I think we know pretty well that it is a very serious time. Some of the scriptures that I have to share are very basic to us, but I pray that the Lord would open our hearts and expand our understanding, that we can take in more of Him for what lies ahead.

Some of you might not agree with some of the things that I have to say. I only ask that you pardon me, because I just feel that I have to be faithful with these things. The Lord will show in time. Sometimes we so easily cast off prophecy or things that somebody said if we don't see it in our own understanding at that time. Isn't that true? As time goes on we find out that that is exactly true. I was thinking back this morning, while I was sitting with Burt Asbill, of when we were ministering in Dubuque. We were at George and Sue Herrig's house. Their daughter, Stacy, was there and Burt had a word for her concerning the man she was to marry. I believe she was 16 years old at that

time. I thought, "This can't be. It is just not God. God is not going to give this word to this young woman right now." I complained to Burt about it at that time. However, as time went on, I realized that it was the Lord. As I went to their wedding, I witnessed one of the best weddings that I had ever been at. That is the truth. Hallelujah. I am just asking you to stay with me through this and ask God, as time goes on, to show you whether these things are true or not.

You know, we hear testimonies of people. Brother duCille's testimony was that he had never backslid, not one day. Hallelujah. There are people that never went back, never tripped, never stumbled, and never went back to former things. But that is not the story for all of us. I think it is to be lauded and it is an example for us, but you know that some of us have to go through different seasons of our life that are very hard, that try the things that are in our heart that we don't even think are there. We don't even know they are there until God presents to us certain trials and tribulations and circumstances. In a former day, we would have said, "Here is how I would handle that." But when you get in the midst of it you find out that God knows just how to tailor-fit the situation to get at what is

very deep down in our souls. We pray, "Conform us into the image of Jesus!" He says, "I know that you don't know what you are asking." To my children I say, "Do you want to be like Jesus?" There is not a one of them that doesn't raise their hand and say, "Yes!" But as I sit there and I look at them and I see what they are involved in in life and where they are at in Adam, I know that God is going to take them through what it takes to answer that prayer. And it is out of love and it is out of care and concern.

You know that we have been hearing a lot of things lately about the United States. I would imagine you know that the body of Christ is being warned. We are getting warnings about nuclear war. We are getting warnings about civil upset and distress. I am getting calls and talking to people that we know all over the country and out of the country who are dealing with fears in their life that they have had all along. The reason is that the troubles that are coming on the earth will manifest inward fears. Some brethren that I know well are confessing that they have not been sleeping at night. Some that we have worshipped the Lord with have been having panic attacks. Brethren, this ought not to be so. Some of us sitting here right now know what I am talking about. God is shaking everything that can be shaken and nothing is going to remain but Him. Hallelujah. Absolutely nothing! He is going to lift His Son up and exalt Him in the earth.

When I saw these young ones up here, I was amazed. I have known their parents when their parents were younger than them. We thought then that the Lord was going to come by the next conference. It didn't happen, but it doesn't stop what He is doing. HE IS COMING. Hallelujah. Many of these children are going to have jurisdiction over towns and villages on this very earth. In the Light of Christ and His wisdom there will be a people leading the nations in righteousness. The Lord has given the awesome responsibility to us for the rearing of children that will take back what the enemy has stolen away. If you have a love for the truth that is in Christ then let no man despise your youth. Do you know that in the early years of the British Empire and during the early years that the Vikings and the pirates traveled the seas, a lot of the captains of those ships were very young boys? Some of them didn't have a formal education at all, eight or nine years old. That is true. They had something going for them. The whole ship was under their command. God raised some of these young people to be used in those days way back then and some will be mighty in God in the age to come. But He is going to use young and old alike in this day ahead and they are going to be filled with the power and the glory of God.

In a certain sense, we have all been sleeping. The word that we received in the beginning is the very word that the Lord has been using to wake me out of my sleep. God sent a dear brother that we know to America just before the

destruction. Amen? We shall not forget that that was the word that pierced, at least pierced my heart. God was about to raise up a people in the midst of destruction. I had a visitation from the Lord as a young Christian, only a couple of weeks old in the Lord. Why would God give that to me at a time when I wasn't able to handle it? It meant a lot to me about who I thought I was in God at the time. Then I met a man from Jamaica who came up to Michigan with the very word that confirmed the vision that God had given me.

As time has gone on, I have recognized that certain things that the Lord had shown me in that vision are coming to pass and they are blooming like flowers in a garden. It is right before my eyes in this day in which we are living and it is exactly the way that the Lord had shown it.

I saw corruption reaching such a point that the true disciples of Christ would be seen as terrorists. This is because they would not be able to be conformed to the new world order and still serve their Lord and Master. As persecution began, I saw that the Lord came into His people with power to confront a dying age. I saw His power and glory confronting the kings of the earth and overthrowing the thrones of men.

I do not think that I am better than anybody just because I have been shown such things. But my intention and my passion is to see that we, as a people, would be so forsaken of this present life, that we are violently moving in aggression against the spirit of this age. That is exactly what God intends to do. God wants to root out of us our affection for this life. Some of us, as believers, have been believers a long time, but there are ways that the enemy gets in with tentacles, drawing our attention. With some it might be sports - it never was for me; I could never understand that, but for some it is sports. For me it is music. I listen to certain musicians that are in the world and I think, "How in the world did they accomplish that?" I am intrigued to understand harmony and melody and how these things move. If I am not careful, my attention can be drawn away and I can be focused on these movements and that can become a great distraction for me. This is all passing away, but there are some things that will never pass away. There is one thing that never passes away. Hallelujah. That is His Word. It never passes away and it is going to be fulfilled in us and in the lives of our children. I see a glorious day ahead of us and I have never been awoken like I have been awoken in the last several months.

I was driving down the road to get water at a well. We get our drinking water from an artesian well two miles down the road. I take these five gallon jugs to the well and fill them up. I like going either really early in the morning or very late at night when there is nobody around but me and the angels of heaven.

I had been studying the transitions of kingdoms be-

tween Saul and David. It has been my main focus for quite a long time. There is very much a parallel between the transference of those two kingdoms and what we are coming into. I think you know that. I was saying to the Lord, "I am such a wretched man." When I read the life of David and all the mistakes that he made, there was such a drive and a passion deep down inside of him for God. You know, David had a passion for truth. In spite of all of his blunders, the reason that he was able to repent the way that he did was that he had a passion for truth - even against himself. Even against himself!

So as I was filling the water tanks, I said, "Lord, David was such a man after Your heart. I see it now, Lord, and I see that I fall so very short. Father, forgive me! Change my life! Conform me to the image of Jesus." I am 55 years old in the Lord; I prayed that prayer the first week that I came to the Lord. "Lord, conform me to the image of Jesus!"

I had once said, "Father, whatever it takes. God, whatever it takes! I surrender all!" We don't realize what it takes. We get into it and we kick and we scream. I do! I complain, cast blame or find fault. But God has a way of bringing it all back so that your focus is right where it needs to be - when you recognize your need for more of Him.

At the well, I said, "Lord, now I know what I am saying when I tell You that I don't care to live, Father, except I can be conformed into the image of Your Son. Please, Father, change my heart." That was about four months ago and as I was driving back from the well, I was crying. I mean, have you ever cried so hard? I was wet with my tears of crying. I'm not trying to get sympathy or pity; I just want you to know that I was crying out to God when He said to me, "Do you really think that I think less of you than King David?" I cried all the more. Every cell of my body shouted out, "YES, LORD! Absolutely!" I know the life of King David and I know where I have been. The Lord said, "I don't want you to think like that anymore, because it was the life of My Son who died in your place, who gave Himself for you. And when I look at you, I am looking through the life and the Blood of My Son. As long as you think like you have been thinking you will never understand the fellowship that I have given to you in Him." Hallelujah!

I know brethren that their whole testimony is about how wretched they are. Man, we can all bear witness with

that. Let's all hold hands and cry. BUT, it is not what I have done; it is what He has done! It is not what I speak that I am going to do, it is what He says that He will do! I am either going to believe Him or I am going to stare at myself and when you stare at yourself, you don't walk in Light. You can't hide your eyes from your own flesh, but when you stare at your own flesh, you are in trouble.

God is changing us. He is waking us up. After God spoke to me while getting water, I began to think differently. I began to believe that God was for me. I began to believe that He REALLY WAS FOR ME. I began to be reminded of things that He had told me in my earlier Christian life. It didn't mean the same to me now as it meant then.

You know we have a way of drawing images from what we read in the Bible and they cause us to draw carnal conclusions. People read about the seven heads and the ten

horns and the beast coming out of the sea. I have seen men who say they are called of God who draw pictures of this beast coming out of the sea so that we will know what it looks like! I want to shake myself from all that carnality and all of my vision and I want the Lord's vision. I want to see the way He sees. I want to feel like He feels.

Luke 21:25, *And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;*

²⁶Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things

which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. I want to tell you that I believe with all of my heart that we are living in that day. Men's hearts are failing them. Do you know that the greatest amount of prescription drugs prescribed today are for treating depression? All that depression has been born in the midst of their fears. That is right. Men are fearful. As we begin to see the things coming upon the earth, God did not intend for you and me to be afraid and some of us are.

"I sought the LORD, and He heard my cry, and He delivered me from all my fears" (Psalms 34:4). There is something about the night that does not cause the spiritual man to fear, because he has been given a vision of the morning. Hallelujah! When I see the morning, nothing about the night fears me. I clothe myself in sackcloth and say, "Father God, have Your way. Let it happen, Lord." Only he who now lets will let, until out of the midst, it be born (II Thessalonians 2:7). In our translations, many of

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them say, “until he be taken out of the way.” Do you know that God has been in control all this time? Hallelujah. There is nothing that escapes His hand. But I have a feeling, a sense that God has given the enemy liberty that he hasn’t had before and he is taking advantage of that liberty. He is after our children; he is after our sustenance; he is after our business; he is after our families; he is after our marriages with everything that he’s got. Do you know what? God has given it to him for a reason, because He has a people who are hungering with a passion to break through all those lies. Hallelujah.

We have prayer and reading time in the mornings as a family and we have a board in the living room, a marker board. For two weeks the Lord had me put up on the board, “Jesus is the Light that lights every man that comes into the world” (John 1:9). He didn’t light just one or two. He didn’t light the good guys and only give the bad guys darkness. He lit every man. That Light, Jesus, lights every man that comes into the world. These are our fellow men, fellow human beings, and Jesus has put His Light within them. I didn’t say that, He did. Now, that Light has not generated redemption in their souls, but there would be no life without Him. No man would have life without Him. So He is the Light that lights every man that comes into the world.

The next word the Lord had me write to my children was a little sentence that said, “Where is His Light in you?” I had asked them, “Do you want to be like Jesus?” Every one of them raised their hand. “Can Daddy take you up on that?” “Yes, Daddy!” Do you think they really knew what they were saying? But now I said, “Jesus is going to be the Light that lights this acre of land. Jesus is the Light that lights this house. Jesus is the Light in this home and Jesus is the Light in this family. Outside of Jesus, there is no light.” In Him there is absolutely no darkness at all (I John 1:5). None! So I prayed, “Father, probe our hearts with Your Light. Cause us, Father, to know Your Light and convict us of all lying and all deceit so that we might grow in the knowledge of You, that we might be a light to this community, that we might be a light at work, that we might be a light, Lord, to one another.”

There are children here. How many of you have a home where your children don’t bicker? How many have a church where brethren don’t bicker? I mean, it is amazing to me some of the things that we can complain about. It is absolutely amazing. God, forgive me. My children will bicker and sometimes it gets pretty serious between some of the boys. It gets a little bit rough sometimes. You know, I get tired of police-ing my kids. Some of you mothers know exactly what I am talking about. “Don’t do this.” “Don’t do that.” “What are you doing?” No one ever says that, right? I mean, sometimes I am over the top with, “What are you doing?” I mean I am on my way to get

something from the house and go back out to the office and there is this bickering going on. My dealing with that is, “What do you think you are doing?” I get back out in the shop and the Lord says to me, “You get back in that house. Are you going to let this slip? Are you going to let this slide? Do you think police-ing them is going to do it? Put a set of handcuffs on them? Lock them in the bedroom? Separate them from one another?” Are you hearing what I am saying? I am not just talking about our children.

I am going to tell a story before I get into this more. I’ll tell you something. I don’t know how to be a dad. I am totally bankrupt unless Jesus helps me. We can think we know what we are doing but as our children get older it becomes easy to see what has been sown in them. Some of you have already raised children and know exactly what I am talking about. I am learning more as a grandpa. You know, I found out that although parents are called of God to teach their children, it is the children that God uses to teach the parents. Isn’t that true? I have gone through life and at this point, I think, “I’ve been a hard man; the result of it is in my older children.” I have several more that I have an opportunity with, thank God, and there are grandchildren. But I have to be honest with you. I don’t know that I am going to have that opportunity with some of my grandchildren in this age. We pass through here once and it is all in the fabrication of what we are about to come into. If we blow it here, which we do, thank God there is mercy. But in that blowing it, there is Light that comes to teach us that we are not who we thought we were, but we recognize what we need to be all the more. So my son comes to me and he says, “I lost one of the Icelandic language tapes.” The Icelandic language tapes were a gift to our family and they were very expensive tapes. I mean, they were several hundred dollars. We have a rule in our home that if you lose or break something, Dad doesn’t pay for it - you do! That’s just the way it is. That is just one of our rules. So, my son, who happens to have more money than anybody else in the house, is the one who ends up losing and breaking things. Jesse, God bless him! I can say this because he came out a victor in this one. He started complaining. He said, “I am tired. I have to spend all my money. I owe for a lot of things!” Then he starts crying. I said, “Somehow, Jess, I just don’t feel sorry for you. My heart is not moved.” And he’s crying, “I just have so many things to pay for. Dad, I always put that away.” I said to him, “Well, that is a lie, my son. That is a lie.” He said, “It is not! I put...” I said, “Jesse! Where is the Light of God in you NOW?” Do you know what it did? It totally broke the atmosphere. We were at a total standstill with silence. No more wailing. No more phoney stuff. Immediately, as the Light of Jesus saw his heart, he confessed, “Dad, I have left it lying around.” Hallelujah. I was washing the dishes

as all this was going on. He went out of the house and into the shop. I knew he was really going through some stuff. Don't you know that? It may just seem to be a little thing, but what is our little thing? It is no different with a child, a teenager. He was going through it, man, he was wrestling with God! The Lord said to me, "You know, he thinks you called him a liar." That is what the Lord said to me. I knew the immediate business, right? So I went out and said, "Jesse, how are you doing?" I said, "Do you know what, buddy? We are in this together. Do you know what we are in together? We are soldiers in the Kingdom of God." This boy is saved. I said, "Do you know what we are fighting against? Darkness! The darkness of this life. God has called us to rule and to reign with Him and I think we have a wonderful opportunity here to do better together." So I said, "I want to tell you something. I don't think you are a liar. I believe that you want to tell the truth, but what you said was a lie." And he said, "I know that, Dad, I see it now." Jesus said that He saw Satan like lightning fall from heaven (Luke 10:18). You know what? I saw that - a little thing with my son, or just a small thing with a brother or a sister and the enemy gets smitten, just like that! I'll tell you what the enemy hates. He hates Light. He hates it. I guarantee, if the sun were to break through those clouds right now and we all stood out there together, we could only look so close at that sun without hurting our eyes. I could take a flashlight at the moment you began to try to look at the sun and shove it into your eye, but it wouldn't mean a thing. That same flashlight would blind you at ten in the evening.

