

# Keeping In Touch

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

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Behold,  
 how good and how pleasant it is for  
 brethren to dwell together in unity!

Psalm 133:1

### Info Center

A warm welcome to all of our readers! We are so happy to give you the October 2008 edition of *Keeping In Touch*. There are so many good and challenging messages found within these pages and our hope is that they might serve to encourage and strengthen your walk in the Lord!

As always, we want to hear what the Lord is speaking to you, also, whether it is a testimony, word of encouragement, a book review, or anything that you feel would be a blessing to the Body of Christ. Please send it to us at one of the addresses below. God bless you all!

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Hallelujah. I believe that God is powerful and He is revealing His plan to us; it is as if God spoke most of the things that were in our heart while we were praising. I believe the words of the song we sang contain the message which God wants to give His people during this conference. "CHANGE ME!" The word which is coming says, "Change me, Lord, change my heart, because whatever we want to do, wherever we want to go and to remain as we are, will become an insurmountable barrier."

Let us go back to Psalm 133. We have already talked about this Psalm and read it this week. *<sup>1</sup>Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! <sup>2</sup>It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; <sup>3</sup>As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.*

God says, "How good and how pleasant unity is." In the verses that follow, the Lord describes the anointing that comes with unity. But let us dwell in the first verse, what needs to be before the anointing can come. The Word of God says that brethren dwell with one-mindedness. I cited previously and I want to repeat it that the one mind does not mean that we agree with one another. We can cheer one football club and we can have one mind in that "this is our favorite football club," but this is not the unity that is in the mind of God. God speaks of one mind and this mind is nothing other than the mind of Christ.

During one convention that we had in Glanovitz many, many years ago, I was first introduced to Brother duCille, Brother Burt, Sister Sharon and others. At that time, our meeting, our genus was comprised of different groups. As the convention progressed, the tension between the groups began to rise and became almost tangible. I have to admit that at that time I hardly understood what the brethren were saying. In the theological sense, those things were too high for me, but my spirit rejoiced somehow. I knew somehow, "This is it, Lord, and the understanding will surely follow. It will come."

But I was distressed over the division, because in my simple mind I thought, "Why are we not one? We should be able to flow together in unity." Some of us slept in the open air outside at that time, and as I was lying on the ground in the dark night with stars over my head, I was looking into the universe and praying and saying, "God, what can I do that we would be one? How can I help bring unity?" The Lord showed me the stars of heaven and He asked me, "How could you unite these stars to be in one place?" He asked me, "How far are these stars one from another?"

So I was looking at the stars. I was thinking, "I would probably take them and bundle them and put them into one small place." When He asked me what the distance was and what was the measure of this unity, I thought the measure of the unity was this distance between the two stars. Yet some stars are farther apart than other stars.

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But God told me that this notion was wrong. He showed me the brightest star in the heavens that I had missed previously. He told me that this star was Christ, Truth, the Word of God, God Himself. All of a sudden, I felt that He did not need to say more. I understood at that moment that the only way to unite these stars was to aim towards this one bright star. So my question to the Lord was, "What can I do to be united with the other stars?" It is not that I should try to find out where the others are, where they stand, or that I should find some compromise, some word that they are able to bear and I am able to bear. Amen. But in order to be one with you, it is my simple responsibility to be one with Him.

So the whole task became very simple. You don't need to spend so much energy on trying to find out who stands where and how to come closer to him. Do you know what this is called when we try to gather stars and make them one? Ecumenism. This is called ecumenism. Do you know what the goal of ecumenism is, what its end is? All of them in this movement will, in unity, miss Christ. Amen.

That is not our goal. God told me that if I am this star, then the measure of disunity with others is this distance. The measure of disunity with this star is surprisingly this distance plus this distance.

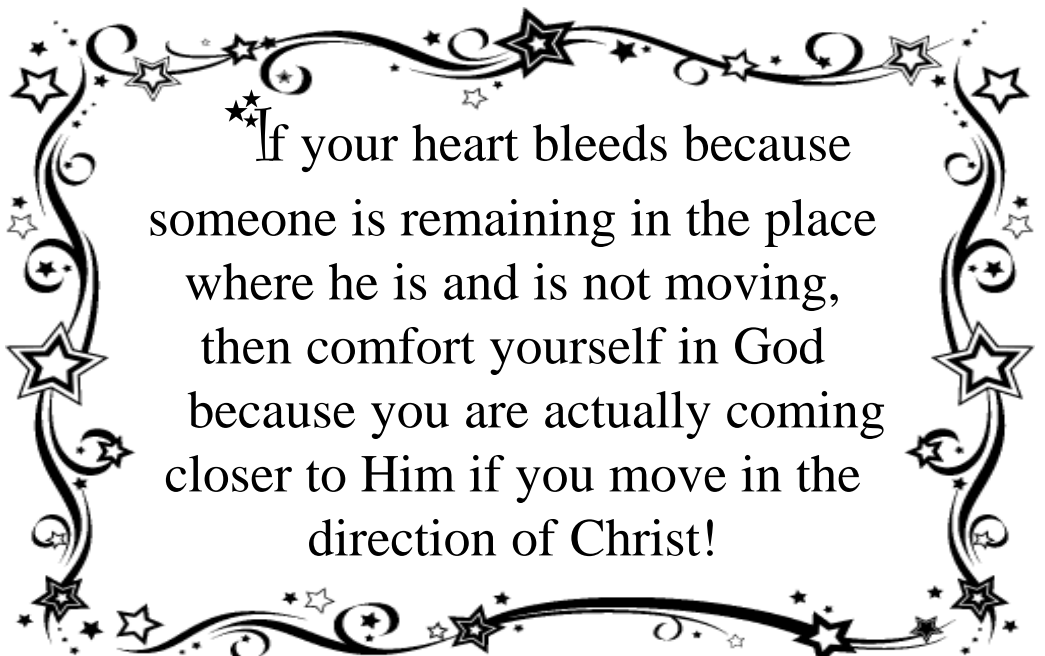
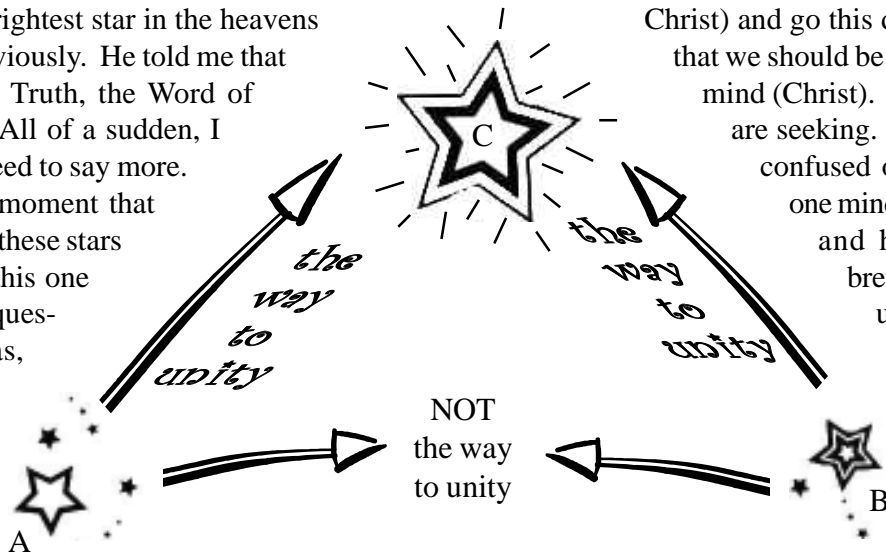
It is not my task and I should not try to overcome this distance (A to B) but I should try to overcome this distance (A to Christ) and I should help the other star to do the same (B to Christ). Amen. Sometimes we start on a journey and it might seem that the distance between me and the one that I want to be one with is increasing. That is why some people do not want to leave their denominations. They do not want to leave their confused and foolish theologies. Sometimes people do not want to leave the nation they belong to. Sometimes they do not like the idea of leaving someone of their own family. What if this star is some of my family, my relatives? God showed us that this is a false unity.

So if I want to bless and help this star (B), this brother or sister,

I need to start moving in this direction (A to Christ) and go this distance. If God tells us that we should be of one mind - here is the mind (Christ). This is the mind that we are seeking. Amen. So let us not be confused over unity and being of one mind. For "behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." For it is good and pleasant for brethren to dwell in unity and in one mind there (in Christ).

If your heart bleeds because someone is remaining in the place where he is and is not moving, then comfort yourself in God because you are actually coming closer to Him if you move in the direction of Christ! Have the hope, keep the hope that he also will start in the proper direction, in the right direction. Amen.

Look at the same verse that we find in I Corinthians 1:10, *Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.* God is giving us a commandment only because we are able to fulfill that commandment. He would not do it otherwise. God is encouraging us to have one mind, to have unity, despite the fact that we have different backgrounds, different heritages, or different nationalities. In order to be one with this particular unity, we need to break and to put aside unity with something else or someone else. That is why we need to put aside the fact that we belong to



our nation or our family.

I don't know if you know, but I am half Czech and half German. I do not know which is worse. The German in me thinks it is terrible to be Czech and the Czech in me thinks it is terrible to be German. Yet, the thing that both these two nations have in common, not only these two, but all the nations, is pride over who I am. Amen. We know that we Czechs are better than the others, right? Somewhere deep down in us we know this, especially when we win the hockey championship. BUT, we have to set this aside and declare that "I am not Czech." We have to pray to God and ask Him to show us what it truly means to be joined to some nation.

Do you know what is important for each and every one of us? To travel! Let us go as God sends us to fellowships in different countries. Then we will be confronted with the fact that there are so many Czech things that are totally off, totally wrong. Amen. The way in which we deal with things and behave is all around us; everyone in the family behaves that way. We have thought up until now that that is the standard; that is the proper way of behavior; that is the way things should be. All of a sudden these things begin to be shaken and all of the things that we thought that we had and all of the things that we thought that we were and are, God is shaking them.

It is like the plow that Brother Burt talked about the other night. It is plowing not just the first, second or third layers of earth, but it is plowing the deeper ground that has hardened over time. It is hard. It is not possible that we would begin to move in this direction unless that plow gets deep into the ground and begins to heave and break the ground up and bring it to the surface. God has called us to this place, to this conference. He has gathered us from different nations, from different heritages, from different tribes - that He would take the plow and bury it deep and turn over the earth that all those things that are so deep and so settled in us would be turned over. I have a desire and I believe that God will go deeper still in our souls and work in our souls. So let us take a look at the means which God has given us to be able to start on the journey to move in the proper direction.

Let us look into Ephesians 4:11, *And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and*

*some, pastors and teachers.* You can scratch out *pastor* in your King James Bible. The proper word is *shepherd*. <sup>12</sup>*For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: <sup>13</sup>Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:*

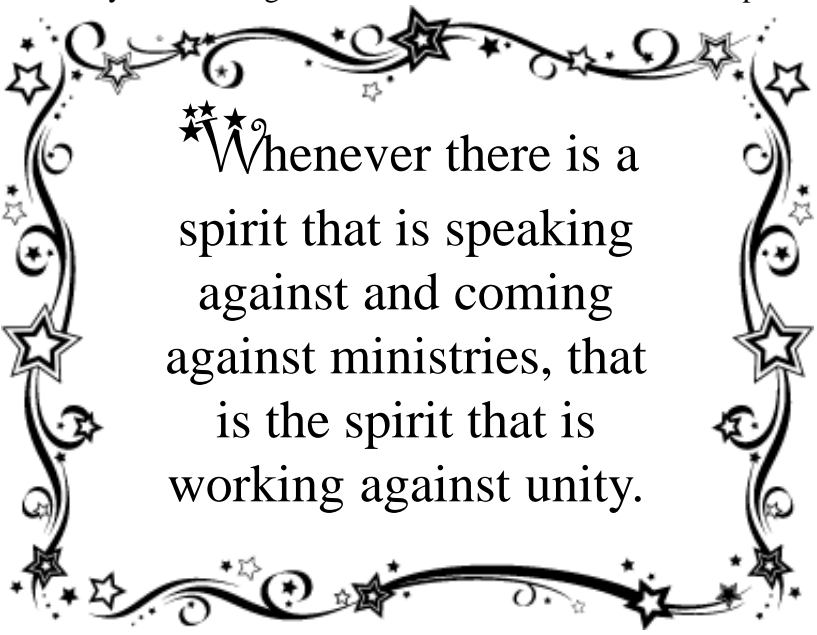
God is giving us a similar picture when He says that we should all come in the unity of the faith and the words *come in the unity of the faith* indicates that we are all scattered. None of us were born in this place. God is saying to us that He knows that we have been scattered, each one in his own direction. But here in verses 11 and 12 He is giving us a guideline for how to come into one place, into unity. God is encouraging and exhorting us to become members, part of the Body of Christ. He is telling us that we should have apostles, prophets, teachers and

other ministries and the relationship between us and the ministries of God can be compared to a marriage. Maybe later we will be able to come to the picture where the boards in the tabernacle hold the bars with golden rings. It speaks about a holy relationship that is optional. It speaks about willingness.

