

The background of the cover is a photograph of a landscape at sunrise or sunset. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of blue, purple, and orange. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow. In the foreground, there is a dark silhouette of a hill or mountain range. A small, lone figure of a person stands on the peak of the hill, looking out over the landscape. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

THE
KINGDOM
MANDATE

POSSESSING THE LAND

THE WORKER'S MANUAL

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DEDICATION

Revelation 4: 4; 10 - 11

⁴ 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.

¹⁰ The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

¹¹ Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

To Him be glory forever.

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PROLOGUE

I wrote this book as a divine assignment and it has truly been very rewarding for me as a labor of love. What I wrote here has first been written on my heart and came as a natural outflow of what Father have done in me on my personal journey. Who knew that I would be writing one day and that He would give me this honor? It truly is beyond me.

In this book you will not find me sugar coating the reality of what is required of us as workers for the Lord in the time to come. It is simple. The requirement is ultimate, because we serve an ultimate God who gave ultimately. He did not hold back. The most important is that we will understand what we have been called to, which is our Kingdom mandate. Everything that you have gone through will make sense in the light of this and a greater sense of purpose is bound to envelope you in the knowing that you are part of God's cosmic plan, not for earth alone, but heaven as well. The words, "you have been born for such a time as this" have never been truer, because we are at the very end. There is not going to be another generation to do what we have been called and prepared to do. This is it. The grand finale and we are a huge part of it.

I believe I was prepared my whole life to write this book. That is huge. To see the workings of God in your life on paper. I have included some of my devotionals, adding to it as well. I also included specific words that I have received from Father that highlights His heart for the workers that will be reading this book. Even so, I would not limit this book to the workers only, as it will bless others who would want to understand God's ways. Because we have all asked, "Why Lord?" Perspective is needed, context is needed and wisdom is needed. The value of this writing only He can determine as it will be tested with fire, even as I have been tested, and undoubtedly you as well. I poured my whole heart into it and came out full. May you sense in you the Kingdom mandate rising and desire to be part of God's great cosmic plan, because you were indeed born for such a time as this.

It has been an honor to write this for you my fellow worker, and even more so for My King, Yeshua.

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OUR KINGDOM MANDATE

Daniel 7: 13 - 14

¹³ I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

¹⁴ And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

Do you know that the saints will judge the world? Judge and rule are virtually synonymous. Judges in the Old Testament times were the rulers. And if this world shall be judged by you, are you worthy to judge the smallest matters? How can we judge and rule in His Kingdom when we are ourselves cannot judge in the smaller matters of life?

1 Corinthians 6: 3 - 5

³ Know ye not that we shall judge angels? How much more things that pertain to this life?

⁴ If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church.

⁵ I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? No, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren?

I have found that the Church has this idea that when He comes He will bring His Kingdom with Him. As if we have no obligation towards this. As if this comes automatically with His coming. However, as the living stones from which this Kingdom will be made of, we have a Kingdom mandate to fulfill, which is to establish His Kingdom on this earth, so that when He comes, He who is the all in all, will fill all and all. Heaven and earth. There is a future element to this as well as a present mandate to be fulfilled now.

Isaiah 9: 7

⁷ Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

This clearly shows that there is an increase in His government. It is progressive in nature and this is where the Church as His chosen agent comes in. This government will increase until all authority and rule shall be under His feet. And we are those feet. As the Word says in Romans 16: 20 ...and the God of Peace will soon crush satan underneath your feet. To us it is given to have authority over all the powers of darkness. To place our feet upon their necks. And therefore His government rests squarely on our shoulders as well. Do we get that? Do we understand the size of our mandate?

Revelation 2: 26 - 27

²⁶ And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

²⁷ And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

He is not coming to bring the Kingdom, but to complete it and to occupy that which was prepared for Him. This Kingdom is given unto Him. We read further in Daniel 7...

Daniel 7^o 18; 22; 27 - 28

¹⁸ But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

²² Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

²⁷ And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

²⁸ Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

Our whole concept of this Kingdom mandate, which is to rule and reign NOW has to be understood in a kingdom way. The word kingdom has suffered in our generation. We think of a Queen and King and all their subjects, or we see the bureaucrats and paper pushers occupying their offices, quite wearisome and boring. But His Kingdom is glorious...it is heaven come down on earth!

The office of this government on our shoulders is an educational one in which we are to raise the quality of life as God intended it in all the categories of life. Teaching men how to live. It brings a moral component to our mandate, which is of utmost importance. Righteousness and truth is to be restored and it only has a point of entry through that agent divinely chosen by God, which is the Church. Holiness unto the Lord! Except the Church provides the contrast by how she lives, there is no way for the world even to see the issues of truth or even acknowledge them. And how we are to be that is exactly what this book is about.