Before I had any children, I went down to Florida. I was working with Cecil and Mavis duCille. They were building their home. Some of you remember Tye Nicol. Tye was working on the house. I had a lot to do. I was always the digger, the guy with the shovel. But I also did other things at that time. We were working on spraying vehicles for the duCilles. I mean, we were just doing what-

ever needed to be done. During that time, Myra and I went down to an area of Fort Pierce and I said to her... Some of you might know where Orange Street is in Fort Pierce. It is like going downtown in Detroit. I was driving there in Fort Pierce and we were just kind of checking out the area. I said, "I never want to be out of my vehicle here. I know places like this. I don't want to go there. Glad the car keeps running, just keep moving." But when I finished the work that the duCilles had for me, the Lord spoke to me. I went to the fridge in our 5th wheel that we had and I opened the fridge and it was empty. The Lord said to me, "You are going to get a job." I hadn't been complaining at all. I enjoyed the job that I had

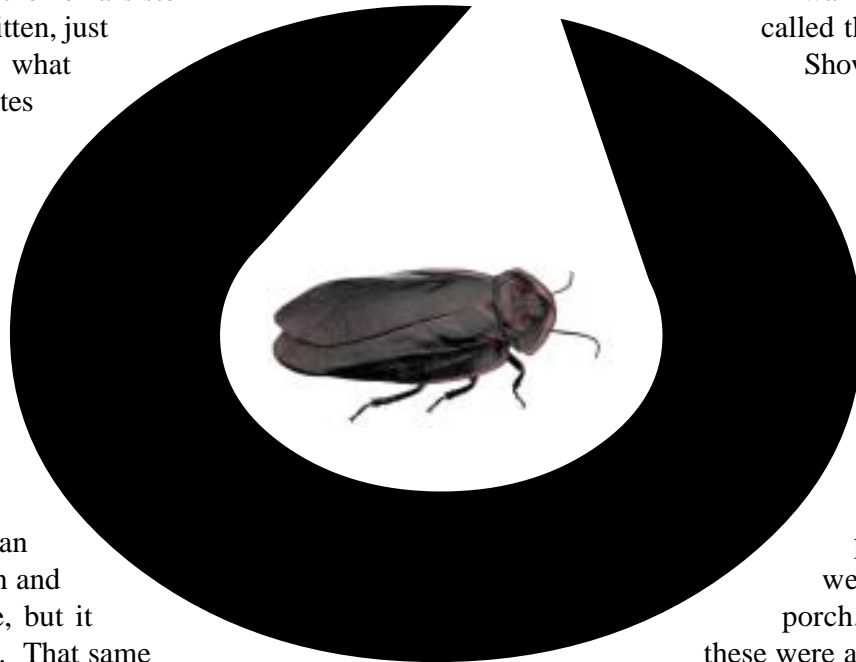
but the Lord said to me, "You are going to get a job." I opened the newspaper and my eyes were fixed on a classified add wanting to hire carpenters and people who do construction. I thought, "Well, I've done some frame-work. I've hung a lot of dry-wall." I answered the ad and called the man. He said, "Fine. Show up tomorrow morning."

This was Sunday and I showed up Monday morning. I made the foolish mistake of driving my brand new Harley to this place. It was right where I had said, "I never want to be out of my car." Right on Orange Street. While we were waiting on the porch, a group of men were hanging around the porch. I found out later that

these were all illegal immigrants living in the house that we were being hired to destroy. What a wonderful call. I remember the guy who hired us immediately said, "Did you bring your gun?" I said, "I'm sorry. I don't have a gun." Then he said, "Well, you are stupid not to bring your gun to work in this place." I said, "I don't need a gun. If you will hire me without a gun, I am willing to go to work." I knew God had told me to go to this job. That is all that I needed to know.

I remember my first job was to go into these folks'

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apartment and bust out their bathroom with a sledge hammer. You don't have to worry about saving the medicine cabinet here, you know, you just take this thing out. So I was busting the plaster, and I took the commode and I threw it out the window. When I turned around, there were two tall, big men blocking the doorway, not liking me destroying their commode. It was all dusty and everything; I turned to look at them and I said "Hi," but they didn't say "Hi" back. I said, "Lord, I need You, Jesus. I need to know what You want me to do in this situation." All I felt the Lord say was, "Pray." I thought, "Great!" If God's telling you to pray, you know you are in trouble! He said to pray, and I was praying. I turned around and those men were gone. The Lord told me to pay attention.

I walked out of that room, went into a hallway, looked into a bedroom and on the dresser was this wretched old guitar that had needs. It just happened that I had the parts that were needed for this guitar. I felt the Lord told me to bring these parts and to give them to these people that I thought were going to kill me. So I did and I brought them and gave them to them. The next day I came in and they were playing the guitar. I thought that was pretty neat and the music wasn't all that bad. But I was still busting up their house! I'm going to tell this whole story because it is important with where I am going.

Before it was over with, I had finished with that downstairs level and I had spared the kitchen because it was the only place these people had to prepare food. I was told to bust it out, but I did not want to take that kitchen out right then. I just figured that I would rather be pressed by the boss to go bust that out. There was another apartment to the back, down below, that we hadn't been in yet that another family was living in. They were the only family in that place of about 25-26 people that had a car.

I went up to the next level and the men who were downstairs came upstairs with me the next morning to help me bust out the house! The guys who lived there, whose guitar I fixed, came upstairs asking if they could help. My boss came in and he said, "What is this?" I said, "I don't know. They just offered to help me tear this wall out. I think it is free labor. You may as well take advantage of it. They helped me bust this hallway!"

They started to love me, not because of anything that I said. We couldn't even speak the same language, but it was something that God was doing. By the way, someone was shot, murdered in that square city block every day while I was there. Then a police officer came upstairs to my boss and he said, "What can I do for you?" My boss said, "Well, I am going to blow these people away in this apartment downstairs because they have been nothing but trouble. You know the type of trouble they have caused me." I overheard the entire conversation. The policeman said, "I didn't hear a thing. I didn't see a thing." He turned

around to go downstairs and my boss pulled his pistol out from the holster in his vest and started walking downstairs. I began to cry. I really cried, "God, don't let this happen. Father, I ask You, in the name of Jesus, do whatever You have to do, but stop this from happening." All of a sudden I heard the man's car start up. It was time for them to go grocery shopping. They pulled away before my boss ever got to that bottom door downstairs.

I thanked God for sparing the lives of those people and I took my sledge hammer and I busted everything in there. I ruined their bed. I busted their kitchen sink. I made sure that they would never find comfort there one more evening. It was on the schedule, anyway. Then I went into the kitchen of that upstairs apartment - and this is where I am headed with this. I had to take out this kitchen. They had taken the plaster off of an area where the stove was. It was kind of a coved area for the stove. It was that brown walnut paneling, that old, heavy stuff. I took a pry bar and I pulled away at the bottom molding. I grabbed the corner of that paneling and when I ripped it up, there were no less than 300 cockroaches that flew out of that place. They flopped - they are kind of sick, you know. They were living in that wall, behind that panel in the darkness. In less than 30 seconds, every one of them were gone. They packed up and scattered and found some new haven.

You know what? When truth begins to work in our lives it is kind of like that. God begins to shine His truth in areas of our life and we are kind of like that. We want to run. We want to find another area of darkness. Some of us can sit here and say, "Well, that is not me!" But I want to tell you something. If you battle with fear, it is you. Here is how I know it. There is no fear without lie. The enemy lies and we fear. Is that true or not? Tell me one time when you were afraid that you haven't believed a lie! I want to tell you why that is, it is because there are areas of our soul that have not yet been apprehended by His Light. We are not totally taken, but partially taken. I have been partially taken. However, brethren, we are being consumed by His Light. There are areas that we don't want Him to go and so we don't look at them. We only find fault with everybody that brings the light that way. "It's not my fault. It's their fault." We wouldn't have divorce if people understood what I am saying right now. Seriously! Jesus is the Light! He lights every man that comes into the world (John 1:9). There is no man that can say, "That does not bear witness with me." The Light goes down into man and bears witness to the Truth. This is the Light that has lit every man that comes into the world. My children have been like cockroaches a little bit these days and I have to be careful that I am not doing the same thing when I go to deal with them. God isn't letting things just pass by.

Brethren, we are headed into serious trouble in the United States of America. Serious, serious trouble and

some of us don't get it. I am not pointing the finger and blaming you. I am just saying, "We need to WAKE UP! We need to WAKE UP TO THE LIGHT OF JESUS, THAT HE IS COMING." He cares more about coming into our homes and our hearts than anything else right now. He cares more about us as brethren finding unity and harmony in Jesus than anything else right now. Anything else! Not the total agreement of everything, but a passion to know His Light and His truth, that I don't find fault with somebody because they don't believe like I believe they don't see what I see. Just put all that aside and say, "Jesus, we are Your servants. We humble ourselves before You, because we know that without Your Light we are lost. We are groping in darkness without You."

I have watched some things happen from the time that I got that vision from the Lord and, as I say, every bit of it is in place right now. Our government has made a pact with the devil. I didn't ask you to agree with me. I just asked you to hear me out. What we have been deceived to believe is so wholesome and good and right, is the very thing in these days ahead that is going to surprise us. I don't want to get into details at all, but I just want to tell you that we are about to see extremely difficult hardship in the United States of America. It isn't going to be like we dreamt it to be, it is just going to be the way that it is. It isn't going to be the way that we would imagine it to be, it is only going to be the way that it is.

We believe that our enemies are all those that we are fighting against, but do you know who the enemy is? It is satan. He is our enemy. We do not want to hear this, but many of us are going to be incarcerated in the days ahead - many of us - and some of us are going to die. But I am not moved by any of this, because I happen to know that God has a people that in the midst of this turmoil and in the midst of the darkness are going to rise up in Light. They are going to confront the spirit of this world. They are going to confront the governors, the magistrates and the kings of this world. God is going to see to it, not because we decided to be big guys. He said to us that we would be betrayed by parents, brethren, kinsfolk and friends (Luke 21:16).

Where I have been sharing this message, I hadn't even gotten this far and I had people rebuke me. But I want to tell you something. We are going to be betrayed by parents, brethren, kinsfolk and friends. Not because I just imagined it, but because Jesus said so. When He said it, brethren, there were children around. I know this. You know, we spare our kids. The extreme of this is that we tell them that Santa is here and build up some story about Santa Claus. Thank God our kids know the difference. You know, we think that is innocent. God doesn't think so, because our kids need to grow up with the truth. The truth is, son and daughter, "You live forever in Jesus. You

never die. The truth is that Jesus said, "He who eats of My flesh, he never dies (John 6:54)! Hallelujah. Our children need to face what we need to face, that that world out there lies in the hands of the wicked one. It is not buddy-buddy and chummy-chummy. Now, I take the Light out there and so do you. But don't think for a minute and be so naïve as to think that that world of darkness doesn't belong to that god of darkness - not for one minute. And do you know what? It is after the elect of God.

How many of us here know that the troubles and struggles of the recent years have not been easy? I will just expose to you my own folly. I have been a little bit at ease with God over some things. "Lord, why do they, these brethren that I know, seemingly have no problems? The shovels and the rakes are neatly in place in the garage. All their bills are paid and everything seems to be just so fine. Yet, I look around me and I see other brethren that have a passion for the Lord. I pray, "Father, we desire You so much in our lives and yet we struggle so with these things. Why can't life just be easy?" Well, I'll tell you what. Compared to what is coming, the troubles that we now go through are really no problem at all. The blessing of this present trouble is that it is preparing us for the days ahead.

Now, I wrestled with coming here at this time because of my daughter who some of you know is in trouble right now. It breaks my heart to see her in this situation. I had to really seek God about coming and sharing this word, specifically this word here. Yet the Lord sent me here to share this word. If we could look at a few passages of Scripture along these lines and take them home with us, God would change our households. He would begin to change the way that we think about life, the way that we think about one another.

I just spoke at my nephew's funeral. Imagine this; a 21 year old boy was in the news in Detroit because he died of a drug that he had taken. He couldn't wake out of it. I loved this boy, David Gadwa. In fact, if you get time, type his name in on the internet and see what he had been up to. The kid was well-respected by many. He was two weeks out from graduating from Journeyman School as a plumber in Detroit. He lost his life. The funeral was a very moving experience for me. There were people from his trade school; there were people from all walks of life. The Lord said to me that I would be asked to speak at his funeral. I said, "Lord, I don't think that I could even speak at his funeral." I was so broken up over my brother's loss and the loss of my nephew who my children knew very well. Do you children know your cousins? Well, imagine what it is like to lose one. It touches areas of your life and to die at 21 years old, it was just a moving event. They had to go into a gym because there were over 500 people at this funeral.

I asked the Lord about what to speak. Brethren were

there that hadn't been together in years. Brothers and sisters came to this funeral out of a love for our family! There were people some of you wouldn't know; if you went back far enough, maybe you would, that hadn't been around in many, many, many years. But I am saying this to say that God brought that specific gathering together because of this man's death. The soberness of the Spirit of God that was there was awesome. The Lord began to move and to touch the hearts of people from A to Z: his drug buddies, his drinking buddies, his sports buddies, his school buddies. I had a taste at that moment as I was sharing that God in heaven, with His Light, has a way to deal with a mixed crowd and to get down to the Light that lights every man that comes into the world. Hallelujah.

You know, you think of what we have been experiencing and what we have been enjoying and what we have been learning over the years. You don't stay in that classroom forever. There is an opportunity when God begins to move you out.

How many of you would hand over your checkbook to your 14 year old and let him or her manage all the financial decisions in your home? You wouldn't do it, would you? There is just no way. Neither would our heavenly

Father hand over His Kingdom till He is certain we will follow His leading and do things as He would want them done.

God knows His people. He knows us. He is working in us. When His Light within us comes to the point where He has totally consumed our personalities and everything about us, that is when a people will be ready to rule and reign with Him in earth.



I love what Jim said this morning about every snowflake being different. Sometimes we have a way of wanting to conform one another to looking and being the same. The Lord has made us all different with gifts that differ one from the other. These are different vessels by which the Lord desires to show forth the glory of His Son.

Lately I have been so thankful for my brothers and sisters in all different positions in life, all different places in life. For what it is that God has gifted, brethren, you are gifted because of Him - every one of us, EVERY ONE OF US! And we get so beat up by the enemy. There are some brethren that I know that their head is down all of the time. So where is the Light in you, Brother? Yet these are gifted brethren, gifted brethren.

I work all the time with teenagers: people with rings in their nose and their ears, with purple hair, and God shows me the gift that is in this individual. How can they have a gift without Jesus? Well, God didn't intend anyone to go to hell. I don't believe that He made man to go to hell, but I believe that men are going anyway. It is not because they

have purple hair. It is not! It is because the same Light that lights every man in the world has been shut out by them and they refuse to look at it and they refuse to listen to it. The Light is Jesus, by the way. Jesus said, "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life" and those things are synonymous, you can't take one of them from the other. If someone says that Jesus is not Life, they are lying. Life is Jesus. The Way is Jesus. Jesus is Life. He is the Light.

We have opportunities to shut Him out. The Scripture is very plain about this. Some of us are hiding. We have been hiding a long time and our personality helps us hide. We hide behind ourselves. We have an image about what we think we need to be and it covers up all the stuff that we really are. His Light comes to cure that, to break through all of that. Here is the answer, or to me, a revelation about what I was saying. The Word says, ***If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!*** (Matthew 6:23). He is the Light that lighteth every man that comes into the world, but if that light in you be darkness, how great is that darkness! Like those little roaches that just run and find their new place of darkness. I think somehow they were all packed together in that wall. I think they had some kind of mechanism at work in order to pack themselves in. You know, the tighter they are packed together, the greater the darkness.

I believe that in this hour that we are coming into, brethren, that we need to know Jesus standing alone. We need to see Him in the Body. We need not to forsake the assembling, but we need to see Him. We need to see Him in our own life. We need to see Him at home. We need to see Him at work. We need to see Him in the store. We need to be able to reach to the person next to us.