Each and every one of us should ask ourselves, "With whom do I have this relationship? Where

are my apostles? Where are my prophets and my teachers?" If you do not have this clear in your heart, you have to seek God, because without that, you cannot come together in the unity of the faith. This is God's provision and blessing that we might be able to come to that place. If we were to cancel ministries and say that each and every one of us is able to find God and to find unity, we would be like the stars that are just wandering somewhere deep in the sky. God did not tell us that each and every one of us should find unity of faith by himself. God is telling us that we should receive and submit to the ministries which He gave and that we should do it willingly. Then the time when the ministries pass away - because we read in the Scripture that they are only temporal to time - then the time will come when we will be together in one place, when we will have the knowledge of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Amen.

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against unity. That is a spirit that is trying to drive the stars apart. If we worked together, we would be able to stand as the boards of the tabernacle and be as the stones in Solomon's temple; we would encourage one another; we would in faith and love overcome things which are not perfect.

The devil will come to try to bring to light, to show things that are different. My imperfection does not seem to be so imperfect as your imperfection. Amen. So where is the difference? I believe that today we are not bothered, or have a problem with the fact that we are different in body. Someone is tall, someone is short, someone is man, someone is woman, someone is white, someone is yellow, red, black, whatever; that is not what is dividing us. Amen. Can we say "Amen"? So if somewhere in our soul we have a problem with this, ask God to open your eyes. These may be things that we don't even see, that we are not even aware of. But because I believe we have overcome this level, at least in this part of the world, then the difference is found in our soul and we know what soul is. Amen.

What is the soul comprised of? The human soul has mind, emotions, will and desires. Let's write it so that we are not confused. So we have emotions here, will on the bottom and desires are here. So the differences lie in the fact that my soul is somehow established and the soul of another person is made up differently. I can say it in a

different way: My soul is distorted in a different way than another person's soul is distorted. We have to leave the persuasion that my soul is not actually the soul of Christ. Does it really matter how much your soul is distorted from how distorted my soul is? Does it really matter? But we compare our own distortions and iniquities with who has greater. Do we compare our nations and say that my nation's soul distortion is better than your nation's soul? Amen. Or that my family (name) is corrupt in a better way than your family is corrupt? It is all corruption. All of that is far away from the glory of God and from the mind of God.

So, let us set aside all the tensions, all the workings of us comparing one to another. Devil will easily show us

distortions or evil things in another person, even in marriage. My wife, of course, comes from a different family than I do. The devil sees great potential in this and he tries to show me how my family is corrupted better than her family, that the things which we used to do are the correct things and that the only way you can achieve unity with me (speaking to my wife), is for you to submit and become as I am. If we think in this manner, then it is because we are persuaded that our corruption is better or less than the other corruption. We are dealing with something low in the earth, in the ground. We are fighting and we are establishing and we are strengthening our corrupt soul, instead of saying, "God, I was born in sin, shapen in iniquity" (Psalm 51:5). Amen. "God, I was born in this way and unless Your goodness reaches out for me and saves me, I will progress in the corruption to come to the place of a perfectly corrupted man." Amen.

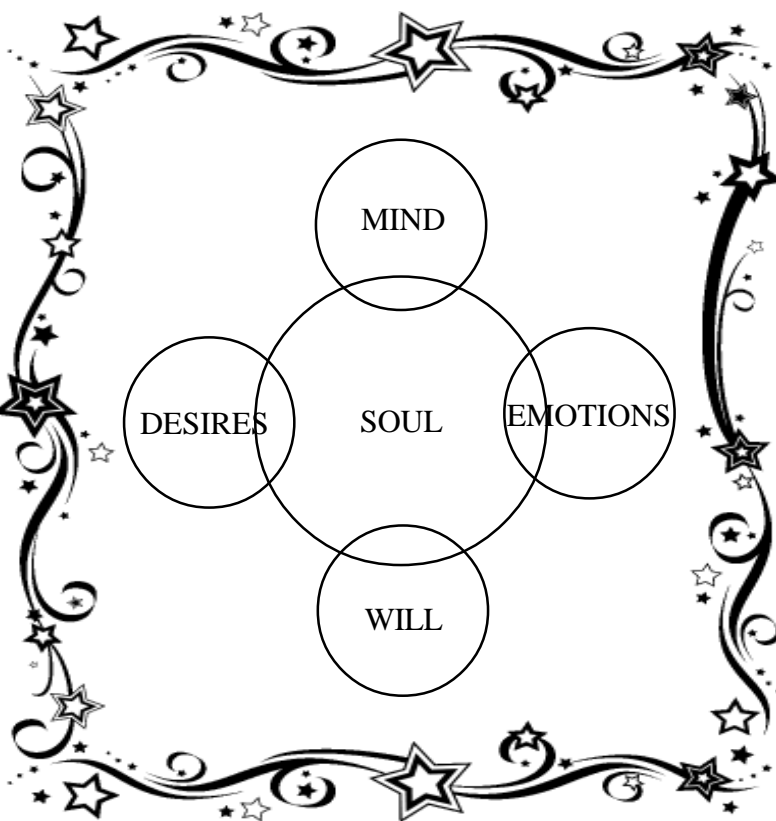
I hope you are taking this personally. As we are sitting here this morning, we are a meeting of souls that are corrupted in different ways, different manners. If we are able to see this, then instead of fighting one with another, husband with wife and brother with brother, we should be together crying unto the Lord, "CHANGE ME, OH GOD!" We sang the song, "Change me so that my corruption is taken away and I am changed into the perfect image." I am not careful of my brother on the left and on the right. It

is his own personal cry unto You. But I need to use our meeting together and our anointing which God is giving us, so I cry, "CHANGE ME! CHANGE MY HEART, OH LORD! Allow me this day to leave a little bit of my corruption behind me."

I believe and am persuaded that the people around me are crying to the Lord in the same manner. As I am drawing nigh to that star, by my own moving towards the star I am becoming less of a stumbling block for you, so you are able to draw closer to that star as well. I believe, I hope that each and every one of us has the same cry

in our hearts.

Let us take a look at what is written in Revelation 4, which describes the perfect soul that is in the heavenly realm. Revelation 4:1, *After this I looked, and, behold, a*



*door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. <sup>2</sup>And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.* There is one throne and there is one sitting on that throne. We honor and glorify one God, the Lord Jesus Christ. We do not bow down to anyone else, to anything else. So, if we have in our souls other gods or idols, things which we worship, which we love, (I am not speaking about the love which we should have for brethren, etc., but I am speaking about an attitude of adoration which is not proper) let us allow God to walk through our soul to send light to see if there are not some other gods.

Do you know sometimes how we can find out? When some commandment comes from this throne, is there some other god who would prevent you from fulfilling the commandment? When God tells me to go, is there something that is holding me back? When God says eat, is there something which holds me back? When God says not to eat, when God says not to go, when He says speak, or do not speak, are there some other gods whom we must consult? Let us reject them. Let us establish one Lord in the midst of our soul.

Revelation 4:3, *And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.* I do not want to go into details, but the rainbow shows or points to the fact that, in our soul, around that throne, there is a covenant made. It is the soul that is under the covenant made with the living God. It is the covenant that God will not destroy us from the face of the earth. It is a covenant which represents other covenants like the one where God said that He will write His law into our mind and into our heart (Hebrews 8:10).

*<sup>4</sup>And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. <sup>5</sup>And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.* We see perfected, changed human soul. We

see the maturity, twelve times two elders. We see that the soul has authority. It reigns. It reigns in righteousness.

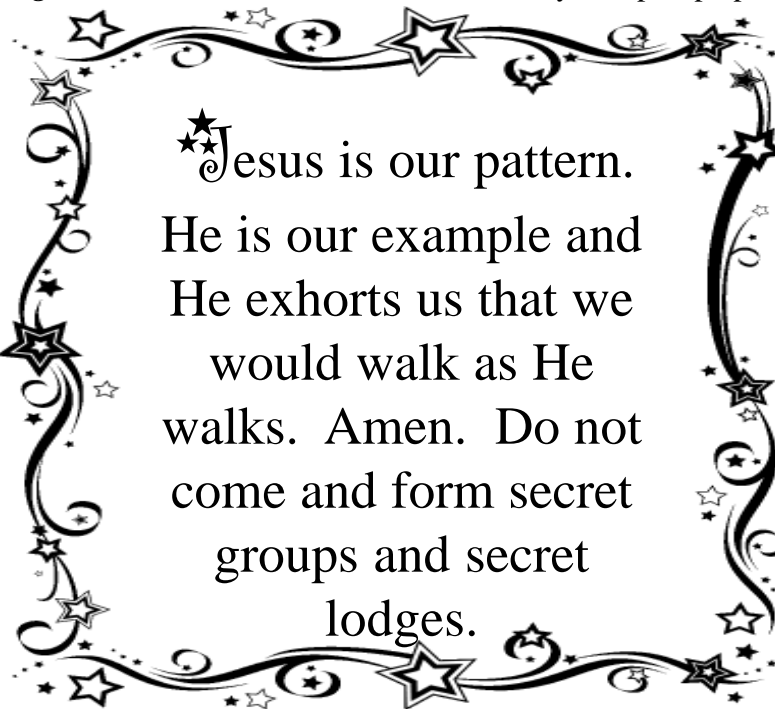
*<sup>6</sup>And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.* Our soul is still dark. If I said that today we have the technology to take your soul and to show what is in your soul here on the wall, project it on the wall - your thoughts during the past time, who of you would volunteer? I really think no one would volunteer. But isn't that our goal? Isn't that our hope? Isn't it our hope that my soul is as the sea of glass - pure, clear, transparent, light? You would be able to see through me and see all my attitudes and my motives. Wouldn't that bring us to a great rest? This is the soul that is changed. That is the goal we should be moving towards. A soul that doesn't have any hidden faults, any hidden agenda, motives, anything hidden in the darkness, a soul which is transparent, pure, yet is not naïve. So if you find something in your soul which is preventing the pureness, the transparency, if you have some other agenda, then repent, because you cannot be one mind with God.

When Jesus Christ walked this earth and there were accusations that came against Him, He said, "I spoke all things openly. There was nothing I did in the dark or that was hidden. I did not speak heresies somewhere in the dark with my disciples preparing my coup."

John 18:20, *Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing.* "There was no hidden agenda to take power. I talked against the Pharisees openly and everyone could hear it. I spoke against sin openly. I have openly come and purged the temple. I have openly spoken that I will go to the cross, that I will be hung on the cross. I spoke openly to the governors and to the rulers when they

had the power to send Me to the cross. I did not do something outwardly and something else inwardly." Amen.

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openly. Let us be open. Can it be misused against us? Yes, it can be used against us. Will it be used against us? Yes, it will, to the point of death. But are not we to walk in the path of the Lamb? Yes. Amen. So let us make a decision that we will be transparent.

***“And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.*** The four beasts speak about four parts of our souls. But each of these beasts is full of eyes in the front and from behind. We should not be naïve. When Jesus walked this earth He was not naïve. He was able to see right through. Sometimes the dialogue that Jesus had with someone seemed to be a bit off or crazy, because the people said something and Jesus answered. Yet He did not answer in the same manner, because He was answering on the basis of the state of the heart of the person. So we need to learn to see.

Brother Mark had a very good message the other day when we were in Prague. He talked about the infirmities/blemishes which can prevent us from entering into the Holy of Holies. One of these blemishes had to do with blindness in our eyes. We have need that God would cleanse our eyes. In Revelation 3 it says that we should buy the salve to wash our eyes, to cleanse our eyes. Amen.

God exhorts and rebukes the church in Revelation 3, a church that thinks it sees, but God says they are blind. God is showing us that in the soul that is changed and perfected that there is seeing (vision) in front of us and behind us as well. This should provoke you to desire and say, “Lord, change me! Lord God, give me sight to see as You see.” You know that sometimes in order to see properly, you have to close your own natural eyes. I enjoy being in the presence of God and in the presence of the men of God who are mature, because when I am there I am continually confronted with my inability to see as God sees. These are small situations with different people where I think that I see something properly, especially this one brother who always comes in a way that is so above me and it opens my eyes. Amen. It opens my eyes and it shows me how the Lord sees.

Look at the story that we read about Jesus and the woman who was caught in adultery. Who gave the law that she should be stoned for her act? Jesus gave the law, God Himself. That was the law of God, and that is why they were coming up to Jesus with stones in their hands. They were asking Him about this commandment and they said, “We are about to do Your will.” Right? They saw on one level, but God, the Author of this law, was looking at a completely different level. So, Jesus was sitting there in that tense situation. He just stooped down and He wrote something in the sand. What did He see at that moment? What did He see in the woman? What did He see in the

people around? In the natural plane, you see a woman in sin and the righteous performers of the law of God. Amen. Yet Jesus saw something completely different (John 8).

Once I said, “Lord, I would like to know so much. What did you write in the sand? Maybe you were making a small fish?” You know, that Christian fish symbol (Ichthys). Jesus did not answer for some time, but then He gave me a simple word. He said, “I do not do anything else but that which I see My Father doing” (John 5:19). Then I thought, “Where did my Father write with His finger? Where was it?”