You know, one thing that I loved about Jean Sonmore is that she had a genuine heart of love and concern for people in public places. A precious, precious woman. I have been in public with that woman and so many times it has broken my heart and convicted me to think of this. We were checking out at a store in Minneapolis once and the woman behind the counter was very, very troubled. You know how people act when they don't like their job? I don't like people not liking their jobs. In my person, I have a problem with that. I feel like saying, "Why don't you just go and get a different job? Why do you have to make everybody else's life miserable?" This woman was complaining while she was waiting on everybody! She was throwing things! I was standing behind Jean thinking, "Hey, wait a minute, people are purchasing these things, okay? Take care." I further thought, "Man, I would sure like to have a talk with this young woman. What in the world is her problem?" This was not the Light of Christ for me to be thinking this way.

Jean Sonmore had been staring at this young woman the whole while. When she got up to the counter, she was

staring at this woman who couldn't care less who she was looking at because she hadn't looked in anyone's eyes for the last half hour. All she was doing was her job, take their money, give them their stuff and never looked at them. Yet Jean is staring at her. It was a little bit unnerving for me. This woman didn't even know that Jean was looking at her. She said, "Oh honey, I feel so bad for you." I thought



to myself, "What is this?" There were people behind me. I was thinking, "Jean, we need to get moving here. These people behind us really want to

get going and this lady, I don't think she is in the mood for this right now." I didn't say that, but I'm just sharing with you my heart. I couldn't get out of line at that time. If I could have I would have, but God had pinned me to show me something. She reached over the counter and grabbed this woman's hand - a 17 or 18 year old girl. She grabbed her hands and said, "Can I pray for you?" Immediately I thought, "Here?" It didn't matter what I thought. The Lord had ordained before the foundations of the earth that it was there at that time. The young girl behind the counter just broke and she began to weep. This fragrance of peace, the peace of God began to fill the shopping center. Jean wasn't worried about anyone looking at her. She saw the heart of a fellow human being who was hurting and she had the Light to be able to minister to the situation.

I don't know about you, but I have been a hard man. I mean, it is very hard, if you are hard, to really see, not only to move in those things, but to see it. I don't like what goes on in the world. I get perturbed. Some of you don't, right? I mean, wouldn't you like to change things? Well, you know what? Jesus also wants to change things, BUT that change has to begin in our homes. It has to begin in our hearts. I know you know these things, but I want you to bear with me through these few passages and then I will be done.

We have heard this before. I know we have. Turn to Judges 7:16, ***And he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers.*** You have lamps within your pitchers, don't you? We all have Light within our pitchers. But here was the instruction, verse 17, ***And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise:*** I believe that "looking on me" is looking on Jesus, looking on the Son of God. He said, "Whatever I do, that is what I want you to do." ***Look on me, and do likewise: and, behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, it shall be that, as I do, so shall ye do.*** ¹⁸***When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that are with me, then blow***

ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon. ¹⁹***So Gideon, and the hundred men that were with him, came unto the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch; and they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that were in their hands.***

²⁰***And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow withal: and they cried, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon.*** These were right handed trumpeters, I believe, with the pitchers in their left hand and the light was in the pitchers. What do you think they broke that pitcher with? I don't think they ran around looking for a hammer. They just took the trumpet and broke those pitchers. The very thing that sounded the alarm was the very thing that exposed the light. There is an alarm being sounded right now, brethren, and we have a call and that is to wake up!

Some of us have been so busy with our work that we don't have time to wake up. We have had fellowship with God in that place of work, I know that, but God wants us to wake up! If I am too busy that I cannot deal with the integral workings of the hearts of my children, then I am too busy. When God began to deal with me two years ago - it will be two years this May - I saw how far away I have been from my family. I had been busy because of debt, working my head off to deal with our problems, getting up early in the morning and being gone until 10:00 or 10:30 at night. When I was home, men, I wasn't really home. I was just taking up space, police-ing and giving out orders. The Lord dealt with me very severely. He said, "You will get your family up in the morning and you will put that your first priority."

How many of you know that if your household is going one way and you choose a different direction, it is going to mean war? It is not going to be an easy transition. We had been going in that mode for so long that my daughters totally disconnected from their father. So suddenly I said, "We are getting up and praying in the morning." So I get up in the morning and a couple of my boys right away are on the internet to check their mail. I said, "NO! We are not going to have computer in the morning. God is going to get the first part of our day." From that stance and in that heart of seeking Him as one people, as a team, we are going to go into our day. And God has changed our days. It wasn't an easy transition. I had to tell people, "I'm not going to do this lesson any more at this time." "I'm not going to be able to be there at this time." "Sorry, I can't tune your piano at 8:00 in the morning. I'll be there at 9:30."

God began to move among us in a way that I have never experienced before. My daughters have suffered because of my absence. My daughter is suffering right

now because of my absence and I have apologized to her. But I don't think, no matter what we know about the end-time, that no matter what we know about where we are going in God, we are not going to be part of that body of people that come into His fullness, we are only dreaming, if we will not allow His Light to penetrate our hearts at home.

Our kids learn real easy what is expected of them, you know. They do! They are going to behave the way that we expect them to behave. What do you expect out of them? How many of you have three kids that are all saying that one of the other ones did it? It is very difficult without discernment to sit there and judge the one and to say, "Okay. You did it. God told me you did it." So I put them in the bathroom. That is where it belongs. It needs to be out of the house. I let them work it out. It all depends on how long they want to be there. I heard them in there negotiating - they do! But the truth is, it is a very different negotiation now and they are not in there very long, because they realize that we are a team and we are in this together. They realize that when they come to the Light and say, "Dad, I did it," that it is a blessing to their brothers. It is no longer the blame game.

By the way, that was the word that I gave at the funeral I spoke at. I said, "Everybody sitting here right now has had opportunity to take of the spirit of this age and play the blame game. Everyone is blaming everybody. No one is accepting responsibility, are they?" Tell me the truth about out there in the world right now. People are evading responsibility. They say something and it doesn't mean anything because they say, "Oh I said that then? I don't remember saying that." "Oh, I didn't do that. He did it. She did it." I know people in places of engineering positions for Ford and different corporations. Do you know what is happening on the high end of these things in the places of administration? It is getting so dark that they are not even making sense with their job. They are arguing, fighting, bickering and these are people that are paid \$80,000, \$90,000 plus a year. Yet they are arguing, fighting with one another and blaming each other. I

want to tell you something. They may put on a political front, but the truth is that there is much jealousy, envy and vying for position. Yet, few point to the truth of the matter because truth is not of major interest. Truth is Light and it exposes the motives of the heart. If you are in such a position and you have the Light of Jesus, you are likely on your way out of that job. Do you know why? Because it is the god of this world that is taking over that corporation and you are in the way. The Light that you possess is not conducive to this new tower that they are building.

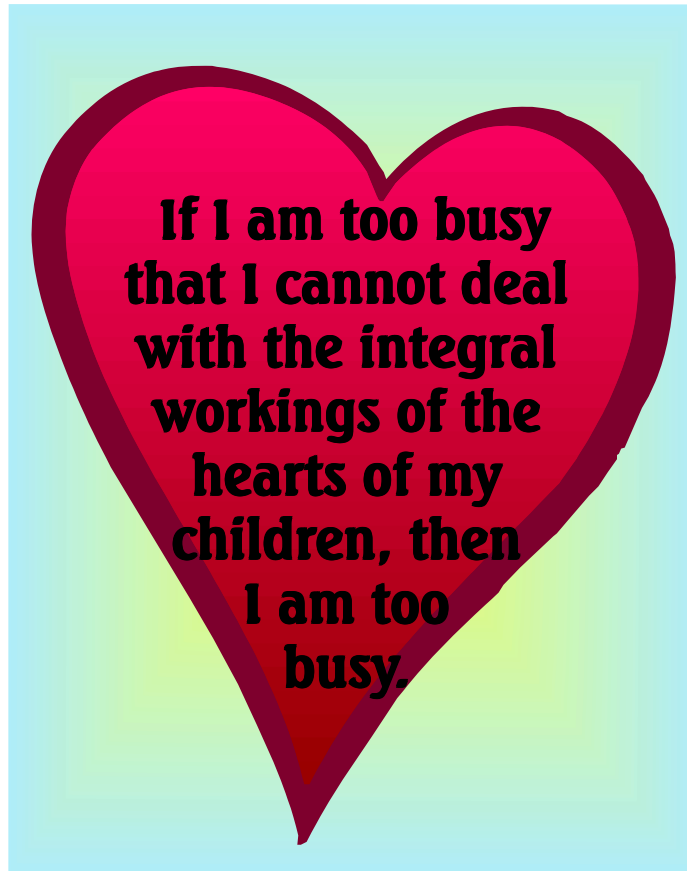
Do you know what? The courtroom is not the place to find truth. Don't expect it to be so. God may move upon the hearts of the judge and jury but rarely is it that men in those places are in pursuit of truth. It is not possible to be

in pursuit of something that you have no affection for, especially if it has to do with you earning a living and self-preservation. It is not the place to find truth and it is getting worse by the day. It is a place where power, money and words make the difference. I'll tell you Who is over and above all that. He is the One who put those people in that position. He will harden their hearts. He will soften their hearts. He will do whatever needs to be done to work His will and His plan. Hallelujah for that.

Brethren, our governments are quickly going into the hands of the beast. I pray for our leadership. But I know what is going on. In the very near future we are going to be apprehended in this country. We are going

to see the United Nations on our soil here in this country. I promise you that. I know that and I am not prideful in saying it. If you don't believe me, do a little bit of checking instead of accusing.

We are not going into "Glory Glory Day" like Kansas City is preaching. These prophets are lying. I have said that and gotten myself in a lot of trouble. These are lying prophets. Divination. They are talking about the opening up of stadiums for the revival that is coming to America. Brethren, I'll tell you, the clamps are coming down on America. We are under judgment. I don't like that. There is nothing in me that likes that, but I accept it. I want to say one more thing about that. If you are praying accord-



ing to His will, He hears your prayer (I John 5:14). But if you are not, I'm telling you, God isn't hearing you. I hear a lot of people right now praying prayers about America that are outside of the Kingdom of God. Do you know what God has blessed America with? He has blessed us with the peace, the safety, the prosperity that we have enjoyed. Do you know what? The cup of His indignation is full. I want to tell you that. We don't like to hear that but I am going to challenge you about something. If you don't like what I am saying, I think you have some patriotism in you that needs to be out. I am not an American soldier. I pray for our American soldiers. I hope you are hearing me right or I am in big trouble here. I do pray for them, but **my kingdom is not of this world** (John 18:36). Neither is yours, or maybe it is. I can't answer that, but you can. Where does your affection lie? Is it to nation and to kingdom?

I am going to share a prophecy that we know in the Word of God in Haggai, and I want you to listen to the language. Please check this for your self. You don't have to believe what I am saying, but you check it out. Haggai 2:21, **Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth; ²²And I will overthrow the throne (singular) of kingdoms (plural).** Now I ask you a question, what does a throne represent? Dominion? It is the place where the king is seated, right? Well that throne (singular) of the kingdoms of this world belongs to satan. God has commissioned you and your children to come to Him to confront the throne of these kingdoms. That is right! While we are busy, infatuated, whether it is sports, politics, whatever it is - we are living in darkness. I'm not telling you that sports is evil. Do you hear what I'm saying? I am not saying that. **WHERE IS YOUR HEART? WHERE IS YOUR AFFECTION?**

"My kingdom" Jesus said, "is not of this world" (John 18:36). That, to me, is the most powerful passage in the gospel. Pilate didn't even know what he was up against. Jesus said, "Don't you know that if My kingdom were of this world My servants would fight that I would be free? But My kingdom is not from this place".

I want to share with you, brothers and sisters, that we have enjoyed fellowship that has been a tremendous privilege. But very soon that privilege is going to have done what God has wanted it to do and some places you are going to you are going alone. You are not going alone in the Spirit, but you may very well be alone in the flesh. How many have ever felt alone? You know, sometimes I feel extremely alone. When I see Jesus in that place where I feel alone, I realize that I am not alone, He is with me. We like to read books about Reese Howells and



Deitrich Bonhoffer and men who have suffered in many, many ways in concentration camps, men who have suffered in prison. Isn't it interesting in the world that many men who have been in prison end up becoming the leaders of a new age? Think about it. Oftentimes, criminals in the eyes of the world become those that lead in later times. I mean both for good and evil.

I believe that we hold the keys to the kingdom of God. I really do. Do you believe me? Or do you think that we have to wait for some magic thing to happen? **WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE KEYS TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD!** You can tell me if I am wrong, I don't mind you telling me, I am not going to be offended. But there are brethren that I have been close to and love very, very much who have been exhibiting immense fear at this time. There is none of us that need to live in fear. Not a one. I wanted to share this because if you are living in fear, if you have these fears in you, I would ask you to get together with brethren who care about you. I'll ask you this. Do you believe that the brethren that you're in fellowship with care about you? I would hope so! I believe so!

I have been so many places where I hear, "I would like to share it with Brother So and So, but he is just so busy that I don't want to interrupt him." Yet the issue that they are talking about is a serious issue. What are we really looking at? What are we doing? We should be thinking, "If someone is struggling and having a problem, what can I do to help?" A brother said that he and his wife weren't getting along and they were getting a divorce. I said, "NO! I'm not going to hear it. I am not going to hear it. It is not going to happen." He said, "Well, what do you mean, it is not going to happen? You can't say that you don't know what we are going through." I replied, "No, but I know the prince of darkness. I happen to know that the two of you loved Light once upon a time." He says, "How can I let this go?" I could say, "You move into our house. Let's fast and pray together, two, three, four weeks. Whatever it takes to get the prince of darkness out of this situation." Now, I realize that it takes two to make that happen. I am only using that as an example to say that in and amongst us there are many things hidden in darkness, brethren.

There are many things that we really don't deal with, that we don't look at. When another person shares something with me, it is not healthy for me to assume that he or she is not seeing correctly.

I must be willing to go to the Lord with what He allows to be brought my way. I mean, the Lord even uses our clients that we work for. Am I right? Doesn't He? He uses people at work. He also uses the heathen. We need to have an ear to listen. If we are to grow in Jesus, we must love the Light that He brings our way. That Light

is the Truth and His name is Jesus.

I was teaching piano and this young girl came in who was my worst piano student. She comes in and she is playing her piano and she is crying. She is 16 years old. She is just crying while she is sight reading her music, or trying to. My heart went out to her so much. This girl, I just knew instinctively, that she is beat up when she goes home. She is beat up when she goes to school. She is beat up everywhere she goes. The Light that God gives that lights every man that comes into the world is in her somewhere and that Light is in me.

I want to tell you something. You have been rejuvenated by the Light. You have something that the world does not comprehend. Do you know why people are set back when you begin to move in that Light? Because they have never heard it! "Why didn't you bring him? Never a man spake like this man" (John 7:46). Light was coming to earth and it shakes things.

I am fed up with myself. I am being honest with you. I do not like me, but I like what Jesus says I am. I don't like what I have done; I have hurt a lot of people. I mean, I hurt a lot of people before I came to the Lord that I couldn't make right. They are still hurting to this day. Also, I hurt a lot of people in the Lord and they are not hurting to this day because they understand Light, they understand grace, understand mercy and understand forgiveness. That is how we pull each other up, by walking in the Light.

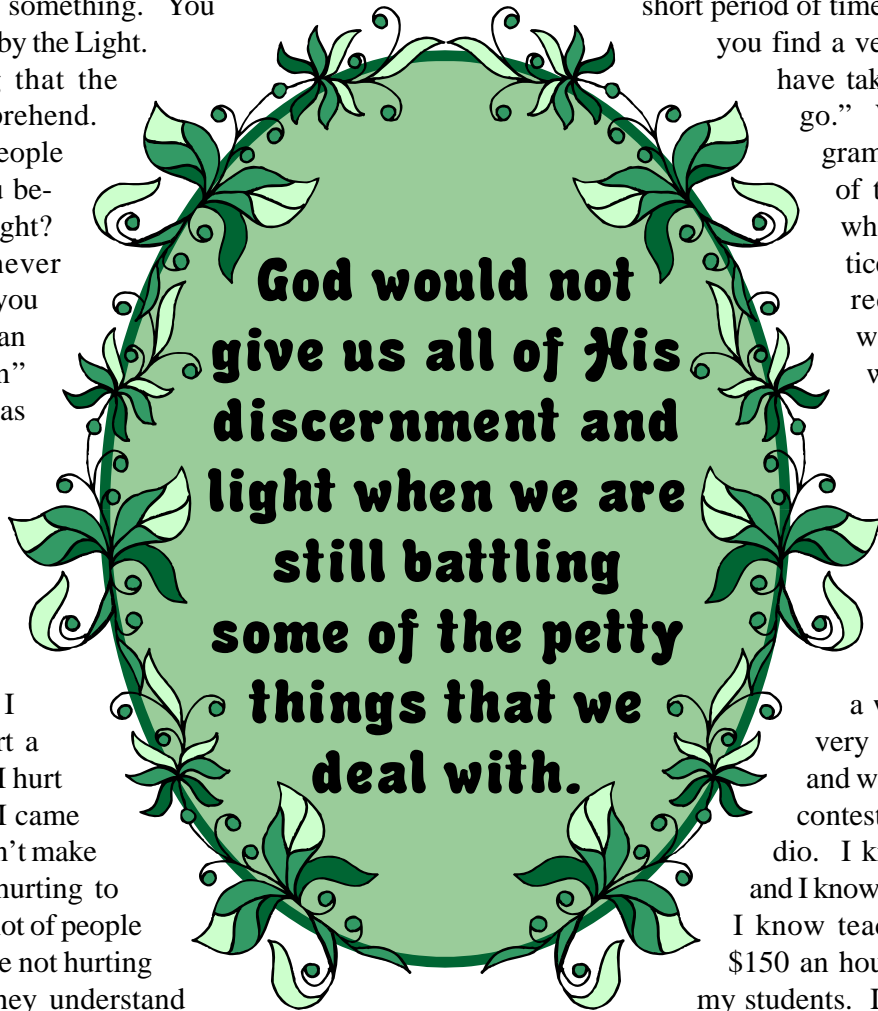
I said to this girl, "Amanda, do you feel like you can never do anything right? Do you feel that way? That you can never do anything right?" She just broke out loud. We were in the lesson room and I am sure it was heard outside the door. She said, "Yes. Yes. That is how I feel everywhere I go. Everything I do is never good enough and I can never do anything right." I said, "Let me ask you a question. Do you believe you can never do anything right?" She stopped for a minute and she said, "No. I don't believe that." I said, "Well, it sounds to me that everyone who does believe that is running your life, dic-

tating your emotions." I said, "I pray for you, Amanda, I pray for all of my students, and I want to ask you something. Is there anybody on the earth that you know of who believes that you can do anything that you put your mind to?" She said, "Nobody." I said, "Now, there are two of us. That is you and me. Now, I ask you, what do you want to do?" She said, "I want to play piano." I said, "Well, I want to help you. I want to teach you. I want to give you everything that I have. You know, I am not a great piano player, but I am a good teacher. If you are willing to listen

to me, you will become a good piano player in a short period of time and I will see to it that you find a very good teacher after I have taken you as far as I can go." We had an award program. Everybody kept track of their practice time and whoever got the most practice time by the time of our recital would win a reward. Then the parents would get some free lessons, which appealed to them. Motivational!

I mean, what are we here for? We want people to learn, ok? This girl ended up practicing between 500 and 1100 minutes a week! She became the very best student I ever had and went on to win the tri-city contest after she left my studio. I know how to teach kids and I know how far I can take them.

I know teachers in town that get \$150 an hour and they like getting my students. I can't take them all the way, but I want to tell you the earlier stages count the most. What is going on in your children's hearts right now is very, very big, isn't it? What they are thinking, how they are looking at things, what they see of you! It is very important. You're beat up, they'll be beat up. You're condemned, they'll feel condemned. I'm talking about a household now. Some you who have raised children know that after it is all over and they're grown up, they are battling the same things! We are not called to that place. I tell you what, I am sorry, but I think it is absolutely fine to be angry with the enemy and I am! I am so angry with what he has done, both in my family and what he is doing out there in the world and the plan that he has coming to this country in the near future. It is very dark.



God is allowing it.

I want to tell you something. You wouldn't hand your 14 year old child your checkbook. God would not give us all of His discernment and Light when we are still battling some of the petty things that we deal with. BUT when we come over that, when we see beyond that, He is going to give us a Light and He is going to give us a Word.

He said, "In that day ye shall be betrayed by parents, kinsfolk and friends and ye shall be taken in before kings and governors as a testimony against them" (Luke 21:16, Mark 13:9).

Now, we know that we are to honor the king. I understand Romans 13 and in I Peter 2 what is instructed of us, to honor the king. When I get pulled over by a policeman, I am not like I used to be. I treat the man with respect, because I know that my Father is above him. Do you know what I am saying? If you are doing evil, then you fear, they are a terror to those who do evil (Romans 13:3).

Autumn said to me the other day in jail, "Dad, I don't like these people, the attitudes of the judge and everything. These are just evil people." I said, "They do not have to be holy people to be in the position that they are in. God blesses them with that position just for people who are in your position." The majority of them do not have a love for the truth. They go to court to try to wade through it all but if somebody has enough money, they can twist it. I said to her, "Autumn, they are servants of God. They are going to hammer on you, Autumn. They are going to take you all the way, if possible. You have got some serious things going on here and the only One that can help you is Jesus and there are people praying for you." I saw to it that all the brethren that we know everywhere are praying for her. Hallelujah. Storming heaven, for what? For grace and for mercy. She doesn't really even deserve justice; even at that, she is in trouble. So we pray for grace and mercy.

But I want to tell you something that you can check out for yourself. That is that the kingdoms of this world are being given over to the kingdom of darkness. They are the enemies, according to God's Word, of the Kingdom of God. If you are not discerning the hour and if you are not discerning the season, you will not pray according to His will and you won't be ready for the confrontation that lies ahead.

You will not know if this man is moving in Light or darkness. There is a rebuke coming to governors. Where does that come from? It doesn't come from my own decision to do so. The reproof of the nations comes from the Almighty.

How many of you here are fed up and tired of the spirit of this age? Are you liking it? Do you like that they are yanking babies out with hooks and selling their brains? I don't. I hate it with a passion but I am not going to stand

in any picket line to protest. I want to tell you something though, that protest is coming and no man shall take it away. Hallelujah. He is going to judge this earth once and forever! Those who arise in the First Fruits are going to rule and reign with Him. Not on another planet, brethren, not floating around in the sky, but right here on this ground. The false prophets are ministering similar things right now, but they are saying it this way, "We are going to go in and take these places of authority." I don't believe that. I believe that God wants to kick that throne out that it never rises again. Do you hear what I am saying? It is never to rise again. Hallelujah. Our children are going to have children in glory! Hallelujah. They are going to be playing with the serpents, the snakes, the asps, the poisonous snakes! They are going to be ruling over townships and villages, maybe Mahomet! Maybe one of you is raising the mayor of this city. That sounds foolish to you maybe, but I tell you, I know what I am talking about. It is not because of who I am or what I think I am. It is because I haven't been able to get away from what He has been showing me all these years. These children, one of them, two of them, who knows how many here, will one day rule with Jesus in this very manner. I have to tell you something else. No one is going to vote them in and there is no one that can vote them out!

We are so hung up right now. We need deliverance. We need deliverance from the patriotism, from the spirit of patriotism for the United States of America and for the Czech Republic and for Iceland. We need to be so bent on the Kingdom of God that it scares anyone who looks into your eyes. I don't mean scares in a way that they are fearful that you are going to do them harm, but in you is something that takes their kingdom away. In you is something that poses a tremendous threat to them because they do not want that Light down in them and they don't want that Light in the world. Hallelujah.

Turn to I John 1. I have a lot more to share and I got carried away with stories, but I feel like those stories are important. I said a little while ago and I want make this clear before we read this: I believe that Jesus, the Light of every man that comes into the world, is in the life of every man who breathes. Right? We know that. The Word of God tells us that. He said, "I am going to make you fishers of men" (Mark 1:17). We think that we are going to yell and shout on the street corner to bring the fish in. I don't believe it! I don't believe it! I believe that we have brethren right now over in Africa who are with brethren who have already found the Light of Jesus and given them life. Am I right? We go where the Lord sends us. It is not always standing out on the street corner to yell and scream to the lost. I'm not saying that there isn't a time for that. I hope you are hearing me right.

Brethren, there is a Light in every man. I have seen

the worse case scenario in an individual's life and as I begin to pray for that person, God shows me that snowflake. He shows me the gold that is in the individual. It is not important then to go around dealing with all the peripherals. They smoke, they drink, but I'll tell you what, when you are a fisher of men's hearts, when you begin to see the Light that is planted within them, the gift and the purpose of God in a man's life, you can reprove the darkness in a way that is helpful to him. Peter, you have told me stories like this at your work. It is fishing them out! Brethren, not everybody's life is dark! The Light bears witness with the Light because it was with them from the beginning (John 1:7-8)! It is a foreign language to lost men. They don't comprehend it with their minds, but they are not supposed to. Hallelujah. They are supposed to comprehend it with their heart in the spirit man in their soul. Some of them walk away from you and they go home to the same disgruntled children, maybe an angry spouse who is always complaining about this and about that. In retrospect of the day, the Light is brought back to their mind. They may think, "Something was refreshing about that encounter with a person who was able to get away with saying things to me that I would never have put up with otherwise." It is the fishing of the souls of men that we are called to. Jesus is the Light that lights every man that comes into the world. If you are fishing out a man's soul, what kind of bait are you using? "We are going to have a rock concert and we are going to invite everyone in to get them saved." I have gotten myself into so much trouble over rock music. I hate rock music, especially "Christian" rock music. I hate Christian rock music more than I despise the Rolling Stones. I am serious. Why? Because the mixture is deadly. We are called to reconciliation. "Jerry, you have been sleeping. You have been called to the reconciliation of the planet." So are you! I just pray that somehow this can get deep down inside of us. I really do, because it does not matter what we know about the end-time. If you have fear, God wants to deliver you of your fear. Hallelujah. He wants you to be honest. You know, when a word comes forth and declares that there will be nuclear war in 2008 it is sure to stir something up in every one who hears it. I contested that word because I thought, "What is the issue? Why is that important that I know?" I want you to know that I believe that word about

It is His Kingdom. It is coming to earth through our hearts and our lives. IF THIS ISN'T REAL AT HOME YOU HAVE NOTHING! I have had nothing. Nothing! I know a lot but I have nothing if I don't have Him at home. If I don't have His Light in my work, I am cheating, I am deceitful.

2008. I want you to understand that. I believed it before I heard it. I believe it because I have been watching the world government. I'm telling you that this war that we think is the bad guys against the good guys is deception. It is not the bad guys against the good guys. We are all bad guys and God is in control. The Light of His kingdom is coming.

The Lord spoke to me just before I came here - I don't know why, but I feel to share this. The Lord spoke to me, "New Jerusalem is coming down from God out of heaven (Revelation 21:2). RIGHT NOW! WHERE DOES IT COME?"

When I was in Iceland they hated me. The reason was that they had all these religious mechanisms in place to formulate what it is that we should believe about God. We can be guilty of the same thing. I was talking to this one pastor who told me, "New Jerusalem, brother; you know

that scientists have already spotted a

planet that is getting closer and closer to Earth." I said, "So God is going to take a big earth mover to scrape part of the planet so that it won't look round any more?" I did this study with my children and it didn't take much to figure out that the size of New Jerusalem is as big as from Detroit to the border of Colorado. Don't you think that the Earth is creviced between

here and there? But they have this mind that this building, this

city is coming to Earth. The pastor said to me, "It is getting closer and closer, brother!" "You scare me," I said to him, "to talk like this, for your sake and for the people that you are pastoring. This is not reality, brother. It is not real." New Jerusalem is His house and the law goes forth out of Zion and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem (Isaiah 2:3). Hallelujah. It is Him! It is His Kingdom. It is coming to earth through our hearts and our lives. IF THIS ISN'T REAL AT HOME YOU HAVE NOTHING! I have had nothing. Nothing! I know a lot but I have nothing if I don't have Him at home. If I don't have His Light in my work, I am cheating, I am deceitful.

Many brethren in business are moving in deceit. They are. They don't realize it, but if they hear this they might look and check it out. The only thing that is selling right now in advertising, really selling is lies. You may not agree with me, but I ask you to ask God. "Just get them in." "Get the phone to ring." "Whatever it takes; you get that

phone to ring.” Am I right? Such thoughts are really the seedbed of beguilement! The Lord says, “Let no man beguile you...” (Colossians 2:18). That must mean that it is a worse offense if I go around and beguile! How am I walking in deceit? Now if I said, “Brother, don’t talk to me that way, because I want God. I am not moving in deceit.” The Lord showed me the ugliest things in my heart.

If you will bear with me a little longer here, I want to tell you that we are going to be betrayed by people that we love. Do you think that feels good? It doesn’t feel good. “Father, conform us to Your image. Let me know what it is like to walk in the fellowship of Your suffering” (Philippians 3:10). The Lord says, “Okay.” If my daughter doesn’t get a new heart, and I believe she will, she would have to turn on me because this next trial is going to be too hard.

The terrorists of the world are being redefined. Do you know that? The word *terrorism* is being defined daily right now by the media. It is getting huge and encompassing. It is encompassing anyone that will not bow the knee to that throne that I spoke about earlier and that throne is taking over the kingdoms of this world. As far as I read in the Scriptures they are going to have a measure of victory. ***And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed*** (Revelation 11:5). Now we have heard this, but I want us to see it in a very real way. Jesus was being apprehended and He knew what it was all about. They came into the garden and He asked them a question that He knows the answer to. “Who are you looking for?” (John 18:4-6). He always does that; He does that to me.

Do you want to know what light is? It is the questions that God brings to your heart and when He asks the questions, you had better not bury yourself; you had better not run like those roaches. That question is light.

He says, “Who are you looking for?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” He said, “I am” and you know the story. They all fell over backwards. Now, I don’t know about you, but I’ve heard people carnalize such instances in the life of Jesus. Do you know why people try to carnalize stuff like that? It is because they really do not understand spiritual things. Those soldiers were set aback because the question led them to the awesomeness of the Light. When faced with the fact that they had found that the one they were looking for boldly stated “I am,” they were all faced with great Light. There was a reaction in them when the answer to that question was revealed.

I was worshipping the Lord where we were a couple of days ago and I went out to go to the bathroom and the glory of God was upon us. You know how that is, I mean just the Light of God. So I go out to go to the bathroom

and the lady that had been cleaning the woman’s bathroom, she jumped back as soon as she saw me. I thought, “Am I that ugly today? What is the deal?” The Lord just showed me what it was. That woman had been living in her darkness. She was used to it. I just came from the Light and brought the Light with me. It was not me but rather the Light of Christ.

We are going to rule with Him, brethren, not because we are anything in and of ourselves but because we have believed His testimony, which births a faith in us that works by love for our King and His Kingdom. These follow the Lamb wherever He leads them. Our children are going to be filled with His glory. Hallelujah. Our children are going to speak to kings and governors.