God showed me that in the Old Testament He wrote with His finger the laws into the tables of stone. Jesus at that time was writing the new law, the new covenant into the hearts of the people. Amen. So Jesus, at that moment, saw sinful people and He saw a woman that needed to be delivered from her sin. That was a different picture. Because of His vision, because of how He saw things He was able to say, ***...He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her*** (John 8:7).

He did not deny the law that He Himself gave. That law’s goal was to protect Israel from sin, but they came and they began to throw away the stones one after another and leave, because Jesus saw something. Amen. So Jesus waited until everybody left, but that is not the end of it. He went to that woman and He fulfilled His own law. He said, “Go and sin no more. Do not stay as you are. Go and sin no more.”

Isn’t that a different type of seeing, a different type of vision than we would see it? Sometimes we see situations and we see them so clear. She was caught in adultery, in sin. It cannot be more plain. I do not need to speculate, I do not need to think about this. The Word of God says very clearly, “Where is the stone?” Amen. Yet God is telling us that we need to rise higher.

So, each part of our soul needs to have eyes in front and from behind to see as God sees. This alone should bring us to a place where we cry, “Lord, change me!” Amen.

Who of you is in a place where he can say that he sees? Or do you have a feeling that you see better than the others and you think it is sufficient? Amen. God is exhorting us that we would allow Him to plow and overturn our set ways, the way that we see things.

God is showing us the changed soul. Let us take a look at the four beasts.

Revelation 4:7, ***And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.*** The first beast was like a lion, the Lion of Judah. Amen. That lion has the power. That lion is able to roar, but it is also submitted. Amen.

So, how are our emotions doing? Are our emotions



struggle within yourself and your walk will not

be simple because you desire to go somewhere else, to do something else, but you know you should be here or walk here, so you force yourself. Amen. But as you progress, as you go on, God will require more and more. If you do not have the desires of God then you will not be able to lay down your life. Cry to the Lord that He would give you His desires so that when you have a free afternoon and you are able to choose what you want to do, you will desire to be with God, you will desire to be with the people of God, you will desire to do the works of God. At that moment the Scripture which says, "His yoke is easy and His burden is light" (Matthew 11:30) will become reality because His desires will be your desires.

Hallelujah. You know our Christianity should not be that we are told or dragged. Amen. This is not enough. We said this previously; this is not enough. Maybe we can be drawn forcibly to the first salvation, to the brazen altar. But then we need to walk willingly. Amen. Then it should be my joy, it should be my pleasure to lay down my life.

The Scripture which we read in Ephesians 4:13 says, (at least in the Czech translation) "when we all" not *come*, but "when we all run together." Quickly run together in the unity! Amen. So it says that when our desires are changed we are able to run and we run in the light. It is not anything heavy.

You know, my daughter Johanna was not well and she was sick up in her bed. The day that she was shut apart, we asked her, "Do you want to go to the meeting?" She said, "Yes, yes! At long last, I would like to do that." You don't have to tell her, "Come, come. Here are your shoes. Put on your shoes." Instead, there was a great desire and an energy and she just ran.

As the commandment of God meets your desire, there is a totally different power and energy in itself. If you come to a meeting and you desire inwardly to be somewhere else, the whole meeting has this atmosphere of "I would rather be somewhere else." It is like when you go and you drag your feet behind you. Amen. Then when we say it is time for lunch, we jump up! That means that our desires need to be changed, transformed. God doesn't want us to do His will against our desires. That is not His goal. God says, "...for God loveth a cheerful giver" (II Corinthians 9:7). If you do not want to give time, energy, finances and you still give even though you do not want to, it is a half-way give. Amen. The answer is to ask God to change your desires.

*...and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle...* Amen. In the book of Ezekiel we do not read about a

submitted to God? When God moves and works in the emotions, do we follow Him? When God says that we should rejoice and dance as fools, as King David did, will our emotions hold us back, or will our pride prevent us from appearing as fools before others? Will the Michals in us say, "What are you doing here? You are behaving like a fool. Stop it! You are a king!"

If you have this barrier of Michal in you and you do not let go and allow your emotions to follow the Lord, then as Michal was barren, you will remain barren, unproductive. Your pride will prevent you from bringing forth in God. Amen. It is necessary to submit our emotions to God. On the other hand, when we see that it is not God that is moving in our emotions, but that it is another source that is moving our emotions - our emotions need to be under control. We cannot be emotional people. We need our emotions to be changed.

*...and the second beast like a calf...* Look into Ezekiel 1:10. We see that it was not a calf there, but an ox. We see that the ox is stubborn. It is impossible to move an ox. When he makes up his mind, it is impossible to move him, he is so stubborn. Amen. Maybe some of you have experienced this with real oxen. God likens this unchanged will of man to an ox. Amen. Some of us have this will of this ox. "I have made up my mind. I have decided. There is no way anyone can move me or persuade me in any other way." There is no ability to be flexible, to bend. Amen. "It is this way. It is this way. That is how it is. I don't want to hear anything else." Amen. God says to us that the soul that is changed does not have an ox in itself. It has the meek calf. Even the calf has the potential to become strong and to be strong, yet it is able to submit, to be led, to be controlled. Amen. Let us let our will be changed to this image of God.

*...and the third beast had a face as a man...* This picture that we see here speaks about the desires of the Son of man. Changed desires. Amen. God wants to change our desires. He wants to plow the ground to change our desires. You know, desires are something that are hidden. They are deep, deep, deep and are hidden. Desires are that which will motivate us, will guide us, will chart our course of action and walk in life. If you do not desire the things of God it will be very difficult for you to walk, to go. In the end your own desires will trip you up. You will find out that all other motivations are insufficient to bring you into the kingdom of God. Amen.

If you desire to do something other than the will of God, you will experience a constant battle, a constant

flying eagle. Do you know how an eagle flies? He does not work hard. Is that possible? I didn't know this until recently. I talked with this person who flies ultra light aircraft and he flies them with eagles. He said they fly side by side. These eagles are just soaring up in the clouds.

When you take this ultra light plane that doesn't have an engine and bring it up in the air, do you know how long it can stay up? How long do you think it takes before it drops down to the earth? One hour? Three hours? Until the pilot gets tired? He can stay up there as long as he wants, all day! It does not depend on the engine. He is not up there because of the engine. He doesn't need it. He is able to go down so that he can see better. Then he can allow himself to be lifted up to four or five kilometers. He can go from Prague to Brenholm and then to Olomouc, up and down.

I said, "How is this possible?" He began to explain to me the thermodynamics of the air, how it functions, how it works. (I probably missed my Physics lesson when I was young.) He explained to me how powerful warm air is which rises. He explained how there are weather conditions high in the air completely different than in our realm. You have a short strain or some strange things. He explained to me how he looks for the currents of the air to bring him high. He looks for a small cloud and he knows that where the cloud is there is air that will just lift him up. He said, "There is a place where you fly with the eagles and the eagles have their rules where they just go up like this and we go up like this and we respect one another."

This speaks about the mind of Christ, not about the mind that is focused on the earth as the chicken has. This is the story that we heard from Brother Bill Britton. Amen. These chickens just scrape the yard in the dirt to get their worm, or to get a seed. They protect their own chicken house and prevent anyone from entering in. Amen. This can speak of anything in our lives. We are scraping the dirt and we are so unhappy because this earthworm is in the earth and I cannot get it out. Amen. I cried, "My God, where is the worm?" The mind is so low. Or, "My God, some other chicken came and ate my worm right before my eyes... It was my worm!"

Amen. At the same time we do not realize how low we are. Do you know how many worms are in the earth? Is not God able to provide for me? Have you ever seen eagles fighting over a mouse? Amen. God is telling us that our mind should be as a flying eagle. The eagle spends most of his time high up in the air, yet he has eyes that are able to see way below. When there is some victim, he streamlines his wings and goes down like lightning. He does not stay down there a long time. He gets hold of the mouse and up he goes. He is up in the air again. Amen.

This is the will of God for our minds. Our minds should not be bound to the low level of this earth, to think all the time, "What shall I eat? What about this? What about my children? What about that? What about him? What about her? What about them? What about mine? Poor me, for the second worm got into the earth and I did not get it." And, "This chicken has the third worm and I did not catch anything this day!" Amen.

God does not want us to be on such a low level. That is not the thinking and flowing of the sons of God. We see this conflict in a discussion that Jesus had with His disciples. Matthew 16:6, *...beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.* They said, "Oh, BREAD! We forgot bread! What shall we do? We forgot bread! What shall we eat?" Then Jesus said, "Have you not been there when God provided for us? Are you still thinking so low? Are you not able to rise up in your mind to a mind that is set upon God? Has not God provided and taken care? Did not Peter open the mouth of the fish and take out the coin? When we needed the colt of an ass, did we not get it? Why do you still strive and fight for your own position for low things? Wouldn't you rather rise up into the mind of God? Wouldn't you rather cast yourself upon God and if there is a necessity to go down for a while you would go?"

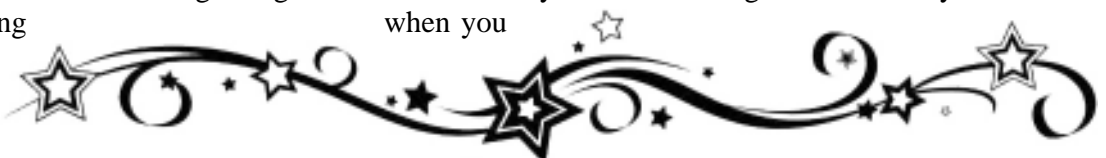
Let us rise up from things that are earthly. Let us leave the things of the unredeemed, unchanged mind. Let us ask God that He would give us this mind, that He would give us this soul, this change. Amen.

Let us go back to Revelation 4:1. *After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.* My Czech Bible says, "Come up hither, and I will shew thee what is to happen afterwards." I asked God, "Hereafter? After what? When? Hereafter You mean in time?" God brought me to the end of the third chapter and He said, "Hereafter."

Revelation 3:20, *Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.* I said, "God, what is the link? How do they correlate to one another?" God told me, "This changed mind comes from the Word of God."

If you desire to have a soul like this, you need to fulfill verse 20. We know that this Scripture does not apply to unbelievers. It is spoken to the church. But if you hear the knocking at the door, then God says, "If you hear the knocking and you open, I will come in and sup with you."

Have you ever thought about what you will eat when you



have supper with Jesus? I asked God more and I said, "Show me! How is it that first is the supper with the Lord and then is the changed soul?"

The Lord showed me the fourth piece of furniture in the tabernacle, which is the Table of Shewbread, with 12 loaves. The fifth piece of furniture is the Golden Altar of Incense upon which our soul is offered.


The Lord said, "There is an order in the way in which we must go."

Interestingly, water baptism, baptism in the Holy Spirit and the working together with Christ comes before feeding, the supper with Christ. They lie to us when they say that the top achievement is when you have spiritual gifts and talk in tongues. But we know that it is only the beginning of the journey. What does it say when Paul speaks about all the spiritual gifts in I Corinthians 12? He says, "I will show you higher things." Then in chapter 13 he speaks about the changed soul, about the love of God. Amen.

God says that if we are willing to put our souls on the altar that they might be changed, then we need to spend time at the Table of Shewbread. We need to feed on the Word of God. We need to allow this Word of God to change our mind that we would rise up as the eagle upon the Word, upon the flow of the Holy Ghost. I believe that you are as I was when I was down there digging the earth. Sometimes man feels like a fool to be a fool.

Then I say, "Lord, what about this problem? What do we do about this? What do we do about that?" Then my wife tells me to take the Word of God and to read. I think it is God sometimes, too - it is God through my wife. Often God talks through our wives and our husbands. Amen. When you take the Word of God in a situation and you read the Scriptures, your mind begins to lift and all of a sudden you are flying. The same situation that a while ago did not seem to have any solution, all of a sudden you see it from a different angle. All of a sudden you see a number of solutions. At least, you see God and then God is able to solve your problem. Spend the time at the Table of Shewbread. Whether it is the Word which you read in the Bible, or you listen to it while you are driving in the car, or you have some other ways or channels to absorb the Word of God, feed on the Word of God so that thereafter God might show us a changed soul. Amen.

So, let us draw nigh to God. Let us utilize this conference, because now is the time. Now is the time of the fifth piece of furniture. You know, it is not just that you come to the Altar of Incense and you pour the incense on it and that is it. But you burn the incense on it. There is a fire and through that fire there is a change that is being done in the incense. It is being changed. So again through fire comes the change in



our soul. Do not resist the fire. Do not refuse it, but use it for the transformation of your soul. When that is done the smell rises up, the fragrance rises up and the whole inner sanctuary is in this fragrance.

Tell me, do you know the fragrance of the changed character of someone who has gone through something and his character was purified, changed? This is the fragrance that draws us and this is the fragrance that is so acceptable before God. Amen. Do we not desire to become the sacrifice that will then become the fragrance acceptable before God? Not only that, but the Scripture says that we are the fragrance of Christ.

II Corinthians 2:15, *For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish...* What does it do? It smells good unto life to one. Amen. So, if you want to bring people unto life, you can spray yourself with something that smells good and that will not help you. But a changed soul fragrance will help. It scents someone for life; it draws him to life and into life.

Again, how can I help my brother to be delivered? How can I help to enter into unity with him? Only in the way that I myself am delivered. So allow God to change our souls through the fire so that the fragrance may come forth. Let us allow the change of our souls. Let us not stay who we are. Amen. Let us not stay in the old Czech family way of thinking. Amen. Let us allow God to tear down so that He may build up and establish. Let us use this time, let us come ready this evening. Let us allow ourselves to be crucified so that we might also be resurrected.

Say, "God, no more. I do not want to continue in this manner any longer. Change me! Kill me! So that You might resurrect me!" Surround yourselves with the Word of God.

I will finish from Joshua 1:8, *This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*

There is not much time for me to explain to you that by allowing your souls to be saved, you are hastening and quickening the coming of the Lord to the earth. I will only say this: the first coming of the Lord is into us. It is not in a way that He comes all of a sudden. The way that He comes is that He comes into our spirit and from our spirit into our soul and from our soul into our body and from our body into this world. So you are a channel or a pipe through which God pushes more and more of His character and His Blood so that it would become manifest in the earth. Amen. May the Lord bless us. Amen. ☞



# That They May Be One...

by Roman Oulicky

I truly had an unusual experience with Jesus on May 29<sup>th</sup>. I've never had anything quite like it up to that day. That day, Jeshua sovereignly visited me in a way that I experienced to be in Him and He in me. It was an ordinary day; I was going to work, then in the evening working at home, but something was totally different. It was like there was no difference between Him and me, as we were one and yet I had my own conscience and ability to have my own thoughts. It was like I was lifted to another level. It was so uplifting and refreshing, it was like a window into another world. At first I thought that it was something irreversible but alas, the next day I woke up and was back in my "dirt." I later described it to brethren like a situation where I am to make my way forward but I come to a high wall. I am struggling to surmount it over and over again but I am not able. Then, by some heavenly force (not my power or ability), I am lifted up on the top of this high wall and I see a totally different world on the other side. What I see is hard to describe but it anchors in my soul. Then I am put back down and the wall stands tall before me as it was. I now know what's on the other side and at the same time I am acutely aware of my own misery, weakness and need for the grace of God.

During that day I have realized a few things which could be summarized perhaps like this:

1. When Jesus, the Light, is so close, all our thoughts come into bright light and everything dark is exposed instantaneously. When such light is looking through and through, seeing everything in me, one has to repent immediately. Such presence of light absolutely changes the way I look at people, think of people; no place whatsoever for any shadow of darkness or uncleanness in the mind. At the same time I

realized that we often struggle with sin (perhaps only in the mind) but we do not truly hate it enough to divorce it since the other face of it is that, since the sin is our friend, we do not want to let go and die to it. Closeness to Jesus simply measures the amount of real determination and hatred towards the sin that so easily besets us.

2. The scripture says that we see as through dark glass, as in a mirror. I have realized that day how many different veils shroud our sight when we are trying to look at Him. In II Corinthians 3, Paul speaks about the veil that Moses had on His face and then he transposes this to be a veil on the heart and mind of man. I was desperate that day to realize that we are wrapped around with these veils of our flesh and humanity that we do not see Him clearly as He is in all that He is.

3. Being that day in Him put a totally different perspective on situations and problems which arise (or might) in life. I tried to picture various situations and difficulties that could come about that day and immediately I knew internally that "in Him" there is absolutely no situation or problem that could not be overcome including whatever the year 2008 might bring. I just can't describe the feeling of being on a much higher level and all possible (and even impossible) problems and situations being somewhere low and below. I realized that Jesus, in His infinite power and authority, can deal with absolutely any situation here on earth and any thought contrary to this fact seemed totally absurd and ridiculous. And being in Him puts one into the same place as He is - there is no insurmountable obstacle or problem. In fact, it can even hardly be called a problem from that lifted and high place. ☺

# THE WAY OF THE CROSS



Burt Asbill



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I think we need to go on to the next phase of the Word. It says, He sent His Word and healed my disease. I believe that there is healing power in this Word right here.

Romans 10:17, So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Hallelujah. The simplicity of that little statement was made very real to me one day when I was hearing Brother Gruver minister about some of his experiences. He had just gotten knocked off of a cliff by some devils. He must have fallen some 20 or 30 feet. He grabbed a little piece of twig. It kind of reminded me of the hyssop that springeth out of the wall: (I Kings 4:33). Hallelujah. But it was enough to keep him from falling on the rocks below.

I don't know if you have ever heard Brother Gruver and all of his testimonies. You would think that, at that point in time, there would be some great spiritual manifestation or rising up in the Spirit. Yet because of the physical condition and the place that he was in, there was a certain trepidation and fear that was coming upon him. Of course, you would think that the man of God would rise up and rebuke it with the Blood of Jesus Christ, but the only thing he could think to do was to hang there on the cliff, pull out his Bible and begin to read it. I think

it was a couple of hours that he hung there on that twig reading his Bible aloud before he got enough strength and courage and determination to try to start wiggling up the cliff.

He has another tremendous testimony to tell, but the simplicity of the solution to his dilemma was what amazed me. Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (Romans 10:17). Hallelujah.

So, just remember that little testimony. In your time of trouble I hope that you have a Bible and I hope that you pull it out and read it. But if you don't, you can still memorize it and hide it in your heart. It is amazing what terror will do and what it will dredge up out of the old memory banks when it comes to the Word of God.

I believe one of the thoughts in getting back to basics is getting back to the Bible. There was a little saying that was spoken when I was young in the Lord and it was, "If it is in the Bible, then God said it, I believe it and that is good enough for me." With this modern technology that we have and all of the devices that are at our disposal, it seems like the Bible really doesn't take up a whole lot of room anymore. You can put it on a little chip about an inch long and half-an-inch wide. Then you put it on your device, like your phone. I guess that would be "Dial Up A Scripture." Praise the Lord.





Let us turn in your Bibles this evening to I Corinthians. I want to tell you of a vision that I had here a while back. You probably heard it before, but I feel to go back over it again. I believe that it is not only pertinent for the timeframe and the place that it was given, but it is also pertinent for this hour. I believe that you represent the soldier that was in the vision. I believe it represents the company of people who are here before me. I saw the vision at a Schuyler, Nebraska,

Conference. We were praising the Lord. I suppose it was a similar situation to Job 1. I don't remember who, but somebody was ministering on Job during this session. I knew that it had a similarity to that position of that story in the vision.

In the vision I was in an office, or I was looking into an office. It was an executive type office. There was this big desk and it seemed like in this desk was this electronic console. It had all kinds of lights and switches and buttons. There was a Man behind the desk as though waiting for someone to come. It seemed as though He had an appointment with somebody. I knew the office was His and I knew that this Man was the Lord. As He was sitting there I looked over His right shoulder.

There was a man. He was dressed in a blue uniform. I really cannot describe the blueness of the uniform. It was like it was transparent, but yet it had substance because you couldn't see through it. It also had an effervescent, almost alive, look. He had a beret on and he was decorated with many combat medals. He had the braid on his uniform which was significant of some position or honor. All of the accoutrements that were on him, the epaulets on his shoulders, were made of gold. There was a golden insignia on his hat which I could not make out. There was a patch on his left shoulder that bore the same insignia.

I knew that he was a man, that he was not an angel. I also knew that he was in the service of the Lord and he had been in many different battles. He was a seasoned warrior. He was also a man of deep respect and admiration and he was not moving a muscle. He was not standing at attention, but he was standing at

what we call "parade rest" and he was looking straight ahead. Hallelujah.

All of a sudden another man walked into the room. He was a very handsome man. He had deep black hair and he was dark complected. He had a very expensive suit on. His shoes were immaculately shined, very black and very expensive. I knew it to be the devil. I knew that because I have seen him before, not only once, but on different occasions, dressed in the same way. Maybe he had on a different suit or different pair of shoes, but nevertheless, it was the same devil. Unlike those other appearances where he always came with

arrogance and a presumptuous pride and authority, he kind of just slinked into the office. Instead of sitting like you would expect of someone dressed in the way that he was, erect in their chair and in a position of command (I've often pondered on that part of the vision), He was like a spoiled child that you were trying to discipline or talk to that sits in a chair and sort of slumps to one side.

He would not look directly at the Lord, but the Lord was looking directly at him. He said to the man, "Have you

seen My people who have gathered today in Schuyler to praise and to worship Me?"

The devil kind of squirmed around a little bit and he said, "Yes. I have seen them. But they are easily diverted and they are easily subverted."

At that moment the Lord looked down. It was as though I could see His eyes and I can't really explain to you the kindling that I saw in His eyes. It was almost as though He was composing Himself, if He was able lose His composure.

Finally, He looked up and He looked right at the devil. He said to the devil, "Go and do what you have to do."

Immediately the devil disappeared. The Lord kind of pulled back in His chair. He was looking at something on His desk that involved this electronic

"They are easily diverted and they are easily subverted."





equipment imbedded in the desk.

All of a sudden, He spun around in His chair. Immediately, the soldier that was standing there snapped to attention. Although he did not know what was going on, he was looking deeply at the Master. There was something in his paying attention to the presence of the Master, or the Commander. As He spun around, He did not rise from His chair, but He leaned forward and pointed His finger right into the soldier's face. Hallelujah.

All of a sudden I found myself inside of the man. This man was a seasoned soldier and yet there was something in him that kind of drew back. There was something in the action or the word that startled him. Now, he did not move a muscle. He was in complete control and command of his body. It was his soul that was somewhat reeling back, in the sense of responsibility, possibly.

When the Lord pointed His finger in the man's face, He said to the man, "And it is your job to stop him!"

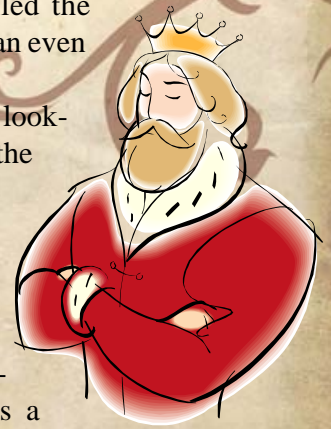
Hallelujah. I came out of the vision.

That was probably three years ago. I think that we are a whole lot closer to having to do what needs to be done than we were at that particular time. There are many things that we find in the Word that are exciting. We can talk about sonship and all of the things that it pertains to and it can excite us. We can envision thrones and positions of authority, bringing demons and devils under the subjective power of the Holy Ghost by the Blood of Jesus Christ. All of those things can excite us. When we talk about things that pertain to the heavenly position of ruling and reigning, the aspirations of what is out there in the heavenlies, how God has created the heaven and the earth and He desires for us to have some part in its operation. Hallelujah. My goodness! Or just in a position or place of walking and talking with God.

Can you imagine what it must have been like as Adam walked in the cool of the evening with God? I can imagine God sharing the innermost secrets of His heart and all His aspirations and desires with man. Can

you imagine God reaching out in that little realm of what we have called the "Garden"? I don't think we can even begin to imagine.

I can get excited by just looking up into the heavens at the millions and billions of stars that go on into infinity. Hallelujah. Yet, astronomers say that we are just a drop in the magnitude of the universe and there is some speculation that the universe as a whole is still growing. Why in the name of heaven would God ever create such a magni-



tude if there wasn't some rhyme or reason in Him pertaining to those things that He has created?

Oh, I can sometimes even imagine myself walking with the disciples on the shore, listening to the words that are flowing out of this Man's mouth. He is talking about a position, a throne, a place of rulership, of dominion, of bringing Israel again into a position a place of excellence. Can you imagine what it must have felt like if you were one of them that was listening to this man, watching the mighty miracles that He was doing? Can you imagine

standing there and watching as He laid hands on a dead person, seeing that dead person cough and sputter and spit and come to life? Hallelujah. I don't think we would be people who were glued to our seats. I think that we would be shouting. I think that there would be some thought in our mind, "What can stop this Man? What power can stop or thwart the plan and the desire of this Man?" Hallelujah.

Can you imagine what it must have been like as He got off the boat and He began to go up to the Gadarenes? This man, this demonic man who was bound in chains had the ability to break those chains and come running down on top of you. I don't think he just sedately walked down there. What would you do if some naked man came running down, hair flying everywhere? He was probably like Nebuchadnezzar with hair all over him. He was probably frothing at the mouth with eyes wide open and wild. Hallelujah. He was probably screaming at the top of his lungs,

"Nothing  
can stop  
this man  
(Jesus)!"

"Aaaaah!"

I can tell you what I probably would have been doing. I probably would have been looking for the boat that we got out of.