One of my daughters was questioned by a relative when she was about seven or eight years old, “Does your Daddy spank you?” I don’t like people asking questions like that. I don’t think it is any of their business. It was a relative. What do you do about that? Not a very good one, mind you, one who loves social work. “Does your Daddy spank you, really? Does he spank you?” It think it was our daughter, Adrian. Our children are all so different, but Adrian is always the one that has the heart-felt answer. She said, “Oh, yes.” “Well, why does he spank you?” I was overhearing this and I was supposed to be acting like I was not listening but I was listening. “Why does he spank you?” “Well, my daddy never spansks me if he doesn’t have to.” Hallelujah. “Why would he have to? What does he spank you for?” “Well, he doesn’t want me to lie. He doesn’t want me to take things that don’t belong to me.” She went on like this. Then she said, “I’m glad he spanks me.”

One morning I said to my children as we gathered together around the table for school, “Let pretend. Okay, we are all going to die. In two weeks we are all dead. Okay? Let’s hold hands.” They grab half reluctantly one another’s hands and their crazy Jerry Gadwa Dad is taking them to a place that they have never been before. They are looking at me wondering where this is going to go. I said, “I do not really believe that we are going to die in two weeks. I just somehow have a feeling that we are going to live much longer than two weeks but I just want us to pretend.” Children love to pretend; there is often nothing wrong with a good parable. I said, “I want to go around the table and I want to ask each one of you to say a prayer. God says that if you ask anything in His name that He wants to give it to you, but you only have two weeks to get it (John 14:14). What do you want to ask for?” Michael said, “I want the kitty to come back.” We had gotten this cat that God miraculously healed. They all saw the miracle. This cat’s back was split in half and God healed that cat. It got caught in the fan of my truck and it was cut bad. There was no skin on its body because the skin had gone down to its belly. We couldn’t afford a vet bill. What would it cost to

have a cat like that sewn up? So I decided that I was going to be the duct tape doctor. I duct taped this cat. I'm not kidding you. I said, "Jesus, heal this animal." I know it is funny. We called it the duct tape kitty, but the truth is that God healed that cat. God healed this cat and my kids loved this cat. That was Michael's request. "Lord, I want the kitty to come back." Everybody prayed a prayer and when it got to Adrian, she was crying. I said, "Adrian." I thought maybe she was scared at the thought of dying. I didn't know what was going on in her heart, but here is what she said, brethren. She said, "I would like my brothers and my sisters to forgive me for every time that I have hurt them." I want to tell you that that moved me, extremely so, and it should move us. This was just a young seven year old girl. I am not saying that at all to brag her up, but I believe that Heaven touched our table at that moment. I realized that we have such Light of Jesus, such power in His name. There is nothing that can keep us from unity in His name. Nothing, unless we allow it, absolutely nothing. That was exactly what the Lord was saying to me about the Light of Christ, that that Light is going to consume the world.

Let's read here I John 1:5-7, *This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 'If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: 'But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.* The Light that lights every man that comes into the world has an opportunity to consume them.

I will just close with this because I believe that there are prayer needs for us to humble ourselves together and to realize that we often live our lives hiding. There are areas of our life that we don't want God to mess with. But I want to tell you that if you say that you don't have those areas and you walk in fear, it is not true. Whatever it is that makes us fearful, whatever motivates us to fear is the believing of lies and where there are lies there is darkness. The only thing that I know that deals with darkness is the Light. In this room right now, although the lights are on, there are areas in your pockets that are dark. But depending on how bright we are capable of making this light - some areas will still remain in darkness. With the right amount of Light, nothing can be hidden. Do you hear what I am saying? In our souls there are many, many places. Religion has a way for all of us of keeping the Light out of certain areas of our hearts. We feel that we need to protect what has been concluded about God and His ways. Many have done this same thing before us and such defense becomes a religious way of life. We don't realize it but it is so. We think we are moving in God, we are being used of God, when often it is our own motivation. But I have really been shaken as God began to reveal areas of darkness

in my heart that I was formerly ashamed or afraid to really have His Light go down into. I want to thank God and I am encouraging you that your hope for this time is the fellowship of the saints. Come to the Light. To be able to say, "Sister, I have got to share something with you that is eating me up and I have not shared this with anyone else," or "Brother, I have not shared this with anyone else, but I can no longer carry this on. It is killing me."

We are going to be led in the days ahead by one of two things: We are going to be led by His Light and His peace, or we are going to be driven by torment.

You promised me not to argue with me - I am putting words into your mind when I tell you this. That our government, the United States of America, has made a pact with the devil. They have submitted to the United Nations' plan to overthrow this government as we know it. Very soon, every last ounce of our sovereignty will be gone, but God has allowed it. If we fear... We are not to fear death. Are we to fear death? I don't believe anyone who will ever come into the manchild has ever been able to walk in the fear of death. They have been able to overcome the fear of death through Jesus. If a man says, "I'm going to kill you! What have you got to say?" "Okay! You can't take my life if it isn't given to you." Do you believe that someone can take your life before it is time? Well, I'll tell you something. If you are not one of those who are alive and remain, then you have an appointment with death. That appointment was already written down before you ever entered into this planet. Do you know something else, you will never be able to cancel that appointment and the Lord seemingly does not bless rescheduling. I only know one man by the name of Zedekiah who got away with that and it wasn't good for him or anyone else. I don't think God is going to do that anymore.

I believe that He is coming and what is the cry? We have heard it. There are five wise and five foolish. **Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him** (Matthew 25:6). Those that got up took oil where it mattered the most. Hallelujah. That oil getting in where it matters the most has to do with the Light getting into your soul and taking it, even if it is hurtful to your pride.

I learned something through the death of my nephew. There were a lot of things that I said to him when he was in a coma that I would have liked to have told him face to face. In many ways, he was a tough kid and it was not that easy to provide that atmosphere. Nevertheless, it is in you, that Light, and it is in me to pray for that atmosphere, to pray for that meeting, to pray for that fishing trip. To pray for the fishing trip! Hallelujah. Are you hearing me? **Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men** (Matthew 4:19). Some of us want to grab our fishing poles and God wants us to get into the hearts of those individuals with His Light and to pull them up. I believe that just from

some of the stories that some of you have told me about your dealings in business, that you know what it means when God's Light has visited the soul of a lost man. Why were those men in the bottom part of that apartment in Fort Pierce, Florida helping me do my job? They just felt a love towards something in me that was not words. It was not words!

Now the tower of Babel has been reconstructed and the language of the new age is English. If any of you know a foreign language, you know why. It is the fitting language for communication and they broke down all the barriers that God once put in place to rebuild a tower that is orchestrated from one throne over all the kingdoms of men.

By the way, when He said, "I'm going to take you, Zerubbabel and overthrow the throne of the kingdoms of men," Zerubbabel was history (Haggai 2:22).

God is talking about a people and we have heard it, but some of us still fear what men can do to us. Don't be afraid. I honestly believe that if we are in fear, we are walking in unbelief. The scriptures teach us in Proverbs that the righteous are bold as a lion (Proverbs 28:1). I don't care what your position is either. Fear is evidence of unbelief; regardless of our place in the church, we all have issues that we need to face. Get with someone and break through to Heaven. Break through to the Light of God so that you can stand in the face of the god of this darkness and proclaim the glory of God. Hallelujah. I believe that is where we are headed, brethren. I want to encourage you and I believe that is why the Lord has sent me, not just here, but to other places. I am nothing and I have only shared simple things, right? It is not complicated.

I'm telling you, if you believe that there is goody-goody stuff ahead for America, you have believed a lie. I say that very boldly. If you believe that any president can fix this situation, it is a lie. Do you know what tears me up? To think that my children are supposed to fight this war for them - this next war. It tears me up. I just pray, "God, apprehend my children. Raise them up, Lord, in You that they might be servants and soldiers in the kingdom of Light."

Some of us work outside of our homes. You should be the best worker in the place that you work. Laziness should be the furthest thing from you and me. I hate laziness because it is an enemy of my soul. Some of us are late. We are late for meetings. We are late for commitments to other brethren. We give our word and we don't keep it. I'm telling you, it is darkness because if we care and love then we care to serve others and keep our word. We realize that our choices not only affect my life but those around me. I have been the biggest hypocrite since I have discovered my need in this area of my life. It takes His grace and your determination to turn such things around. I believe that I have learned something in Jesus, not because I'm a

good guy but because I have agreed with Him about something.

I HAVE AGREED WITH HIM THAT I AM WHO HE SAYS I AM. He tells me that I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phillippians 4:13).

We have been deceived. The enemy has sent out servants to lie in the house of God. I am not going to get into details. You pray. You ask the Lord. There are a lot of lies going around right now. I am only saying this because I believe that God cares. Some people have been mad at me. Do you think it bothers me? Some people don't like you? If you are looking for people to like you, you are not there yet. I am not looking for people to like me. I am looking for those who love Jesus to find Light with me. Does that make sense? The Light is the only thing that we have fellowship in. Did we not read that? The Light is the Light that lights every man who comes into the world. You have no fellowship outside of the Light of Jesus. You walk in the Light as He is in the Light and you have fellowship one with another. That is why - I will say it publicly - I have appreciated many of you as friends. You may not realize it, but the challenges and the questions that have come my way through some of our discussions have been used of the Lord in my life. You know, God brings answers to our questions in His time. Sometimes it takes years, eight to ten years for me, and God brings answers. Let's not spare one another the Light of Jesus.

Don't think you are doing someone a favor by making them feel good. Please! It doesn't work in the house of God. Scripture is plain about sin isn't it? Open sin, open rebuke. I am paraphrasing, but we were just looking at that this morning. You have a trumpet to sound for the hour that you are in; you have a light that is hidden. When the Captain breaks that vessel the Light is seen by the world. So the very thing that is sounding the trumpet is the very thing that breaks the vessel. Right? Hallelujah.

I don't know if there will be time afterwards, but if anyone would like to pray, I'd be glad to pray. God has been bringing deliverance to people lately. We have been seeing it and it is not because we are anything. It is just because He doesn't want His people to fear. ***Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom*** (Luke 12:32). ***Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me*** (John 14:1). In My Father's house are many places, I have provided it for you and didn't I tell you that My Spirit is the Comforter? So why are you discomforted, my child? So why are you troubled? Be not afraid! Fear not, for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee and you are Mine. When you walk through the fire, though the waters increase around you, I am with you (John 14:26-27, Isaiah 43:1-2).

I'll tell you that the Lord has given me boldness in public like I have never ever known before. It isn't that I

have decided to be bold. I have always been stupid bold, but when His Light is moving, it is a very different situation. He lights the men that come into the world; they are our fellow human beings! The enemy, the beast, that is breeding this thing out in the world right now, the beast, he has to contend with Light, not with man. He is going to be put down! As I said before, a lot of our children are going to be confronting the kingdoms of darkness in the Light of Jesus Christ. How many of you have children you want ready for that confrontation? I do. I do!

I want that more than anything else.

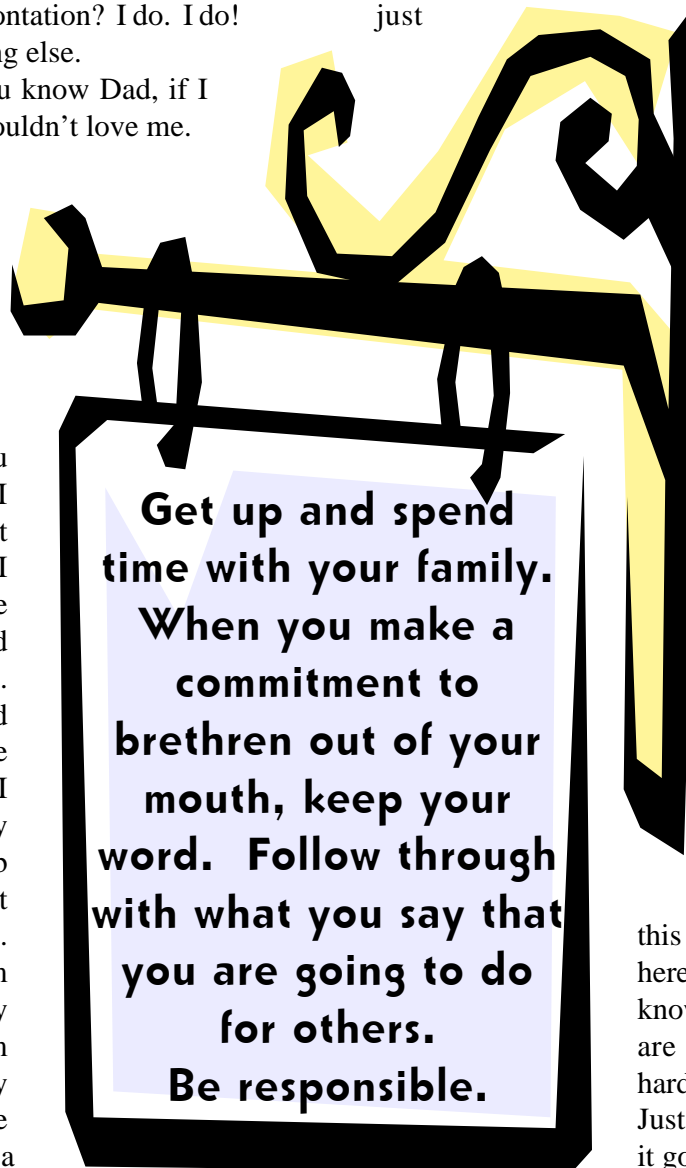
Autumn said to me, "You know Dad, if I wasn't your daughter, you wouldn't love me.

You just love me because I am your daughter." It sounds strange doesn't it? You know I looked at her for a little while and I thought, "Lord, what is in her heart when she makes a comment like that?" I said to her, "Auti, I can't change the fact that you are my daughter. If I could, I wouldn't want to. I wouldn't want to change that!" But I said, "I teach people who I love that are not my daughters, and I pray for them all the time. They may work at X-Rated theatres, they may live in the drug world, but I love them; I pray for them." I said, "I may challenge them about the job that they have, Autumn, but they are not my daughters. When it comes time for them to marry the man that they marry, I will never give them away. I won't be asked my opinion. But before God I have more than an opinion, I have a conviction. I have a responsibility that when I say, 'her mother and I,' I am not a hypocrite. God made you and I in this relationship. It is glorious in His sight. Why would you fight it except the enemy is darkening your vision? I love you."

Brothers and sisters, you are going to be changed. You are, if you can hear what I am saying. It sounds too bland maybe, too simple. Some of you men who are working so much that you have no time for your families, I rebuke it in the name of Jesus. I do. With a passion I come after it, and also after the spirits that keep you out of their lives. They may be young now, but you don't see the results of

your absence till they get older. Do you know who sees it? Grandparents. Do you want counsel? Go to your Dad and Mom. I am serious. You know, when I want counsel about raising my family, I don't go to parents. That sounds silly, but I go to grandparents and there is good reason for it because no parents are perfect parents. By the time you are grandparents, your heart goes out to your grandchildren, does it not? I mean, it is a glory unto you, it is a crown.

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It is not just a pride issue, you love them. It is different than it was when you raised your own. The truth is that grandparents have learned much from their mistakes. If they love Jesus, they have much wisdom to offer. A grandparent can reflect back and now say, "I can help my daughter. I can pray for her effectively. I can help my son, because I know that I didn't make it in certain areas of life. Now that Jesus has brought His Light to me in this stage of my life, I can minister Light and Life to them." Isn't that true?

Our problem is we're still stiff-necked a lot of times. We're hard; we think that we can handle it. Some of you young men in your thirties-forties... That is young to me, I guess. I say this publicly, not just to young men here. But I tell you something that I know for sure. You think that you are going somewhere by working hard at your jobs. Take another look. Just look at the bookwork. Where is it going? What is it accomplishing? We are supposed to work. I want to

work and be a good worker. I hate laziness. I know that the men that I am talking to in the Body of Christ would not be lazy. That is not the point. What are you really feeding the family beside the food on the table? Church two times a week, three times, four times, every night a week, but you're home and you're not there? I am not accusing anybody. I am exposing to you my folly. If it fits, then you can use it. But I see it everywhere I go, men making the same mistakes that I made. I mean, I am making mistakes as I am talking to you; it is just that I see these now. I am only saying to pull the reigns in right

there where you work. Put your job second, third and God will move. The Lord is moving upon my younger children, not because I am anything, but because I obeyed a simple thing that He asked me to do. Get up and spend time with your family. When you make a commitment to brethren out of your mouth, keep your word. Follow through with what you say that you are going to do for others. Be responsible.