Can you imagine, the Man speaks a word, bringing him into a position of captivity? He speaks a word and begins to deal with the problem. My God, what do you think the disciples felt when those demons came out of him and the man was sitting there clothed? Where did they get the clothes? They probably supernaturally appeared. I mean, if a man is able to do that to a demoniac and cast out 40 or 400 or 4,000 demons, what is a matter of clothes?

What do you think was in the mind of the men that were sitting there? I think I can tell you. "Nothing can stop this man! Nothing can stop this man!"

No wonder Peter tried to rebuke Him and tell Him, "Not so, Lord!" when Jesus began to explain to him the reality of the situation. You know what is most amazing to me is that after all the walking and the talking, after all of the demonstration, after seeing all those mighty miracles... My God, can you imagine what it must have been like when the Man took the bread and the fish and He broke it and He began to hand it out of the baskets? What would you have done when it was all said and done? Do you know what I would have done? I would have picked the basket up and looked under it. I would have looked in it. "Where is it coming from? I counted it. It was five loaves and two fishes." There was nothing that this Man couldn't do. He could manufacture food. He was a one-man army. He brought limbs into being. He made eyes to see. He made deaf ears to hear. He made mouths to talk. My God! Loose!

And yet they did not believe. They did not believe. The church has been trying to bury the process of perfection from the time that Satan got into the church. Bury the process of perfection, hide it away, disguise it, put your focus upon something else. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

I liked Brother Martin's drawing of the focus we are supposed to have. But in the world, what we call "God," we have segmented into many different compartments. We have the ministries, the aspect of church or God. We have the "unity philosophy." Do you know

what the "unity philosophy" is? The "we can all get together and if we can agree upon one thing, such as 'God,' then we can work out all our differences." Oh, yes. That is what the "unity philosophy" is. It is called "ecumenicalism." It doesn't make any difference if you are this or you are that if you believe in God. In some aspect or other there is some place that we can come to. We can call it "success" and you have all of these little stars down here that are looking at different things. What unity is there in that? It doesn't become unity, it becomes confusion. Not only does it become confusion, it becomes deception because it eliminates the

process that is required of you to get from this point, in the realm of earth, to this point, that we will call heaven. It is not a matter of just knowing God or just believing in God, for the Bible tells us that even devils believe in God. But there is a process that God has designed by which man can achieve the objective of knowing Him, and it is only through that process that that objective can be obtained.

Do you remember the parable that Jesus told about those who came before the Lord? Maybe it is healing. Maybe it is deliverance. Hallelujah. Maybe

it is raising the dead. Do you remember the ones that came before the Lord and said, "Haven't we cast out devils in Your name? Haven't we healed in Your name? Haven't we done these mighty works in Your name?"

Hallelujah. We sometimes measure the spirituality of our organization by the numbers that we have accumulated or the spiritual manifestations that are happening within our fellowship (Matthew 7:22-23). "Oh, look at us! We are successful in the position and the place of church." So is Dupont! Prosperous like Dupont, the chemical company!

All you need is a corporate board. All you need is an authority to run the operation and people who are dedicated to the thought. Your thought of God, or should I say, theology, and the position of His excellence is not going to accomplish what

"He made eyes to see.  
He made deaf ears to hear.  
He made mouths to talk."



needs to be done so that we can be one. It's not something that God does.

Do you know what remodeling is? Many of you are in the remodeling business. Oh, you come in the house and you move this wall and you move that wall, you make a new bathroom, you redo your kitchen, but you have the same house. Nothing is changed, really. The environment is the same. Hallelujah. You just changed the furniture around. God is not interested in changing the furniture around. He is not interested in removing a wall. Paul said, For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: (Romans 7:18).

Am I better than Paul? Have I graduated to a position of excellence and perfection that Paul had not yet achieved? Hallelujah. He said, But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: (I Corinthians 9:27). Why? Because the house had not yet been changed. The thing which was to transpire had not yet happened. Hallelujah. It was continually rising up and making problems and making it known that "I am not yet dead, Paul!"

I can't imagine a man like Paul who wrote 2/3 of the New Testament, telling us that he could be a castaway if he was not careful and if he did not submit himself to the process of not just getting to God, but moving in the fashion that was legal, as far as the prescribed method ordained by God to accomplish the task that is in His mind. Does anybody want to say, "Amen?" Man has been trying to figure out how to get to God without going through the dimension of change that God has ordained for man to go through.

I was sitting in church one day and I was listening to the children's word. You have to become like a child in order to hear God. As they were ministering to the children, they began to minister about the 5th station in the tabernacle. Do you know what the 5th station in the tabernacle is? It is the Golden Altar of Incense. That is where the priest would sprinkle the incense upon the Altar. He was commanded by God not to bring strange fire into the Holy Place up to the Altar of Incense. Hallelujah.

There were two men of the priesthood that thought they could take a shortcut. You were supposed to take the fire off of the brazen altar and bring it in the censer

and sprinkle it upon the golden altar, but they were looking for a shortcut. I don't know if it was because they did something and the fire went out or what. They might have had an excuse that was quite sensible.

Saul thought he had a perfect excuse. The prophet told him the way, but the prophet held back, much like Jesus held back with Lazarus. I never thought of it before, but there seems to be some sort of connection. Jesus knew that Lazarus was dying. He also knew that there was going to be a demonstration of God. But these smart boys, these two priests, thought of how they could circumvent the laws of God. They moved presumptuously. Wasn't it David who said, "God, keep me from the sin of presumption."? He didn't say, "Forgive me in this place," but he said:

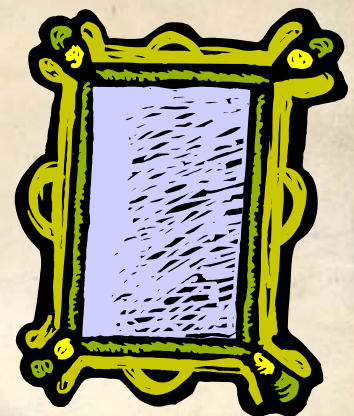
Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; (Psalms 19:13).

Do you know that you can begin to take God for granted? Do you know what I mean? It is a lot like how some kids take their parents for granted. They are always around and sometimes because of familiarity they think they can do things this way or that way and get away with it. Maybe here and there it does happen and they do get away with it, but sometimes they don't get away with it. They aggravate or provoke the parent and all of a sudden

they find the Bible [discipline] being applied.

I believe in the application of the Bible. My mother was a believer in Bible. My mother believed in "spare the rod, spoil the child." She could quote scripture and she really waxed strong and anointed when she had the switch in her hand. Every time that switch would come down, Mom would be pronouncing and prophesying over me and rebuking the devil. It must have worked. I tried hard to be a devil, but God saved me in spite of all that because He revealed Himself to me down the road of life and what I saw excited me. You know, we need to get excited about God.

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If you look at yourself for too long, you will become depressed. Some of us are professionally depressed, because we are always looking at ourselves."Oh,

I want to be depressed today so I am going to go into the bathroom and look at myself in the mirror. Oh, you poor fellow, things are so rough for you. Oh, you poor fellow, nobody understands you. Nobody! You poor fellow. You and I can commiserate together."

Of course, you probably never do that, do you? Some of us carry around a mirror in our vest pocket or in our purse. We find the bathroom is too far away. We need comfort, so we pull out our mirror and look at ourselves! "Oh, yes, there you are! You are my friend, aren't you! Oh, you are so sweet and so lovely! It is just you and me against them!"

Well, quite frankly I believe that the church is responsible, because the church has not told us; the church has not informed us, the church has not taught us of the means and the way by which God intends to bring us into a place of unity. Maybe your church is different? I really don't think so.

Have you ever met somebody that wants you to sympathize with them? They come to tell you their problem. I think it is kind of funny. God will cause your toe to hurt so bad that you will come and ask somebody for prayer. The minute the man lays hands on you to pray he begins to prophesy that you are stubborn, arrogant and hard headed. "I don't want to hear that! My toe hurts!" Well, that is not the problem. Your toe isn't the problem. There is something in your soul that is vexing you down to your toenails.

I have had it happen over and over and over and over and over again. Do you know what? If you don't want to hear it you will run around until you find somebody to tell you what you want to hear. It is like a "May-pole" - they are all running around to find an answer that suits them. Why? Because we have not defined the means or the process by which God intends for us to come into a place of unity.

Anyway, I was sitting in church listening to the children's word. They were dealing with the taber-

nacle and something pricked my attention. I was brought up in a Baptist Church. My mother was a Christian, saved by the Blood of Jesus Christ, but boy, she was also Baptist. I thank God for my mother's Christianity, but I also rejoice that she got delivered from being Baptist. The Baptists believe that once you are saved, you are always saved. That really isn't the Baptist's fault. Come on, it is not the Baptist's fault. It is a doctrine that was born in her mother, the Catholic Church.



The Catholics believe that if you go to hell you can either buy your way out of it, or absolve yourself from it, or do something to get your soul out of that place and into the realm of heaven. Isn't that what they believe? They believe it!

Do you know what a Baptist believes? I will tell you what a Baptist believes. I was Baptist. I know all about it. They believe that even if you are involved in something, if you are in a place of sin; I mean sin sin. I mean sin sin sin. They believe that if you have ever, somewhere along the road of your sinning career, had some

sort of salvation experience, no matter if you did sin and you die - you are going to heaven. That is what they believe.

You know, all religions have some sort of "escape hatch" by which it becomes all right to sin.

As I was in church hearing this word about the tabernacle - do you know something? I have been in the gospel 34 years maybe. I want you to know that I cut my teeth - do you know what it means to cut your teeth? A baby cutting its teeth chews, chews, chews until the teeth break through the skin. I cut my teeth on tabernacle. I have been back and forth all over the world ministering with a man that does nothing but teach tabernacle. So how many times do you think I might have heard about tabernacle? How many times in 30 some odd years of ministry? Not only that, but I began to teach tabernacle. I would get into the Word and God would open it up and it would begin to flow. Do you know what? Every time I hear it under the anointing, my God, I hear something new. I get a little glimpse. I get a new revelation. Hallelujah. Then the

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growth and the development begins to expand. . It grieves me down to my heels to hear people say, "Well, I have heard all about that."

Sister Pavlina was teaching the tabernacle to the children. Thank God I have the child's ear to hear the revelation. I got a couple of revelations that day. You know, I always wondered about the coverings. She said something and it pricked me and I said, "You know, those are layers of ministry." Some are more refined than others, but each was put there with careful care and consideration for a particular reason, for a particular purpose. The linen would not have done what the badger skin was supposed to do. Of course, the linen might think it is prettier than the badger skin. You take away the badger skin and what happens to the linen?

The Bible says that there are diversities of ministry in the Body. Do you know what? One of the things that I am most critical of could be giving me the most protection. Glory to God.

I began to think about this position of eternal security. I had been asking God about the Scripture that says work out your own salvation with fear and trembling (Philippians 2:12b). Why should I fear and why should I tremble if I have salvation? The conclusion that I came to is: I should fear and tremble because there could be a good possibility that somehow, someway, I might miss it.

We are really part-time Christians. We really are. We are part-time Christians. We have God segmented or categorized into certain slots. Now, if you are not a part-time Christian, then don't get mad at me. I'm not talking to you; I am talking to the guy that is next to you. It is always the guy next to you, right? "That can't be me, God. That is that person over there. Oh, yes. He is mean. He is nasty. He doesn't like me. It has to be his problem, not my problem." That is a sure sign that you have the "ME" disease.

The "ME" disease, it is "ME," "MYSELF," and "I." I can have a unanimous vote between "ME," "MYSELF," and "I." I've got a majority, so what does your one vote matter? I'm three against one. You are a corporate structure all in yourself and you are the President, the Vice-President, and the Secretary-Treasurer.

You have control of the corporation and it is going into bankruptcy.

Do you know there is a revelation that the church in Acts had? I do not necessarily believe that they had the totality of the revelation that we have in this hour, yet there was something that was being ministered that the people were hearing. It is not as though that word that was being ministered then is not being ministered now but it could be that the church is not hearing the word, because they are not responding.

You know, I am like anybody else. I would like to see people flood the altar and get down on their face to pray. I would like to see those people being ministered to.

BUT, if those people get up off of the floor and go right back out there again and do the same thing that they were doing before they went down on the floor, something is missing. Something is missing, and if you think it is in the ministry of the word, you are wrong.

It is not that it could not be that way, but Judas was in the midst of the twelve disciples. There was something that he wanted in his heart. There was some position of personal preference that he was demanding. There was some selfish motivation in his involvement with Jesus. No matter what Jesus said, he refused to let go of the thing

that was in his heart. Self-interest combined with self-love brought self-destruction. Think about it.

Self-interest and self-love equals self-destruction, WHY? Because the church has hid the remedy. They have not been diligent in pronouncing the means and the method by which the people can come to a place of release and sanctification. Hallelujah. The ashes are mixed with blood and put into a little dish and they take the hyssop and saturate the bush and they go around and begin to sprinkle those other articles of furniture. From that point on into the depths of the tabernacle everything is sprinkled with blood, meaning that it is all one and the same thing. It has one objective. It has one destination. My God, we don't want to hear about it. We really do not want to know.

It is not all the church's fault, because what the church is doing is exciting something in the hearts of people that they can obtain a certain position, a certain

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goal without paying the price that needs to be paid.

There is one objective and position. All of these things, if they happen here, are a by-product of the position or the place that God wants to bring us to, no matter who we are or how we believe. Do you know the interesting thing? We were in India holding a seminar. Many came from different parts of India down to Madras, which is now called Chennai. We were having this ministers' meeting and teaching on the things that pertain to God regarding His calling, His election and the tabernacle. There was testimony after testimony of Jesus appearing out in the bush, appearing to men that were staunch Hindus, drunkards and wife-beaters, ministering salvation to them. Yet, in every occasion, there was some word that was given to them by the Lord that: "There would be some men or man coming that would teach them in a greater way and in a greater manner of the things that pertain to Him."

I believe that in that congregation there was one man that stood up and began to testify to the power of God to speak to him out in the bush concerning the coming of the revelation. He testified to the fact that what he was hearing with his ear now was the very thing that had been spoken to him. Hallelujah.

You know, it is a funny thing.

It is a dreadfully funny thing. We hear a lot about the bars that are on the tabernacle, but I don't know that we hear much about the pillars that support the door of the tabernacle. There are five pillars and they are made out of wood covered with gold. They support the entrance to the tabernacle. You cannot enter into the tabernacle unless you go through that particular door. Hallelujah.

We know that five is the number of ministry. I want to tell you something else, a revelation, if you can grasp it. This is called the door. Jesus said, I am the door: (John 10:9). Now, why would Jesus take five pillars made out of wood and cover them with gold and hang His door upon them? Why, if it were not that you have to hear the thing that God sets in the Body in order to enter into this sanctum that is called the Holy Place. Ephesians 4 says that God has set some in the Body. "Oh, I am not going to follow man. I am

not going to follow man's idea. No man is going to tell me what to do. I have a right to my position of choice. I can be an independent agent and make the right decisions."

Well, you may have been able to make that decision twenty-five years ago and have time to turn around and repent, but you no longer have the time that it takes to turn around and repent. Now, we either believe that it is symbolic and

an allegory, or we have to believe that it is a fairytale and it means nothing. What is man? (Psalm 8:4-6). Hallelujah.

Do you know that it is the only gold that is on the outside? Do you know that it is the only gold on the outside that you can see from the outside? Hallelujah. Everything else is brass. Isn't that right? Brazen laver, brazen altar, the other items that are gold are covered you can't see from outside.

One of the things that the Bible says in Revelation is Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God (Revelation 3:12) and (verse 13) He that hath an ear, let him hear

what the Spirit saith unto the churches. Now, if you think that I am trying to exalt the ministry, you have another think coming. The ministry has its own row to hoe. It is a long hard road and its glory is never visible. We never love them until they are dead, and they all died.

Ministry that today is exalted and in a position of pre-eminence is not real ministry. The position, the place of service is down washing the feet of the disciples. There is a giving up of his position and right of authority. So, by the fact of washing the feet, he is exalting the one that he is washing into a position that was above him. We might wash one another's feet, but I don't know that we wash them for the right reasons. Jesus talks about giving: But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: (Matthew 6:3).

Can I tell you a little story? I was a very young



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Christian, very young. I didn't have a lot of money, but there was a need that I was aware of. God began to speak to me about giving the money to this individual for that need. It wasn't a spiritual thing. Do you understand? It was not necessarily something that would even be of benefit to the church in any way, shape or form. In fact, you could probably say that the man that received the money was probably more interested in self than in God. Yet God was speaking to me to give what I really didn't have to give.

Now, I don't want to paint this picture of somebody who just runs out there and pulls money out of his pocket and slaps it out there. I had to wrestle this thing through. I finally came to the place of surrender and said, "Okay, God. I am going to do what You told me to do. I am going to walk into his office and I'm going to say, 'Well, bless the Lord, this is for such and such.'"

He said, "No, you are not."

I said, "What do You mean? You wanted me to give it to him."

He said, "Yes, but I don't want him to know that you gave it."

"What? You don't want him to know? But God, that takes all the fun out of it! I should AT LEAST get something out of this besides an empty pocketbook."

So, I had to wrestle that through. I'm glad that the need wasn't dire and immediate. When I finally submitted to God, I put it in an envelope and I laid it on the seat of his car and I made sure nobody saw me get into his car. I felt more like a thief than a giver. But after that initial shock, I felt good. I was just praising the Lord and whistling. I had gone about my business and I happened to run into this fellow down the road a little ways. He began to tell me of his blessing and the more he told me, the happier I got.

I was saying, "Isn't that amazing?" (You probably would have been a little more spiritual than me.) I said, "Isn't that amazing that somebody would be so gracious to give you that gift? How could anybody do that and not be a nice person? Or at least a

cheerful giver." I was very happy at the time. Everything went well until he said these next words. He said, "And you know what? I think I know who did it."

I said, "Really?" (Do I ask who?) I couldn't resist it. If this was a test, I failed miserably. I said, "Who?"

I'm waiting there and he names some other fellow. Have you ever taken a balloon and blown it up and just let the air out of it suddenly? Amen. Oh, my goodness. What a valuable lesson.. It showed all kinds of things in me. You know, he probably really didn't even need the money, but I needed the lesson. Now, if you think that God came in and miraculously and abundantly gave me back the money, you are wrong. I had to squeeze it out of my existence in order to replenish the stores from which I took it. Hallelujah.

I found out something here as I was listening to that children's word. Boy, that was a really anointed word. I think the person later asked me, "Do you think it was really anointed?" I said, "You have got to be kidding me."

The fifth station - He says to this church of Sardis, Revelation 3:4, Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk

with me in white: for they are worthy. We are in the third chapter, the fourth verse, the fullness of tribulation, a position of tribulation. Hallelujah. He says there are a "few names," "few names." I think those names are still a "few names," but I believe that they are categorically available. I don't believe like the Jehovah Witnesses that they are sealed up. Of course, I understand that now they have a new doctrine that they have a new 144,000. I'm still working on the first one.

Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. Did somebody mention a word that Brother Mark was ministering here in the Czech Republic about blemishes? It says, these few names have not defiled their garments. It is not that we don't make mistakes, but we are a people who have known the way of repentance. Or, we should be a people who have known the way of repentance.

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One of the words that has been utilized in this conference is the dissemination of pride. What are those three things in John? I John 2:16, For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. Pride in who or what we are. I don't care how low you are in the estimation of other people; there is always some vestige of pride that is in your debauchery and wickedness that is familiar to you as a person. You take a drunkard that is living in the gutter and you begin to minister the word of God to them. What do you think it is that resists the move of salvation? As the Spirit of God begins to penetrate the fog of his mind and the delirium of his drink, my God, what do you think rises up within that individual as he proclaims, "I do not need God."? Pride. If you don't think it has not happened, you are mistaken. If you don't think it doesn't work that way, you are mistaken.

Pride! How much more those of us who do not find ourselves in that condition? What is the estimation of your self-worth? Let me come up to you and slug you one good hit and I will take you by surprise. You won't know it is coming and this little talk will not be in your mind. What do you think your reaction would be? When was the last time somebody stepped on your toe or moved against your opinion of self-worth? What was your reaction when somebody said something derogatory about you? What was your reaction? Maybe they didn't treat you like you should be treated? Maybe they are wrong but in their wrongness, are you right? No, you are wrong! You are wrong because you have not come to a position of revelation. Your focus is on something other than what God has designed for the church and for you individually. Hallelujah.

God desires for you to focus upon Him, but you and I need glasses. We need glasses. We cannot come to a position of harmony and agreement, unless everything that you disagree about with me and everything that I disagree about with you has found its resting place, not, as some would say, at the foot of the cross, but there in that position prepared for us upon the cross.

I was born to rule and to reign, but I was born to die. The road to heaven is not paved with gold. It is

made up of cobblestones that are sprinkled with blood. Hallelujah. There is the position or place of wrestling that I must endure in order to come to grips with the destiny that is attributed to the sons of God. Hallelujah.

This door is designed to fix the malady of me-ism. It is the only cure; it is the only thing that can be done. It is the only healing that is totally perfect. It is the only position that is available for those that desire to come into this relationship. Hallelujah.

The disciples can gather at the foot of the cross, but the son has to accept the position and the responsibility of being upon the cross, that the cross might be the beginning of the end unto the glory of God.

Where have we missed it? We want health, prosperity and victory. It is the fact that we want to live this life in the flesh that is not consistent with the theology of sonship.

John 12:24, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. It remains in this ground alone, this lower realm that is called earth. No wonder Jesus was talking to the disciples and telling them, as well as Nicodemus, that if a man wanted to partake of heaven he had to what? Be born again (John 3:3). He told him that if he wanted to see heaven that he had to not only be born of the water, but also

of the Spirit (verse 5). He said these things are earthly things. There is yet another realm of glory. Do you hear me? Glory that is called death. It is called burial. Hallelujah.

There is a glory in burial because the one who has come to this position has come to an understanding, a place of knowing that though he lay his life down that he has the ability, because of the promise, the hope, the Blood of Yeshua, to then be resurrected. Hallelujah. Glory to God. The glory of one is lesser than the glory of the other. My God. Hallelujah. God does not leave us in the tomb emaciated and mangled but He brings us through in victory, in power, in resurrection. **THEN WE CAN HAVE UNITY!**

I have divested myself of all that is me. What do you think that the fifth article in the tabernacle is indicative of? It was the ministry of the priest. The

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priests had the responsibility to tend to the fire and, load up the incense and sprinkle it upon it. Their responsibility was to push that piece of furniture out of the Holy Place into the Most Holy Place. It was a prerequisite, do you hear? There was a ritual that they had to go through. There was cleansing, there was sanctification, both in spirit and in body. Hallelujah. Their motives had to be pure. They had to have the thought of God in their mind. NO SELF INTEREST HERE! Yet, they did it with fear and trembling, except for two presumptuous, arrogant human beings who thought they could outsmart God.

Listen to this about the fifth station. Revelation 3:4, Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. 5He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. Amen.

No wonder I am supposed to work out my salvation with fear and trembling. I can minister at the Brazen Altar. I can minister and go through all of the ritualism of the Brazen Laver. I can have the priestly garments. I can have the tools of my profession. I can do everything in accordance with the rules and the regulations. But now all of that is temporary, none of that is permanent.

I can go into the Holy of Holies and do the service of the Golden Lamp Stand, trimming its wick, making sure it is filled with oil. Hallelujah. I can go to the Table of Shewbread and do the service as unto God and partake of the loaves and have the fellowship of the priesthood and be in fellowship with the congregation and all of the things that go with the realm of church. Hallelujah. But if I do not fulfill the prerequisite of the Golden Altar of Incense and come to the position where my self-worth, self-interest and self-sufficiency is zero, then all my labor is in vain for I have not achieved the objective that God had for me.

There is a call going out. There is a word that God has loosed out of the heavens. There is a door of opportunity, you might want to call it a golden door, that is being presented to the church on the whole. But it is only accessible for those that are willing to consider the position and the cost and be willing to pay the utmost of all that it is in order to obtain what lies on the other side of it.

Let me tell you something. If you make up your mind that this is what you want, you will not have to manufacture your tribulation or persecution. I want

to remind you that the devil said to Jesus, "Your people are easily diverted and subverted." If you will recall the message that we had the other day about Job it says, 1:6Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them. 7And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. 8And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? Can you imagine what it will be like for us? Can you imagine such a conversation being made of you by the Lord to Satan? 9Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? "Does he serve You for nought? Does he serve You for nought?" 10Hast not thou made a hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. "Don't You cover them up to let nothing come near them to harm them or to vex them or to upset them?"

"Oh, you think that is the problem? You think that is the reason that they serve me?" 12And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD. "Go! Do what you have to do. Go! Do what you have to do."

Who is going to volunteer to stop him? Who is going to join that one-man army? Who is willing to pay the price? Who is willing to walk the road of Calvary? Who is willing to have Gethsemane?

Can you imagine? Do you know there is a Gethsemane for you? There is a Gethsemane for you. You and I have to have Gethsemane to prove our spiritual worth. There were two revelations made known in the Garden of Gethsemane. There were two revelations that were manifested and displayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. Do you know what they were? There was the nature of the disciple. What was the nature of the disciple? They could not watch and pray. They were self-interested, self-focused, and they had to sleep. They could not pray. What was the other revelation? There was the nature of the son.

The nature of the disciple is good, but it isn't sufficient if you want to be a part of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Hallelujah. What position do you want to fill? Are you ready to volunteer? God bless you. ✨

# Spiritual Exercise

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My sister and I were wondering about what the Lord would have us do with the situations that exercise us spiritually.

We are well aware that it is not humanity, it is spiritual wickedness that we are grieved with and we were asking that God would give us what we need to stand, discern and war as necessary without losing our position or place in the Lord (without losing our peace).