To be responsible is opposite to the nature of the bloodline of Jerry Gadwa but God has shown me. "Lord, I have had financial trouble. I have so many problems." Some of you can really relate to this. "We have so many bills, Lord, there is not enough to go around. What am I supposed to do? You want me to pay my bills and all I have is this little egg in the nest and everybody is screaming for 15 of them." The Lord said, "All you had to do was to ask Me."

I'm serious. He showed me how to chop that egg up. He showed me how to pay it out and then do you know what He does? He multiplies it back to me. Not because I am some "big faith guy" who "names and claims" anything. It is just that there is a kingdom coming to earth and you abide by His laws. There are rules and they work. They work just because He is. They work.

Tye once said to me, "I just hate all these laws." I said, "Well the laws are in place because a lot of people are wicked. The more wicked, the more corruption there is, the more corrupt the laws get! They go overboard to deal with these things. But in the Kingdom of God there are laws and there are rules. If you hate them you will hate the Kingdom of God."

Let's pray. *Father, I thank You for this people. I so very much thank You for the opportunity to share my heart with them today. I am asking You for every brother and sister that has heard this message here, as simple as it is, Lord, that it would be profound in our hearts, that we would allow Your Light and Your Life to come forward and change us, Lord God. Change our homes. Cause us, Father, not just to be police officers in our house, but to really be fathers. You said that there are not many fathers. We see it. We fall short, but Lord I know what You are after now. Your kingdom is coming to earth, New Jerusalem is coming down from You out of heaven and You are bringing Your righteous sceptre. Hallelujah! The sceptre of your kingdom is of righteousness (Psalm 45:6). Lord, I ask You to give that to us as fathers and mothers, to train up our children in the way they should go. I thank You, Father, for the hours You have given me to spend there when I haven't worked and You have supplied our need, because I know that I have not always set first things first. I thank You for the conviction of Your Spirit. I thank You, Lord, that nothing that we know about what is to come is going to make any difference at all, except we have Your Light*

shining within our heart. That we would minister food, meat to our children, to our family in due season. Forgive us for being wimpy fathers and Father, forgive us for being wimpy lovers. Help us to love our wives as You have loved the church. Hallelujah.

I thank You for the dominion that You have given to us over all the fish of the sea, over every creature on earth, over every plant that lives. I know that redemption comes from the things that we have shared here today. I'm asking You that we would set first things first, that the trouble that lies ahead is no trouble for You. You have given us a vision of the morning. Hallelujah. Lord, I hear the birds chirping. I hear a kingdom brought into peace. I see nations coming up every year unto Jerusalem, to come and to let us learn the ways of the Lord, to teach us of His ways. We will walk in His paths. We know now that the law goes forth out of Zion and the Word of the Lord out of this city. Hallelujah.

Bless these children, Lord, that have gotten up here today. Stir their hearts, Lord. Show them who they are. I ask You to show them who they are independent of one another. They don't need to be like each other. They need to be like Jesus. For us too, Lord. Unite our hearts together as one. I rebuke every wall and every hindrance that has been between me and every brother, every sister. I'm asking You, Father, to take down the walls, to unite Your soldiers, Lord, to prepare us for this next battle, this war, the war of the ages, that we not shrink and cower down and that we not live resting in darkness in this day.

We pray for our leadership in the United States. I pray for George Bush and all of our leadership of the United States and our local leaderships. Lord, we are heading into troubled times and Lord, You said that in that day whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved, because in mount Zion, in Jerusalem, in the remnant who You've called, there is Light, there is Life. I am asking You, Lord, to work this into our hearts. Amen.

If there are any needs that are here right now, if there are any specific needs for deliverance from fear, God would want to deliver you, totally deliver you that you would walk in the face of death and glorify His name.

There is no manchild, brethren, that isn't ready to die. That's right. There is no one equipped to live for Him that isn't ready to die for Him. Death has no more dominion over Him and because of that, it has no dominion over me. Thank you.

Addendum:

I also want to thank all who have prayed for our family during our struggle with Autumn and the court. We are pleased to announce that the Lord showed abundant mercy upon our daughter and given her grace for a new opportunity. Autumn has been home with us since her acquittal and we are thankful for that. ✨

BELIEVING GOD

REFLECTIONS ON THE JULY 2008 CONFERENCE

~ Melissa Trotter ~

This convention has brought to light many things for me, many answers to questions that I had, many clues to overcoming. The two main things the Lord was talking to me about were believing in Him and requesting things of Him. There were also many other good points made that I want to summarize.

Brother Campbell brought a message and said that there is an infection in the Body of Christ and it is called unbelief. He said that unbelief affects the faculties - it makes you not hear right, not see right and not think right. I am being confronted more and more with lies from the devil and situations he creates in order to bring me down. I felt almost like I was drowning before the convention. I am aware of darkness in my soul and situations in my life that look extremely impossible. And when the devil hammers, hammers, hammers and I listen to it and practically feel forced to think on those lies, I can really dig myself a hole. And when I begin to dwell on lies, I can't see according to God's ways, I can't hear God and I can't think righteously. So instead of feeling condemned by the word about unbelief, I felt great relief. It was an answer to my cry! I needed to believe God! He holds all things in His hand! My problems are not impossible because He is God! I may be perplexed, I may not understand, I may feel distressed, I may be confused, but I am definitely not in despair or giving up hope! I must believe Him! When I focus on what I see and hear and think about on this natural plain, I begin to depart from God and my heart hardens because of sin. Sin deceives. It makes you believe things that are other than God. Hebrews 3:12-13, ***Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. ¹³But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.***

I had a situation just the other day that I am not

proud of but it illustrated this. I took the children to the library and they got some books to read but on the way out, we stopped to look at DVDs. We got one for them to watch and then I saw Little Women, a long, three hour version of it. It was new to the library and had to be returned in two days with no renewal. I thought, "I sure would like to see that." So I got it. The next day, I had a lot of stuff to do and I couldn't figure out how to get it all done and still get to watch this movie, too. A little voice said, "Just return it and don't watch it - it would be much better if you did." But I just put some stuff aside and watched the movie. It was a good movie - just plain entertainment, that's all it was. In the end, the sisters all get married and live happily ever after, right? Well, real life is not like the movies and that night and as I woke up in the morning, I began to be confronted with discontent and all kinds of thoughts that seemed legitimate, but were designed to bring me to a low place. Anger came, too, and I hated it. I was angry that I was angry! As the day went on, I just got sick of my self and as I got desperate with the Lord, He began to show me the cause. Not listening to Holy Spirit and watching that movie brought me out of the Spirit enough to let satan attack. I wasted a whole day because of it. I believe that we are in a very serious time. We heard that (again!) at the convention, too. How many times do I have to hear it? One whole day is a precious amount of time right now; I can't afford to lose a day. Brother duCille, when he was ministering, said, "We will not have years to come in normal existence." Do I believe that? Do I believe the Word of the Lord about Him coming soon? I must exercise belief in Him all the time. When the Holy Spirit whispered to me about not watching the movie, I should have believed God. He knew what He was talking about. I, in all my carnal wisdom, thought it would do no harm. Come to find out, I was wrong. Not listening made me depart from the living God and

sin really is deceitful.

The remedy, Brother Campbell said, is the Blood. In the physical body, the blood carries the life to the place of infection and heals it. Jesus shed His Blood so that the infection of unbelief could be healed. Repentance is a change of ways. What is the point of watching movies, just for entertainment? That was three hours, just gone; I am sure that I could have done something fun and interesting that would have built me up spiritually, not to mention do the work that I needed to get done. I think we are confronted with these types of decisions all the time - where the Holy Spirit whispers something but we choose to go our own way. We **MUST** rise up **NOW**, Brother Campbell said, because God **WILL** have a people. If Esther hadn't risen up and gone to the king, Mordecai said that God would bring deliverance from another place. Brother Campbell said, "You must have faith to please God. God will deal and God will discipline. Submitting and obeying is the easy way, rejection is the hard way." He also said we are being pressed into obedience. We have a choice - to believe God and go with the attitude, "We are well able to go up" or be hopeless and say, "I can't do it."

Brother duCille also touched on believing God - he was the first one who preached and we heard from Him over the internet. He was sitting at his home and we were looking at his image on the screen and listening to him talk! He said, "To dwell in the secret place of the Most High, you must believe God." He spoke mostly from Psalm 91:1 and dwelling in the secret place. He said, "If the enemy can distract you, he will have one up on you!" He used an example of a duck and how they diligently oil their feathers. When the rain comes, the water just rolls right off their backs. The things the enemy throws at us need to just roll right off our backs and not sink in. He concluded that message by saying that each and every one of us are valuable to God. We are precious in His sight. That was so encouraging to me. No matter what I think of myself, I am valuable to Him and He can use me!

Brother Jantzi ministered at the second meeting, but before he did, Sister Rita shared a little of what God had been showing her regarding our religious ways. Religion is like fluff or bread dough - a lot of air, but no substance. If either substance gets stirred up, it just deflates very quickly. God wants us to get rid of religion. I think religion is our own thoughts and movings that we think are God, but are really just something we want God to be. It is usually very ingrained in us, too. Brother Jantzi spoke about making sacrifices and gave examples of people in the Bible

who made an acceptable sacrifice, like Gideon and Abel, and those who were unacceptable, like Cain and Korah. The interesting thing is, God's fire came on both acceptable offerings, as well as the unacceptable. It was either a fire that came to consume flesh because they wanted the favor of God or it was a fire that came to consume flesh because they were rejecting God and God had to judge them.

The third meeting, a brother from Nigeria shared the word with us. His name was Brother Shola. It was an excellent message. At the beginning of the word, he said the wise are available to do what God wants them to do and that the Holy Spirit was given so that we would be wise. He then went into Luke 16 where Jesus tells the parable of the unjust steward. The steward did not do a good job and yet, in the end, he redeemed himself. The main point of Brother Shola's message was contained in this verse: ***And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light*** (Luke 1:8). He said, "The people of this world are always striving to be better, to be on the top, to do the best, but we, the people of God are often very laid back. We must use the resources that God has given us. God is available if you bother to ask Him." He then went back to Luke 15:31 where it is the end of the story of the prodigal son and the father is speaking to the elder brother. He says, ***Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine***. God is ever with me and everything He has is available to me. All I have to do is ask! God has a large heart - He gives everything I need for the work He has commissioned me to do. Brother Shola said it would be foolish to live in a big house and have everything available and yet not use it. The people of the world utilize everything within their power to get to the top. We also need to ask God and **USE** what He has so liberally given us to get to the top! Isn't that our goal? To be the sons of God? That is the top, isn't it? So, this was the second thing that really, really, stood out to me. All I have to do is ask. When I am in that place of bombardment from the devil and he is wreaking havoc in my home or in my mind, all I have to do is ask God for help and wisdom and believe that He will be there. Sounds simple, huh? Well, it was a revelation to me. Asking and believing is a powerful combination. Part of it, too, was that I know a lot and some things I did were just religious exercises and didn't really help the situations. It is much better to get God's particular help for each thing. In my day after watching that movie, I tried repenting, I tried being joyful in tribulation, I tried rebuking the devil. I'm not saying

those things are bad, it was just that I was doing it because that was what was supposed to work. But God really wants my heart, not religiosity. I got desperate with the Lord and told Him, "God, I can't stand this. I don't know how to deal with this. Please help me." He had my heart at that point. The repentance came from deep down. I really wanted to submit at that point. It was a good lesson. Brother Shola ended his message with encouragement. He said, "God's perspective in being wise is to put time into the study of Him and into prayer and the little that we put into our job will multiply. Impossible things will become common. He read almost the entire chapter of Jeremiah 31. What promises there are in there!

The last meeting on Sunday morning, Brother Richard from Nigeria spoke about Benjamin and how he was required by Joseph to come to Egypt with his brothers. Joseph said that nothing more could happen until Benjamin came. Benjamin is a type of the remnant and God wants the Benjamin company on the scene. We need to get rid of the things that hold us back because no junk can come with us into the heavenlies. He has called us to enjoy the liberties of the son of the right hand.

All in all, the convention was terrific. I was very edified and blessed and excited to work some more at being an overcomer.

~ Nathaniel Chattic ~

Coming into this July 4th conference, one word seemed to be in the forefront of my mind - preparation. God has definitely pointed, in one aspect or another, about the necessity of being ready, particularly in this hour that we are in. In thinking about the need to be absolutely prepared, I usually think back to Matthew 25 where the chapter is talking about the five wise and the five foolish virgins. The need for preparedness is absolutely critical in the timeframe we are in, and there was never a need to be more sensitive to the signs and the times that are around us. The time could not be more critical, as the necessity to have more of Christ in abundance in the depths of our soul. For some time before these specific set of meetings, that was my heart's prayer to God, that I would not be found lacking in any aspect pertaining to my spiritual walk and relationship with Him. I want my heart to truly be in a place where there are no hindrances that are blocking or creating any sort of division or schism between the Lord and me.

With that being said, I was tremendously blessed and humbled by the word that was brought forth within the conference. I was immediately struck by the words both Brother duCille and Brother Campbell

brought out concerning the spirit of unbelief that was encroaching itself within the church. Some of the thoughts that were shared in the context of what they were ministering were similar to some of the things that were swirling around in the midst of my heart, so to be a witness and hearing that confirmation was definitely a blessing. Have you ever felt like you were way off sometimes with a thought or set of thoughts that were coming to your mind, and you may have immediately shirked it off because you did not think what was coming to your mind was from God? I wrestle with that sometimes, so personally it was definitely a blessing to have those confirming words brought out, to be honest (!), because it helped to let me know that I was hearing from the Lord.

Back to the words concerning the spirit of unbelief - both definitely hit me between the eyes pretty intensely! I think it is nice to have messages that really put us in a place to consider what or who we are living for. To hear those messages truly put me in a place of heavy contemplation, and I have been asking myself where I stand in relationship to God, in what He has delivered to me, and in how I am responding to Him. I have heard Brother Burt Asbill say that we can have as much of God as we want, and in thinking more on how the spirit of unbelief works, it definitely worked some concern within my heart. In what way(s) am I totally disqualifying myself from contention in this race that I am supposed to be running with every bit of determination and fervency? Has my attitude or disposition been in such a place where I absolutely refuse to hear or submit to the voice of the Lord? Has the sensitivity that comes from the Holy Spirit working in the midst of my heart waned to the point of non-existence because I have grieved it? These are but a few items of business that in my mind gave me considerable pause as to what direction I was moving in spiritually.

I have been really thinking about, perhaps wrestling more than thinking(!), the cares of this life that really seem to want, or in some form or fashion, have grasped our total attention and focus away from God. It has definitely brought me to a place of deciding who and what I am giving my time to or investing my energy in. It is in those daily decisions that we are knowingly or unknowingly creating ripple effects in the spiritual arena, either to our help or hurt.

In my workplace, there are many people, all with different backgrounds and coming from different walks of life. It is not that I am puffing myself up, or standing atop of a religious platform or spiritual soapbox, and condemning others for how they are living or behaving, and why they are not choosing to follow after

what I say I am after or are not choosing to believe in the same God that I say I believe in. Truth be told, I don't know if I am consciously or purposely trying to assess people in the midst of their different circumstances or situations. However, one thing I know to be true, and more and more becomes clear as crystal to me daily. What God has done for me, and how He has worked in my life, is the absolute ingredient that is key and is responsible for creating the difference between me and others who do not know the Lord. I mean, I know what God delivered me out of when I first received salvation, and in continuing to work out my salvation, I know time after time after time what He has continued to bring me out of in relation to my walk on His pathway. It is most assuredly Christ in us that hope of glory, that provides any and all remedy to the thirsty soul. It is God that can ultimately take the direst of situations and turn it into something new and awe-inspiring. It is God Who can take the most wretched of men and turn them into colossi for His kingdom. It is God that can touch a person in such a way that it brings the exact remedy for his or her malady.