When I left my sister, I asked God to show us what part we were lacking with this as I was aware that there was something we didn't understand or know concerning it. There were two things that were shown me along with what Jesus Himself did. They were the message about unbelief that we received at the Fourth of July conference and the message of Acts 16 where Brother Paul was grieved in his heart. It was the Holy Ghost telling Paul that something was wrong - not to partake or agree with that thing that grieved his heart.

He showed what Jesus did. Judas was in the midst as one of the twelve and yet he still had a mind for former desires and wills. Even though Jesus knew what was to happen, Jesus didn't rebuke him or reprove him or treat him badly, He loved him and treated him as He treated the other apostles. He loved Judas.

Now, Paul was grieved with the girl that followed Silas and him and cried, "These men are the servants of the most high God, which show us the way of salvation." It was a true word, but it was not given in the right motive or the right spirit. What? It was true but not

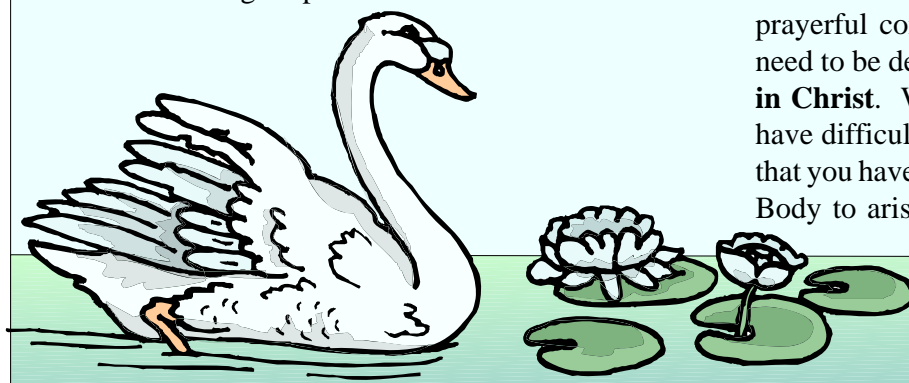
given in the right spirit, which makes it not of the Lord's spirit. Her motive was not to glorify God, but notice it did glorify the men Paul and Silas. Paul was grieved several days before God gave him the liberty to cast that thing out of that girl. Then all of a sudden the people wanted to imprison them and get rid of them (Acts 16:16-24).

The point is that what grieves us in our hearts is grieving the Holy Ghost that is within us. We are to know that and move or not move accordingly by the Spirit of the Lord. When something grieves us in the spirit or in our hearts we should not partake or agree with it. We should go to the Lord concerning it and don't give up if it takes several days to receive a response from the Lord, as it took Paul several days before he received liberty to cast that thing out in his situation.

Over the Fourth of July conference we were told by Brother Tom Campbell that there was a disease in the Body of Christ called unbelief. Unbelief causes lack of discernment and lack of spiritual consciousness. Unbelief anesthetizes you. Remember Brother Burt's vision of the anesthetized patient in the hospital? Unbelief causes many things in a Christian. What were specifically named by our Brother Campbell were:

- 1) fuzzy vision
- 2) hearing loss
- 3) inability to think clearly (on the things of God)
- 4) inability to speak clearly (of the things of God)

I believe that we, as the Body of Christ, need to be prayerful concerning the **whole Body of Christ**. We need to be desirous of God to help and lift us all **higher in Christ**. What you believe may be something that I have difficulty with. What I believe may be something that you have difficulty with. If we all pray for the whole Body to arise and be delivered, GLORY TO GOD! I

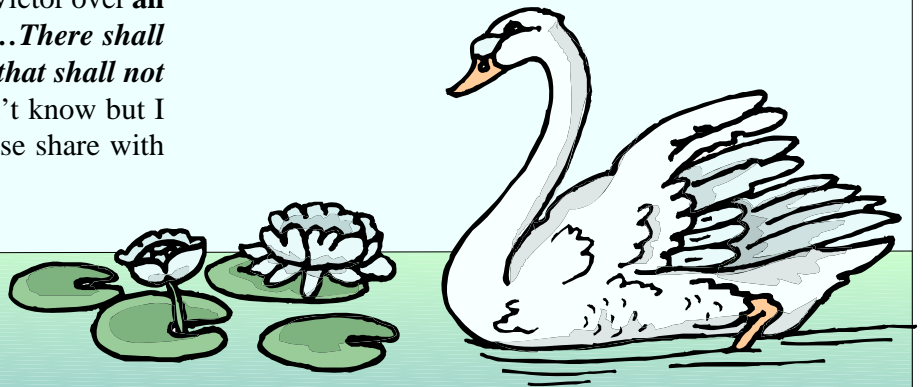


don't need to know your faults, I just need us to all rise higher in Christ and be delivered. God is well able. If we unite in the goal and forget the names and labels of the hindrances we will gain power and momentum in Christ!

A little different picture now. In the Old Testament, Ezra and Nehemiah went to build up the walls and gates of Jerusalem. We are Jerusalem. Our walls and gates are in our souls. I believe Ezra and Nehemiah are symbolic of the Holy Spirit wanting to build the temple of the living God in our souls in preparation for His quiet coming within us. Remember that they kicked out the bad Tobiah from his residence in the chamber of the temple (Nehemiah 13:7-8). What might our "Tobiah" be? May the Lord God Almighty be total Victor over all areas of our souls. (Hmm? Is that why ...*There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down* (Matthew 24:2b). I don't know but I wonder. If you know if that is why, please share with me.)

I pray and ask you to pray also that the Lord would give us that wherewithal to allow the Holy Spirit to do whatever is required in our souls to prepare for Christ's fullness. May the Lord send us the things that we need to get sealed in our souls and to purify all within us that we would be found perfect and pleasing unto the Bridegroom when He comes. We want to have more than enough oil in our vessels and be granted the honor and privilege of entering into the wedding chamber with the Bridegroom. May the Lord help us to come to that place where the devil has nothing in us, in Jesus' precious name we ask You, Lord.

May the Lord have mercy on us and grant us His strength in this hour. God bless you. 🙏



## Visitors' Corner

*We want to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this month.  
We are so glad you came and hope to see you again soon!*

*August 24th*

*Mike Butler  
Odette Watson*

*August 31st*

*Mike Butler, along with his sons, Dalton and Ethan  
A friend of Mederana Gomez*

*September 7th*

*George and Susan Herrig  
Edith Schmeisser (Betty Peckmann's cousin)*

## Nate's story

There are some questions that one may never have thought of answering in his or her entire life. Over the past few weeks, I have found myself answering one of those questions: "How is married life treating you?" However, I do not mind one bit being asked that question. For every answer to that question that I give further confirms within my heart that I am indeed a most blessed man to have received such a special provision from the Lord's hands, a woman whom I can call my wife.

My journey to marriage did not begin with the desire to be married right away, or for that matter, at all! God really had to work a change in my heart and bring me into a place where I could say comfortably that I was willing to accept His provision of marriage, if He had purposed for me to receive such a provision. I do not know if you would call it a "poor me" attitude that I had concerning marriage, but I honestly could not see any woman having the desire to settle down with me. So, needless to say, I wrestled with the Lord concerning marriage for many years, but thankfully all of the wrestling and squirming that I tried to do did not deter or impact what He had in mind for me.

After God had dealt with my heart concerning marriage, I really felt like I received some long overdue deliverance in my heart! It felt like a huge weight was lifted from my shoulders, and it was nice to feel that liberation within my soul concerning that issue. I felt that I had the release to go to God, and put the issue of marriage before Him when it came to my mind, and that definitely served to be most ben-

He said...

She said...

LOVE

By  
Nate  
&  
Kate  
Chattie

## Kate's story

At the beginning of this year, against my own logical objections, I ordered a book called *Passionate Housewives Desperate for God*. The logical objection was that I had no need of the book because I was a single mom. However, in my heart of hearts, I hoped that I would one day soon be able to say that I truly was a wife and that I could put all the info in the book to good use. Now, I am delighted to write this testimony of God's faithfulness to me in giving me to Nate to be his wife!

Two years ago, in the spring and summer of 2006, God gave me two dreams in which Nate was my protector, companion and one who was covering me. I thought it was obvious what God was saying, but when I finally presented the dreams to my parents, it was painfully clear that even if I still thought the dreams were from God, the timing was absolutely wrong. So, I went back to God and left the matter with Him, and worked to guard my heart that I would not have trouble with my emotions over the situation. This went well for another six months, but then the thoughts that God was indeed speaking to me that He wanted me to marry Nate were so strong again that I ventured to speak to my dad again. Yet, again, the timing was not right, and that shook my confidence enough that I decided it was too much to continue hoping that I had heard God in it. So, I made up my mind that I could marry anybody - more like a business transaction, really. I detailed out my strengths in my mind and decided that I could be a blessing and a good wife and eventually may come to love whomever I married. I knew that God had been speaking

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official to me. It was not as though I was purposely looking hither and yon within the fellowship to find the future "Mrs. Chattic," but I was aware of the desire to be married building within my heart. It was both a great and terrible feeling combined, great because I was in a place of acceptance and not afraid of the idea anymore, and terrible because I absolutely did not want to hop aboard an emotional roller coaster and find myself an absolute wreck. So, suffice it to say, I was pretty careful, and if a person came to mind, I immediately took it before God, before making any moves whatsoever.

At this point of my testimony, I have to express my utmost gratitude and thank all of those that were extremely integral in helping me along my journey to marriage. It is tremendous to know that God is in control, even when you try to be (!), and that He has placed so many people in your life to draw experience from, to form friendships, to receive instruction and encouragement, discipline and correction, humor, prayer and deliverance. I am really thankful to God for placing each and every one of you (and you all know who you are!) in my life and assisting me along on the path to wedded bliss!

It really was not until towards the end of last year segueing into the start of this year that God was really directing my heart towards Kate. Through moving here four years ago, and getting to know her better as a friend and co-laborer for the K. I. T. bulletin, as well as helping to sell at bake sales and at farmer's markets, she definitely stood out to me for a variety of reasons. One prominent reason was just having the strength to maintain a smile on her face with her schedule, and having to shoulder it basically on her own. That definitely impressed me, and to be honest, I had a secret hope that her knight in shining armor would come and sweep her off her feet, and give her the help and support that I could see that she needed, even with all of her talents.

So, toward the close of last year, I had begun to have an idea forming within my mind, and it kept coming back to my mind as I tried to shirk it away, and it was that maybe Kate would make a nice wife. Of course, I thought this was coming totally out of left field, and I really went to

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me that I would marry again, so this seemed like a safe alternative to getting my heart involved in a situation where it could get hurt. I was content in this decision and God let me rest there while He worked everything out according to His purpose and plan. Really, I believe that I needed to come to that place of giving up my preferences and doing whatever God thought was best.

It wasn't very long after that that I was fully able to put marriage and a husband totally into God's hands and I was able to say, "God - just You and me. I don't need anyone else." More months passed and it came to 2008. Then, I

began to have trouble with thinking about marriage again! At first, it was troubling, and I even told God that His promise that joy comes in the morning was not true! He had given me that promise years ago and in one emotional moment, I accused God of being unfaithful to His word! I seriously had to repent. Shortly after this stirring began again, Nate began to talk to me moreso than ever before. I was cautious to speak only on a friendship basis, but was aware that God was opening a door, that now truly was the right

time and I had really received the dreams from God!

This confidence began to build and I started to get excited, yet still a little nervous. Again, I went to Dad and then Dad and Mom together and asked them to pray with me about it. This time I had a confidence that I remembered from other situations I have had to face in life. It is the confidence that I feel when I am doing what God wants me to do. I think I have a small understanding of what Jonathan felt on the day he went out with his armorbearer to fight the Philistines!

Another month passed, and we were to have special meetings at our fellowship the following week. We were encouraged to fast and pray to prepare ourselves, which was funny to me because Nate had just been writing to me about the necessity and benefits of fasting. Little did he know that I was about to begin fasting about God's plan for him in my life! With some hesitation and trepidation, I began to fast and pray for absolute confirmation and clarity in my heart about Nate. Even in this, God was the administrator. He woke me a day before I was to start fasting and told me to begin early and end later. So, I obeyed,



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God and asked Him what was wrong with me for even entertaining a thought like that. I mean, I was certain that even if I was interested in her, there was absolutely no way that she would see me in that kind of light. In my assessment, our relationship was just friends, older sister/younger brother type bond, and that was that. So, I did my all to repent for these thoughts to God, and I tried to leave it alone. At the beginning of this year, it felt close to impossible. I was in a serious dilemma in my mind, for that idea kept coming back, and I did not want it to! Around this time, I was praying pretty intensely anyway, so I just put it before the Lord, and let it be. Again, it definitely helps to have God as your advocate, to have that avenue to go to Him for leading and direction concerning any and every thing, and this was no exception. A few months down the road, my mom shared a dream that she had had earlier this year, and in the dream she was talking on the phone to someone concerning me. Specifically, their conversation concerned how excited I was to be marrying who she was talking to on the other end, and apparently that person was pretty excited, too. Come to find out, my mom did not see the person in her dream who was on the other end of the line, but she recognized her voice, and the name of the person came to her, and it was Kate. So, you could imagine upon hearing of her dream how many somersaults my heart was turning because of these thoughts that I was having concerning Kate already!

Well, through talking and praying with my parents concerning the



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knowing that this kind of fast - when God is truly orchestrating it - is the best kind. I had been dealing with this nagging thought that the whole situation was too good to be true and that all of a sudden everything would come crashing down with a resounding, "No, you can't marry him!"

However, by mid-morning on the first day of my fast, I started to ask God if He was going to tell me NO about Nate, but even in the midst of asking, this great joy bubbled up inside of me and I knew right then and there that God was absolutely not saying, "NO," but a decisive, "YES! Now is the time!" So, I continued to fast for the amount of time God prescribed and with every passing day, I was more and more confident that this truly was the will of God.

After fasting and prayer, I was absolutely sure that this was God's will and His direction for my life and the lives of my boys. It was both exciting and scary all at once. Exciting because in my heart I knew that I loved Nate and scary because I knew that my life would never be the same again. I was very aware that my relationship with my God, my parents and my children was going to change. Though being slightly nervous about rearranging my status quo, knowing that God was the initiator and author of the change gave me all the strength I needed to plunge in completely trusting Him to take care of my soul and all of my being. Even now, I am thanking Him for being so perfectly faithful and loving.

Once I was certain that I had heard God, it was simply a matter of trusting Him to work out all the details - speaking to Nate, speak-

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matter, I realized that maybe God was speaking to me that Kate was THE one for me, and it was not something that my imagination was drumming up. I did not say or do anything more about it until the time for the solemn assembly came around. Before that weekend of meetings, I was really putting a lot before the Lord about receiving a clear direction on a number of things that were on my mind, one of those being marriage. Looking back, I am really thankful for the timing of God. He knew exactly when I was ready to receive certain bits of information and helped me along in my times of prayer and fasting.

During that weekend, I spoke with Brother duCille, and he proceeded to ask me a series of questions, in the process finding out if I had any specific person in mind for marriage. It was interesting how he put it, if I had anyone in my "secret heart." At first, I was hesitant, because when he presented these series of questions to me, each one further encouraged the thoughts that were swimming inside my mind for Kate, thoughts that I had seriously tried to prevent from spilling over and out! But, I knew that I had to reveal what was going on internally, for



that He worked out every detail and took care of me in every way imaginable.

God is good - all the time. I love that phrase, because it is so absolutely true! I am a most blessed woman and am finding that God took great pains to look after the smallest details that I needed in a husband. He knew exactly what I needed and when I needed it. All of the times of anxiety were a demonstration of a lack of patience and trust in God on my part, but hindsight is often 20/20. Learning to trust God in this matter has been an unforgettable journey and the rewards have been fantastic - even in these first six weeks of marriage. I am continually thanking and praising God for His goodness unto me! 🙏

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in my heart of hearts, I really desired for more confirmation that what I was feeling for Kate was totally of God. So I shared what was on my heart for her, and Brother duCille listened intently, and afterwards proceeded to laugh and encourage me to "try it out" with her by sending her an email, basically telling her what I thought God was telling me.

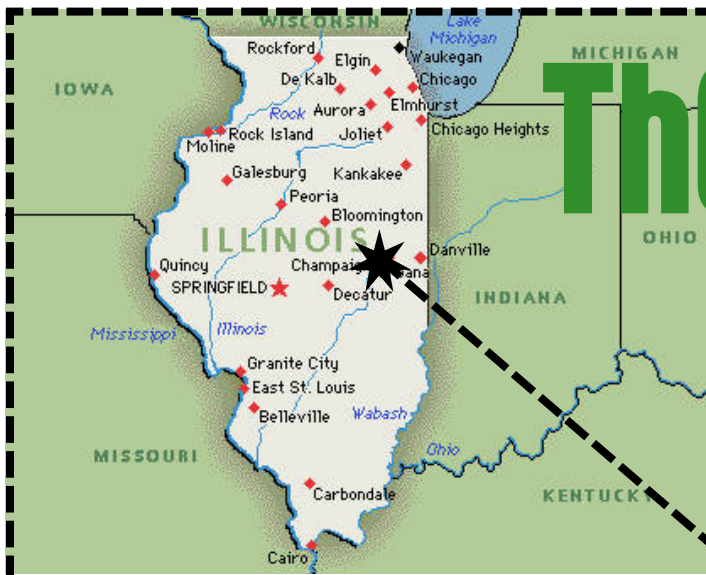
Needless to say, I absolutely did not want to be wrong and I truly did not want to tell her at first, for fear that I would have to promptly move out of town for good if I indeed made a mistake. Yet, I felt that God wanted for me to be obedient, so I sent Kate an email and asked her what she thought about what I was sensing God wanted to do for the both of us. I came to find out that she had been feeling strongly concerning marriage to me for longer than I ever expected! It was really wonderful to see how God opened up the door on our behalf, and ordered these events to unfold the way that they did.

In conclusion, I cannot express how much of a blessing that my beloved wife has been to me. I honestly could not have chosen a better helpmeet on my own, and all thanks and glory must go to God. If I had to emphasize one thing for those that are looking to be married, go to God with what is on your petition. And when you bring it before God, be prepared to let it go and entrust the Lord with that desire, and continue on in growing and maturing in God. Trust me, patience worketh its perfect work! God bless you. 🙏

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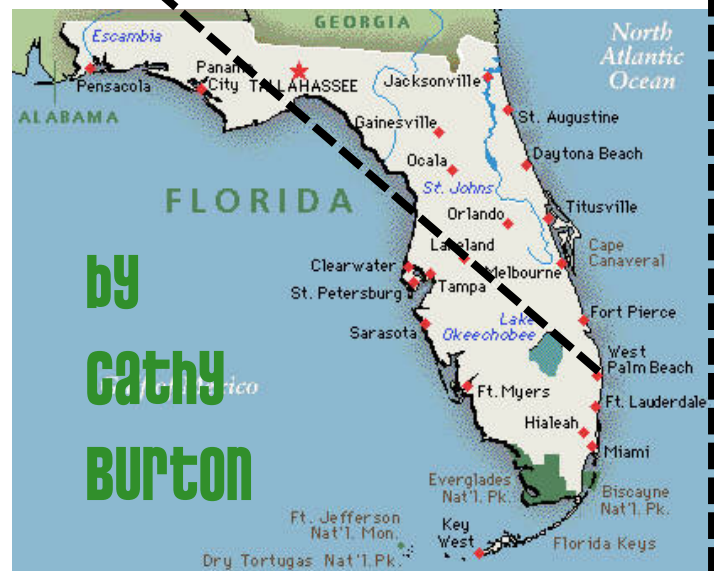
ing to our parents and the elders and bringing confirmation in the Body - and bring His word to pass. It was such a blessing when Nate came to me and we found out that we were both on the same page with each other. I was so thrilled that I couldn't sleep! We began to seek God for His will concerning our marriage, and we were both surprised by how swiftly God moved, but it was definitely a pleasant surprise. I have never experienced anything like it and am thankful



# There with TO BE CONTENT

Do you recognize the phrase above? Yes, it is from Philippians 4:11, "...for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Stacy asked me to write about how Craig and I came to live in Illinois. We had been living in West Palm Beach for the last 7 years and I LOVED living there. Not just because of the beach or beautiful weather, but mostly because of the brethren there. Every person in the fellowship is a wonderful blessing and we became very close with them. Craig and I never really even thought about moving to Illinois until the summer of 2005. We drove up to Mansfield/Mahomet because Craig's sister was getting married. Because we drove, we had a little more freedom in when we could leave. We stayed for about a week and then decided to head on home, so we said all of our goodbyes. When we woke up the next morning, neither of us wanted to go. We just weren't ready to leave everyone, I guess. So we stayed another day, which totally shocked his parents when they came home from work and realized that we hadn't left. We said our goodbyes again that night and planned to head out the next morning. But the same thing happened the next day. We just couldn't leave. Finally, the third day, we did head on home, but it felt really strange. We had to stop in Mahomet to fill up the gas tank and I said to Craig, "I have never felt this way, but I don't want to leave AT ALL." He said that he felt the same way. I think that was the beginning of the seed that was dropped in our hearts that maybe we were supposed to move here.

Time went by and we didn't have a pressing need to pray and seek God about when to move or if we should move. We knew that God has a timing for everything and it would all work out according to His plan. We had our own upholstery business in Florida



and had advertised in the Yellow Book for a year with little to no response, so we had called them and cancelled the ad for the next year. I think it was December 2006 when I received the strangest phone call. I was sitting in a cafe eating lunch with my mom (my parents were "snowbirds" in Florida at the time) and my cell phone rang. I answered it and it was someone calling from the Yellow Book to see if I wanted to renew our ad for the next printing. I replied that we had already called and cancelled because we hadn't had any response from it. She said, "Oh, yes. I see here on my computer that you have cancelled your ad because you are moving to Illinois." When she said that, I just about jumped out of my seat! I replied, "I think you must have me mixed up with someone else because we aren't moving to Illinois." She clarified my business name, my name and our phone number

and then repeated again what she saw on her computer. I was totally baffled at that moment and when I told Craig about it, we just knew right then that God was speaking again. Several months later, Craig was talking to his sister and out of the blue, she said, "I think you guys should move to Illinois." That totally took Craig off guard and when he said to his sister that we had actually been praying about it, she was shocked because she figured we would never want to leave Florida. We told her not to tell anyone (and she didn't) because we were still praying about it. We kept praying and in August 2007

we came back to Illinois because Craig's sister and brother-in-law were having their first baby. When we came up, we were REALLY praying about moving and had a lot of things before the Lord: where we would live, our business, etc. We hadn't said anything to anyone about it so we were surprised when we walked into fellowship in Mahomet, and a sister came up to me, and the first thing she said was, "So, are you moving to Illinois?" Now, we had visited plenty of times over the years but no one had ever said anything like that before. I just laughed and didn't say anything to her. I didn't want to start any rumors before we heard clearly from God. The whole time we were there, no matter

where we went, it seemed like someone was asking if we were moving to Illinois. When we got ready to leave, we told both of our parents about what we were thinking. Our lease ended mid-December so that is when we were planning to move up. Both sets of our parents had a very neutral response when we told them, which to me is a blessing. They both replied that we needed to do what we believed God was telling us to do and they would support us either way. We

asked them to pray with us and not to tell anyone yet. We went home and shared it with our fellowship and after that meeting, different ones came to us and said that they had been feeling that we might be moving to Illinois. Craig called the elders in Mahomet and told them what we had been praying about and they said they would pray as well that we would hear the Lord. The one thing we were praying about most was where to live. It's just the two of us but we needed plenty of space for our upholstery business. We wanted to live in either Mansfield (where almost all of Craig's family

lives) or Mahomet. We called Craig's dad one night and asked him to keep a look out for a house for rent and we told him how much space we needed and price range. He said that it would probably be really difficult to find what we were looking for. After that phone call, Craig immediately got on the internet and pulled up the local Illinois newspaper classifieds and found an ad for EXACTLY what we needed. He flew up to check out that house and a few others that he saw in the paper while he was there, but we ended up renting the house from that first ad! The house is in Mansfield and it is twice the space we had in Florida and less rent! We have been SO thankful for God's provision.

Our move up here was quite the experience, too, but that is a whole different story in itself! We have seen God provide all the way and we are learning to be content wherever God has placed us. He knows where we need to be and when we need to be there, so we continue to lean on Him for direction. It has been an adjustment to be here in every way and I do miss Florida very much, but I am learning "...in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." 🌿



**i have learned,  
in whatsoever state i am,  
therewith to be content.  
PHILIPPIANS 4:11**

# *Kids' Chronicles*

## **Caleb**

Near the end of July, I cut my finger with my knife. I had cut the tendon in my right middle finger. I had to have stitches and a splint put on it. A couple weeks later the doctor took out the stitches and put the splint back on. About two weeks later we went to see the doctor and he said that we could take it off for about an hour or two and increase the time it was off every day. Now, two weeks later I do not have to really care about it any more. I learned that I should be careful and think before I do anything. I know I'm not cutting any more green walnuts. The scar will remind me next time I cut something of how it happened and how I should think before I do it. God protected me so that I didn't cut two or three of my fingers. I thank God that He covered me through it. God bless.

## **Isaac**

About a month ago my mom got married, and while my mom and dad were on their honeymoon, Caleb and I stayed at our grandparents' house. I enjoyed being at our grandparents' house every minute and I am very thankful I got to stay there. We worked with Grandpa in his basement and helped work on his deck one day. When we were there we had to weed and put mulch in some of their gardens, at the beginning I didn't really like weeding and putting in mulch but I learned that I needed to stop complaining and just do the work with a good attitude. When I started doing that we had a good time and were able to get it done fast and be able to go play or do something I liked better. Every morning - if we remembered - we had prayer time, we asked God to cover us in the day and that He would talk to us. I loved being with my grandparents and they really encouraged me when I was having a rough day and I thank them very much. I hope you enjoy this article of how much I was blessed by my grandparents. God bless you.

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