With that being said, the decisions that I make on a daily basis, in terms of how I am handling my end in my relationship with God, are so very critical. We have heard that we are not an island to ourselves, correct? So, with that thought in mind, the things that we do, say, think, or convey one to another **create** something. Brother duCille has spoken in messages of that power that we have to create. And to coin a phrase from a certain comic book character, "With great power comes great responsibility." To as many that have received Christ as their personal Lord and Savior comes the awesome responsibility of continued maintenance in keeping that covenant relationship with Him. God is definitely a covenant keeping God. So much so that not only does He show us our need to be saved, but in receiving salvation He gave us a blueprint in order to keep it and move up into a higher level in Him.

So, with this creative power that we have been bestowed with from God, in knowing and understanding the weight of what our actions have in the spiritual arena, in knowing and understanding the weight of those words that come out of our mouths, and in the thoughts that we have rummaging around within our gray matter, these things are definitely things to consider in assessing where we are in God. When our relationship with God begins to really take flight, and broadens in scope and deepens in measure, it in turn impacts our nature, and everything that comprises us. The more of Christ that we get, the less of us should be

present, to the point where the nature of God totally takes us over, and His fullness is on total display. There's just a slight catch to that thought, however. Sometimes we can get in God's way, and instead of being a blessing unto Him, and to others because He has blessed us so mightily, we can find ourselves moving in a position or place where God is not there. Should we continue moving in that direction that is opposite of God, we can find ourselves slipping into the darkness out of which God delivered us. Seems pretty elementary, right? Just keep listening to what God is telling you to do, read and understand the manual He has written for you to use and abide by, and go forth and obey by doing what He tells you to do daily. Simple, right?

Well, there is indeed simplicity in Christ, and my hope and prayer is that what He is telling me to do as far as knowing Him and being in a relationship with Him does not become merely "work," or fall into the category of, "I'll do this because it's the right thing to do, and I'll leave it at that!" Don't get me wrong, I am not saying that is wrong to do the right things. On the contrary, the more we give in to the direction of the Holy Spirit, the more doing of those right things becomes more commonplace than abnormal or just plain work! The more Christ that we get into our hearts, the more of that change of perspective is working in our hearts, and we see situations and people differently than we did before, because we are looking at them with His eyes. Our very nature begins to be shaped and molded into something that is not of us anymore, but the nature of Christ that is being interwoven in the fabric of who we are. You may have heard the phrase, "You are what you eat"? Well, the more we choose to feed on Christ, the more we become like Him. The key lies in what we are **choosing** to do in this hour.

We have the power to create something better for ourselves that we have not experienced before. In running across specific individuals at my job, the sensitivity that God has placed within me that has been nurtured through continuously building in my relationship with Him helps me to understand that we do not exist just for the sake of taking up space in this world. We that believe that we are people of God, that we have an essential part to play in the plan of God and as a member of His body, have something to offer that this world is in desperate need of now more than ever. The more of Christ that we take in, the more of His nature that is working down deep into the corridors of our hearts and souls, the more creative license we give to God to change us to be like Him, the better position we create to share with others that gift of eternal life

from God. In working with God to solidify our relationship with Him, we are creating better opportunities for ourselves to not only receive and benefit from God, but for others to profit from our accrual as well. Just as God reached out His hand and plucked us out from whatever our specific set of circumstances were where we were in desperate need of a savior, He wants to work through us to accomplish His objective in the lives of others.

I really want to encourage you to go to God if you are struggling, if you are in a place where His Word is not making as much sense to you, or if you are in need of changing your regimen to incorporate more of God into your time and life. Anything that is worth saving takes time and energy to keep and maintain. Let us endeavor to keep our relationship with God stronger and more fortified than ever before. We have the power to create because God has given it into our hands. Let us use what He has given us in order to get to know Him better and more and more each day. Let us use what He has given us to create more opportunities to bless those around us, whether they know Who God is or not. Let us use what God has blessed us with to change our environments, to be that light that He has called for us to be in this time, and to shine brightly so others may see the testimony of God working in the hearts of men.

We have been given a very precious message from a most precious God. Let's make it count for something. The Bible tells us to give us this day our **daily** bread (Matthew 6:11). To me, that speaks that we cannot afford to let the word that God gives to us to become stale. This message of sonship is something that many that have gone before us have longed to hear and receive, and we have it. God help us to revere it, to truly believe in it and in Him, in order to facilitate that change within our soul that the evidence of Christ in us, that hope of glory, would be more than just words on paper. Let those words from God become a reality in the midst of our soul that it would manifest itself outwardly to the world. We have the power, in the name of Jesus, to bring real change to our environment, to bring real change to people's lives that we run across. God can help us if unbelief is indeed the spirit that has been working to cloud our vision and has been working to bring us into a lower estate little by little. As we submit to God with the intent of giving our all, everything to Him, without holding anything back, He will respond on our behalf. We may not have all the pieces of the puzzle, but in Christ will all things be revealed to us, as we need them. The road to sonship is hard, but without the struggle, we would not fully appreciate all that God has done for us along the way. God bless you. ✨

BABY ANNOUNCEMENT

MIRANDA ELIANA

has decided to grace us with her presence! She came on Tuesday, July 15th, at 1:07pm. At 9 lbs 4 ozs and 21 1/2 inches in length, she is Tyson & Shannon's biggest little girl! The Asbills are doing very well and Chloe and Allie are overjoyed to be big sisters. I am sure we can all join with them as we rejoice over this new "marvelous gift of God" as she is so aptly named. ✨



The Keeping Hand of God

by Veronika Capcikova

When my mom was pregnant with me she was two weeks overdue and was worried about the baby. She made a covenant with God that if He brought the baby into the world safely, it would belong to Him. You know, if you make a covenant with God, He is always faithful to fulfill it. So did He in this case - I became His child and He never let me go too far from Him. I am His.

When I was small, ever since I remember, my mom always raised us up in the Lord. It wasn't always easy for her - there were two problems. First of all, my dad was an unbeliever and sometimes he would not agree with what my mom taught us. Secondly, my mom and sister Paja were the only ones who had children in our fellowship, therefore they did not have anybody to ask for council. They didn't know American brethren at that time. I bet it was hard for my mom but I know she did an awesome job and if I can raise my children as she did, I will be really glad.

On the other hand, even though my family was Christian, it wasn't that easy to follow the Lord. My friends from school and the neighborhood did not always have a good influence on me. I am very glad, though, that I attended public school because I learned how to stand in a non-Christian society. As it is written in John 17:15, ***I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.*** So I learned how to withstand in the world and I think that is very important.

Many times in my life there were situations in which I had to choose what way I would go. Many times my mom let me choose for myself and trusted that I would choose wisely. I am thankful for that because if she had only ordered me what to do it wouldn't have taught me anything. It wouldn't have taught me how to deal with situations in life. But as she let me decide for things she knew she could, I learned to be responsible for my choices and even if I made a wrong decision I could learn from it and would never do the same mistake again. On the other hand, she was uncompromising when it was needed.

There were times that I remember I wasn't very close to God but every time there came a point when the Lord drew me back to Him. He would show me more and more of His character and would teach me how to be like Him. Now when I look back, I know that everything in my life was perfectly planned and that the Lord has done His work with me. He still has a lot of work to do, but I know that "One day like Him I shall be."

Since the time that I came here to Mahomet, the Lord has been showing many things to me. The conference time was very precious to me. I was really touched by the word about unbelief because it explained many things to me. I know that unbelief is one of the devil's strongest weapons. He tries it on me, also and I have to admit that he is successful from time to time. But with God, I (and we) will overcome it in the name of Jesus.

There is one more thing that I want to share. I am really glad for the time with the brethren. It is so different to be among brethren than to be among unbelievers. I am thankful for all the people who love the Lord and who I have had the opportunity to meet.

God bless you all. 🌸

In the Time of His Visitation

Brother Burt Arbill

February 10th, 2008

Mahomet, Illinois

I am asking you to pay attention to me this morning, please. You really need to pay attention to me. It really is not me that is sharing with you, because the Lord is speaking to you as a congregation.

I am afraid to preach at times because I believe that we are preaching the word of God. If what God has given to me is His word then we are living in very serious times. As people hear the word of God, it does not make any difference if they believe it or not. Do you understand that?

Brother Emeka got up here and said something that maybe we did not like, or were not comfortable with, but if he was speaking in the spirit of God then there is a responsibility and a liability that comes to us that hear it. It really makes no difference if we believe it. It really makes no difference if I like the sister or the brother. It makes no difference. It makes no difference how close I

am or how far away I am. It makes no difference how familiar I might be with them. You have a responsibility to assess, to determine, and to be aware of the moving of the Holy Ghost in the individuals that are around you.

I have been in association with people for many years and we walk side by side and we walk through many different circumstances. I see their flesh and they see my flesh, but I also hear God in many of the things that they say. I have that responsibility. I also see God in some of the things they do; some of the things they do and some of the things they say

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convict me. Now if I allow my position of personal perspective, if I allow my position of familiarity to usurp my spirit of discernment, then I am in trouble because God is not going to take in account my humanness. Do you hear me? God is not going to take in account my disposition or



my likes or dislikes.

What God is going to take account of is the fact that He has given to me a spiritual inheritance, spiritual ears and spiritual eyes through what is known as the Holy Ghost. Isn't that what the Bible says? I don't believe that I am preaching out of my own intellect or

out of my own understanding, because what the Bible says is that God is going to send the spirit of truth. Isn't that what He said? He called it the Comforter (John 15:26). I am still looking for the "comforting" effects, especially in lieu of the message that I have on my heart today.

I believe that there is a responsibility that we have in hearing the word of the Lord. Do you remember the situation when the prophet Jeremiah came to the King of Israel and King Nebuchadnezzar came up to attack them? Do you remember the word of the Lord? "Do not resist. Do not fight. Surrender yourselves and you will live" (Jeremiah 27:11). I don't think they liked that word, did they? What happened to the prophet that got up to resist Jeremiah? He said, "No, that is not so, it shall not be so with you; you are the apple of God's eye and God will protect you." (I am paraphrasing.) I guess you could call them "dueling prophets." Jeremiah said, "Because you are not resisting me, but you are resisting God, you shall not live to see the salvation of the Lord." Within a year, the man was dead (Jeremiah 28:15-17)

Has God changed? I ask you, has God changed? Is His disposition different? Is His position or His desire different? Is His objective different? Is He going to treat us any differently than how He treated all of Israel and all of mankind? Absolutely not! It says that when God is going to rise up in this last day, it says He is going to rise up in His wrath, He is going to rise up in His anger and He is going to smite and to deal with the unrighteous. To the degree that I am unrighteous there is going to be a judgment coming against me, especially



if I hear something in the spirit and I do not heed it.

I was very recently down in West Palm Beach and I was sitting down with a friend of mine. He is a very gracious man. I love him dearly. I said to him, "I am very concerned for you. I am very concerned for your family, because I believe that destruction is coming to the United States of America." I am not saying this just on the basis of the message concerning the year 2008. I can tell you at least four prophets that have prophesied for the last 30 years of the destruction that is coming to the United States. Some of those prophets I knew personally. Brother C. L. Moore came to my home. He found me out in the middle of an almond orchard. I had a little group of six to eight people, maybe ten, at the most, that were meeting in my home. I don't know how the man found me tucked away in a little farming community. He prophesied the destruction in my living room. He told me of the vision and the dream that he had of the destruction of the

United States. So I said to my friend, "I am very concerned." I did not know the man, A. A. Allen, personally but I have read and heard many things about his life. Although he was a man of flesh and had his problems, I believe that there is enough credible evidence to validate the position of the man and his ministry and the gift of God that was working within him. He prophesied of the destruction of the United States. So, I said to this friend of mine, "It is one thing for me to know that if destruction came and you were taken, if you had told me that God told you not to move, then I could say 'yeah and amen.' But it is another thing if you do not have that word from God and if you have no knowledge concerning the issue, or you have not spent the time necessary to delve into the mind of God so that you might know what His will is for your life. If something came and I spoke not to you of my concern, then there is something accredited to my spiritual account and there is going to be a grief



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and a sorrow that I will feel because of that situation. So, therefore, I am speaking to you in love. I am not trying to scare you or to push you out or to get you to do this or to do that. But I want you to tell me what God is telling you about your

situation.”

I was listening to Brother David Wilkerson and the message that he was preaching called In One Hour. In one hour the world will be turned upside down. In one hour, but in all of that what he was preaching, there was a confidence that he had as far as God was concerned, that he knew where he was supposed to be and what he was supposed to be doing. Then there is no grief, there is no sorrow, and there is no place of disappointment.

Have you ever heard of untimely death? You know, I believe it. I believe that there is a power that has been given into our hands. I tell you, I am scared of the word of God at times. I am afraid of the seriousness pertaining to His word. There is such a thing in the Bible that is called untimely death and some of

those situations are very pertinent to you and I as we face certain situations in light of the message that we have received from God concerning the hour in which we live.

You know, the end of the world is somewhat of an imminent gospel, as is the imminent return of Jesus Christ. There was some admonishment, I don't know as to the fact of the end of the world, but all of the disciples were preaching and teaching about what our attitudes should be in light of the fact that we are coming to the end of the world. It has been 2,000 years and the world that ends may be your world or my world or it could be our worlds collectively. Don't you understand? There is a timeframe in God that God gives every man ample time to repent. Hallelujah.

Do you remember the story of Jesus and Mary and Martha? I was talking with my wife again this morning. We have some very good conversations. We were talking about Mary

and Martha. I believe Mary and Martha, in one sense, represent a spirit ministering to the church. It is not that Mary was better than Martha or that Martha was better than Mary. It means that all men, all souls in the church are on the same plane and have decisions to make that have either blessings or consequences. Do you understand? It wasn't saying that Mary wasn't diligent in what she was doing. We have this tendency of thinking that Mary was just kind of flitting around; sitting at the Master's side and Martha was busy, busy, busy doing all the other things. Some of that may be true, I don't know. But it is more indicative of a spirit that ministers in the church to the minds of the congregation as a whole.

Do you hear me? Because the Bible says that Mary chose (Luke 10:42). It doesn't mean that she wasn't busy. It doesn't mean that she wasn't doing anything. It says that in the time frame of Mary's visitation, Mary chose to be in a different place. Do you hear me? Mary chose to be doing a different thing. Mary chose and God

said that Mary had chosen the right position. "Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

Now I am using this in reference. If you think that I am taking it out of context, I guess that will be a problem for you, but I don't believe that I am. But I believe that it is apropos. I believe that it is very pertinent. There is a time of visitation. There is a time when God comes for a specific reason, for a specific purpose. There is a certain time frame when He comes. Do you hear me?

Paul had a time frame for his visitation. It was on the road to Damascus. What if Paul would have fluffed it off? What if he would have said, "I fell off of my horse and hit my head and I am having a hallucination." He would have missed his time of visitation. Thank God that Paul did not miss his time of visitation.

There was a time of visitation with regard to Lazarus. Do you know why Jesus waited another



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day? Was it just so Lazarus could die? Well, maybe that was part of it, but there was a point of visitation where He came into that set of circumstances to do the thing that needed to be done. Hallelujah. In spite of her position of unbelief, He did what needed to be done. He said to Martha, “You are not

listening! You are not hearing! You are not cognizant or conscious of the fact of what I am saying to you as an individual. Now is the time of your visitation! Now is the time when you are going to see the manifestation of the glory of god, if you can believe it!” Hallelujah. (John 11:21-26)

There was something that preempted the ministry of God in the earth, right after the miracle of the wine. He went up to Jerusalem and there He saw many in the temple and they were the changers of money. Some of them were selling the sheep. Some of them were selling the goats. The Bible says He made a cord, sort of like a cat-of-nine, I think. He made a whip of small cords and went into the temple and drove them out. Hallelujah. There is something of that spirit of zeal that was in Him. He had a zeal for the Father’s house (John 2:14-17).

Whose house are we? Are we merchandising the gospel? Not that we are selling the gospel. What are we doing with the gospel that we have? And what is the gospel that you possess? I have not been able to get out of John 12. I think it is a very pertinent word, because we are coming into the time that we believe will be the manifestation of the sons of God. Do you believe that? Well, having a zeal for the Father’s house is also something that is very pertinent.

I would have liked to walk with Jesus on this earth. I would have liked to have that natural experience. Maybe that makes me a little more secular than you, I don’t know. But I would have liked to have that experience of walking with Him on this earth. At 12 years of age He had a spiritual awareness, He had a revelation



of His omnipotence. What would some of these 12-year-olds do if you put total and complete control into their hands? At 12 years old, He had the revelation of His omnipotence, and the revelation of His omnipresence. He had that revelation! His

parents found Him in the temple discussing the things of God and they said, “Son, don’t you know that your father and I were worried and concerned and we couldn’t find you?” What astounds me, what blows my mind is that it says that He submitted Himself to them. In His position of righteousness, His position of knowledge and understand-



ing, He was subject unto them (Luke 2:46-51). My goodness. Can you imagine the revelation or the understanding that was ministered in the midst of that place? Hallelujah.

I want to share concerning when Jesus was upbraiding the Pharisees and the Sadducees. He was saying, “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!” He says a number of

woes here in Matthew 23, beginning in verse 13. He was talking to the church. It would do us well to read the admonition or rebuke that He was bringing to the church. He goes through a number of, “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!” Verse 14, **Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!** Verse 15, **Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!** Verse 16, **Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor!** Do you think they were getting the point? I think they were too enamored with their position of self-perspective. I don’t think the situation has changed very much. I don’t think the situation has changed very drastically from that time. How many of you know that history has a way of revolving around and repeating itself? And in repeating itself, the magnitude of the thing that is being repeated gets bigger, gets bigger, gets bigger and more diabolical. We call it the fullness of times.



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So He goes through a bunch of these, “Woe unto you,” and I think He is talking to the church. Hallelujah. If you want to put a marker there and turn with me over to Ezekiel 34, you will find another indictment, but it is a little more

there was going to be a consequence. “Shari, do not go outside without a coat, because it is cold outside.” A blessing if you wear it and a curse if you don’t. If you wear it, you are safeguarded and you are shielded from chilling temperatures and your body is going to maintain its integrity. If



you don’t wear it, your body is going to lose its safeguard or its shield. A blessing and a curse. Well, we can say, “This has all been done away with in Christ.” No, it hasn’t. It was fulfilled in Christ and to the degree that Christ is in us and to the degree that Christ is allowed His position of pre-eminence, we are also fulfilling it. If God tells me to

specific this time. He starts out in verse 1, *And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ²Son of man, prophesy against...* You see, the coming of the Son of man was not only to establish a point of reference to righteousness. One of the purposes to establishing that point was to bring correction to the church. Hallelujah. It was to bring correction to the congregation, both the ministry that might be in the congregation and the ministry of the congregation. He deals with both of those in chapter 34. Do you hear me? First he deals with the ministry, because the shepherd has a responsibility to the sheep. But as the tabernacle shows us, the sheep have a responsibility to the ministry. Hello! Isn’t that what the tabernacle shows us? That doesn’t mean that ministry criticizes or

walk outside without a coat, or to go into a lake that is freezing to baptize, I can do it, BUT I HAVE TO BE IN CHRIST! I can’t be outside of Christ!

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We have to have awareness in the spirit of God. If there is a certain message going forth, there is a certain responsibility that we have. There is a certain place we need to be. There is an onus upon us

critiques the wrongness of the congregation, nor does the congregation criticize and critique the ministry of all those little faults. It means that we help one another maintain our position of righteousness and integrity concerning God and our relationship both horizontally as well as vertically.

with regard to where we are, who we want to be and what it is that we want to achieve as far as God is concerned at the end of the day.

We are in jeopardy. Do you hear me? We are in jeopardy of falling under judgment and not grace. God said to the children of Israel in Deuteronomy 11:26, *Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; ²⁷A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day: ²⁸And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but*

He said, “Son of man, prophesy.” Can you imagine that? He was telling a man to prophesy against His church. Not only against the church, but He was telling a man to prophesy against the ministry that was in the church.

turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known. Now, was God cursing them? NO! God wasn’t cursing them. God knew that if you went in opposition to the fact of what He was prescribing and what He knew to be good for you,

Oh I suppose that you can say, “Oh, that ministry. It is all their fault that I am in the shape that I am in,” or, “It is all their fault that we are in the mess that we are in,” or, “If they would have been doing what they were supposed to be doing, everything would be all right.” Well, for those of you who are thinking like that, go over to verse 17, *And as for you, O my flock, thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I judge between cattle and cattle, between the rams and the he goats. ¹⁸Seemeth it a small thing unto you to have eaten up the good pasture, but ye must tread down with your feet the residue of your pastures?*





and to have drunk of the deep waters, but ye must foul the residue with your feet?

My God! I think the church is guilty as charged. Listen to what Jesus said. Turn with me back to Matthew 23 if you would, and in verse 29. This is after He goes through all of the “Woe unto you” and the “blind” and the “fools” declaring and marking. You know, I can go down through this list and God help me, I can find some of the attributes that He is talking about in my soul. Of course, you are probably purer than I am. Matthew 23:29, *Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous.* Boy! How many times did God have to say it? What is He talking about when He talks about trampling the good pasture and muddying the drinking water? What is He saying? Do you know what He is talking about? He is talking about the fact that you sit here, you hear the revelation, you feel the unction, you feel the anointing you feel the conviction and you go out there and you do something contrary. You demonstrate something that is totally out of line with and absolutely not in context with the revelation that you have received.

Go to John 12. You know how you read something and you read something and all of a sudden you go, “What does that mean?” Let’s begin at verse 19 to get the context, *The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after him.* ²⁰*And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast:* Among whom? Well, they must have been in affiliation and association with the disciples. Would you not assume that from the context of

it all? It says they came at least amongst the congregation. Verse 21, *The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.* Look at



the progression. ...we would see Jesus. Evidently Philip didn’t have what was needed. It says in verse 22, *Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus.* Maybe there is strength in numbers. Maybe he needed a little moral support. I don’t know. Why didn’t he just go to Jesus? But it says that Philip went to Andrew and then Andrew and Philip went to Jesus. I wonder if Philip was behind Andrew. “Yeah. We’ll go up. I’ll be right behind you!”



...we would see Jesus. “We want to see Jesus!” What are people seeing with regard to your position, your place?

Are you muddying the waters? Have you trampled down the pastures? Now that you are fed and have received some momentary relief? Your belly is full and what are you manifesting? What is your position? They said, ...we would see Jesus. So they took him to Jesus. Verse 23, *And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.*

Go with me back to Matthew 23, back to the scribes and the Pharisees who represent the ministry that is in the body. This is not just the five-fold ministry that I am talking about today. Verse 29, *Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous,* Oh yes. They loved them now that they were dead, didn’t they? *Build the tombs,* - probably very ornate and very nicely decorated. It says that they garnished *the sepulchres of the righteous,* “Oh, we love them now that they are dead and we can no longer hear their voices crying out.”

But Jesus said in verse 35, *That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.* The blood of Abel spoke from the ground. How much more the voice



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of those that were slain in the service of God.

Verse 30, *And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.* Oh, my goodness.

³¹Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets. ³²Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers. ³³Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell? They were just as guilty in their timeframe because they did not recognize the position or the place of their visitation.

The scripture says in John regarding their unbelief concerning Lazarus, "Jesus wept" (John 11:35). Then it says in Matthew 23:37, *O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen*

gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! They did not recognize the day of their visitation. Do I want to be guilty of not recognizing the position or the place of my visitation? Oh God, help me. I would that I will not find myself in that type of situation. Hallelujah. We have a responsibility. We have a responsibility.

I brought a message to this congregation at the admonition of God. I don't know if any of you even remember what it was. I was woken up one morning out of a sleep. My goodness. And God said, "Warn the church! Warn the church!"

You know, in Jamaica they say, "There is a hurricane coming." What do they do? They buy the boards. They get the nails. They start lashing everything down that can be blown away, nailing up anything and everything that can be broken. I would wager to say that 95% of you did not even remember. Does that mean that it isn't going to happen? Does that mean that you are not going to feel the effects of it? I think it is a time of rending hearts and not garments (Joel 2:13). I think



it is the time for self-examination. In the same chapter, Matthew 23:35, it says that Zacharias was in the temple doing his service unto the Lord and it says, "You slew him between the porch and the altar" (Matthew 23:35).

Do you know that it came to my attention that people who are Christians, who are blood-bought, who are under the covering of God, are praying or moving in a manner against other Christians, looking for their demise or their failure? Do you know that? I can't believe it! I can't believe it! I cannot believe it! I cannot believe it!

But God said it is true. God said it is true. I said, "It cannot be true! It cannot be true!" **God said it is true.**

May God help us. We need some self-examination. I said, "NOT EXAMINING EACH OTHER!" We need some self-examination. SELF-EXAMINATION!

When God came to me and revealed the situation, I refused to believe it. I wrestled with God and I wrestled with God because I could not believe that someone who is Blood-bought and under the auspices of the Holy Ghost and moving under the authority of this word could do that to another brother. I could not believe it. Oh, I can believe in confrontations or disagreements, but working actively against someone? I'm saying, "God have mercy!" Do you understand? Because if I believe that someone is in the will of God and you are working against that person, **then you are working against God.** As the prophet prophesied against the prophet, the judgment will come upon the one who prophesied out of context and out of the will of God. God, have mercy! I cried out, "**God, have mercy!** God, have mercy!"

Not only that, I would even say to God, "If it were possible, God, let it be that I could be accursed and that they could be saved. If it were possible, God." It is a serious hour. You need to be cognizant of the eyes of God that run to and fro throughout the whole earth (II Chronicles 16:9). God bless you. 🙏



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My Transplanting from greenhouse to field

by Linda Pocajova

The biggest blessing for me has been to know the will of God and to walk in it. There may be obstacles and difficulties in getting there, but it is absolutely worth it to make sure we are on the right path because the reward from that is great.

I would like to share with you what the Lord has been doing in my life since I left Mahomet in February. I need to say that I did not have a clue as to what I should or shouldn't do. It was a bit of a surprise for me to have to go back home because I didn't expect that I would have to go back home until the end of May. Nevertheless, because I was returning home, I knew that I would need to know what was to be my next step. I knew that there would be several opportunities, but God made me very aware through a dream that making the right decision was essential and that it would have a serious effect on my life. Well, I got even more desperate and asked God to speak to me and the elders and it was at this point that I left the store and Mahomet with all the loved ones and came back to Slovakia.

For quite some time I was praying, fasting and seeking an answer as to what I should or shouldn't do. I wonder how often God wants to encourage us to seek Him and because sometimes it is not easy for us to find Him, we can choose the easier road and lose the very best that He has prepared for us if we only persevered a little longer. One of the choices that I had was to study at a local university and even though I sent in an application form, to be honest, I never felt a desire to go there. In all of that uncertain future that I was fighting with, God spoke to me a scripture verse from Exodus and confirmed it through the elders. Finally, I was sure that the Lord wanted me to go to Prague and be a part of the fellowship there!

I started to search for a job and even in that, God has blessed me richly as I found a nice place in a small law company in the middle of the city. God has also taken care of the question of my accommodation, too. I am not able to express how thankful I am for the testimony God has given me from this whole experience; He simply led me and opened the right door. Another very good lesson I learned was seeing the elders standing in all this and not telling me what to do or what not to do, but rather seeking the face of God and standing with me. It is so precious to have people who love me so much that not only advise me, but also encourage me to hear from God directly.

Since I've come to Prague and started to live here on my own I felt like God transplanted me from a greenhouse to a field. Everything has been new and exciting and I have learned to walk with the Lord closer than ever before because now I am depending on His help for everything. Maybe you don't understand this, but what I mean is that in every situation that is new and I am not sure how to deal with it, I ask the Lord to speak to me. And He does. He did when I asked Him what I should buy at the store or when I needed to find



our meeting place in town or when I accidentally spilled salad dressing on our company's documents.

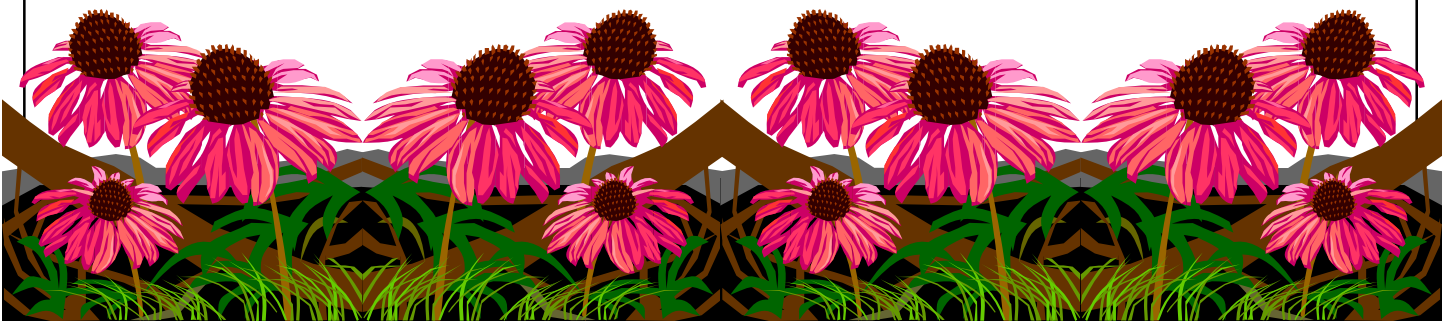
Yes, it is an adventure to walk with our Lord. Although I see how little I know Him, I am learning more every day by walking with Him and making sure that I am available for whatever He wants to do with me. One man said that the key is not our ability to do things because that is so little, but it is our availability to be used by God because in that there is a chance for fun! There are many ways I can be used and so I am trying to use my potential in God - my energy, time, and money to serve God and His people. I see the fruit of that and it is the sweetest thing - it is not only blessing my brethren and me, but God is pleased.

I see that there is a tendency in us, especially us young people, to do what we like and want but I am finding out that I can choose whether I want to please myself or Him and there is nothing between. It is making this choice in each and every decision small or big and the scripture illustrating this to me is in Isaiah 58:13-14,

If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:

Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

God bless you all very much! 🙏



Visitors Corner

We have been abundantly blessed with so many visitors this summer! The Cassells came on Sunday, June 22nd, and ministered on the Blood of Jesus Christ in our meeting. Debbie Sigwarth, Kajka Pocajova, Veronika Capcikova and Stephanie Gassman have been here for most of June and July and we have appreciated the joy that each one of them brings to our fellowship! Virginia and Wynn Johnson have moved into the area and we welcome them with open arms! Bob Rutledge has rejoined us after many years of living in other locations, and we are so glad to see his face again. Ona Osaji's mother, Victoria, has come to see her new granddaughter and family; we hope she enjoys her stay in the States! The conference brought faces from around the world and the United States, and we were encouraged and strengthened by your presence. Thank you so much for taking the time to brighten our lives with your visits! 🙏



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