Throughout history the influence and change brought by Bible believing and holy saints has been far beyond our understanding. When the Church takes up her God-given Kingdom mandate and live by the Word of God in holy fear of the God that will judge great and small, we see whole nations change. And God's judgment has been on these nations that have yielded to the government of darkness and have shoved their fists in deviance at Him. And yet, there are those

who do not know. They do not understand that there is soon to be a King that will rule all nations and that He will judge all man. The Church is chosen to be the prophetic voice in the nations to interpret the meaning not only of their histories, like the holocaust and other wars, but the judgment that is soon to fall on the whole world. When the Church takes up her mandate, they will have to acknowledge God, which they have failed to do and repent. The reason why we fail to exercise this mandate even now is because we do not recognize God's judgment even in our own lives personally. Therefore, we do not look at our own calamities, great and small as God speaking to us, even judging us, and dismiss it as happenstance. We do not see by the Spirit, because we have allowed the secular world to rule our thoughts. This is why the earth is presently groaning with all the natural disasters reported. Hourly her convulsions are getting worse and it is only going to get worse. How is the world to understand it? Are they only going to acknowledge "it is the end of the world as we know it", and yet not know the implication of that very statement? Who will go and tell them that God has set a standard and demonstrate this standard to them? For this God has chosen the workers, the remnant that has been prepared in the fire of the furnace and have allowed the judge to judge them now.

This Kingdom is everlasting, but it is progressive. It is given to us to possess the land and in possessing the land is the increase of His government.

John 16: 7 - 8

⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

⁸ And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

We have a covenant mandate to God and His purpose of establishing His Kingdom on earth, which is to be the salt and the light of the earth. This Kingdom is His inheritance, but we are joint-heirs with Him. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, and all those who dwell on it!

How we take this reality of our Kingdom mandate in, which is to rule and reign, considering history for our admonition and exhortation, will determine how we live and die. Whether in authority or powerless puppets to the rulers of darkness to which we have received dominion and power over.

We need to understand the larger sense of the whole spiritual drama, the cosmic drama that is presently unfolding. And because we have only seen our salvation and the cross as the end, having narrow vision, we have missed the big picture. Atonement is vital, but not seeing that the cross also goes beyond time and into eternity, even the heavenlies, is to forfeit our mandate to which He has chosen and prepared us.

This book is in essence about the mandate and understanding how God prepares us for this mandate and also why. It is much greater than our present view and that is exactly the problem. Our view is present, instead of eternal. But it is His heart that we may know that our role in His eternal Kingdom is vital and the enemy knows it. But the real question is..."Do you know it?"

PERSPECTIVE THAT COUNTS

What we are about is not of this world. Yet very few live this in reality. Many are those who boldly declare that they are sojourners, passing through and have their citizenship in heaven. In Christ, we are seated in heavenly places, but this truth has to be lived in reality. Instead we have been brought up and preprogrammed to think that life is about getting an education, finding the love of your life, the career you always have dreamed of, your white picket fenced home and to have children. Not to mention all there is to discover about this world through traveling. And let's face it, there is so much to enjoy to which we can glorify our Father for. He has given us these things to enjoy and all good things come from the Father of light. The reality is that we have to live our lives. We somehow see this time here on earth as merely the ending of one age to enter into another, which is heaven, and yet we are called to live from heavenly places, a continuum of eternity, even now.

The Kingdom of God is eternal. It is a Kingdom of Truth. The truth as He sees it, is in fact, the ONLY reality. For you can know a truth and declare allegiance to this truth and yet live outside of that truth, which is outside of reality. And as much as we would like to point the finger at others to call out deception, we ourselves can be deceived in this very fact. Jesus made it clear in Matthew 6 to His disciples that they are to seek His Kingdom first. With this came the promise that He would see to their earthly needs. His disciples also wanted to know whether He would establish His Kingdom there and then and kick Rome off from the throne of Jerusalem, expressing through this view the very wisdom of this world. Just like when they asked Him to send fire down on the Samaritans, to which Jesus replied, "You do not know of what manner of spirit you are". He was not merely saying to them that they have a disposition of unforgiveness and hatred, but His intention was that they would know that their request was based on a wisdom of another kind...the wisdom of this world. He replied that His Kingdom is not of this world. Yet, at a later stage He

declared that His Kingdom has come. In us. We are the living stones, built up in Christ as His temple and He is enthroned on our hearts as High Priest and King.

The Kingdom of God is an eternal Kingdom. Therefore, we have to have an eternal perspective. Unfortunately we have been indoctrinated to be the “now generation”. What we are about effects generations and God’s cosmic purpose, and therefore have eternal consequences. And yet, we do not live this way, in spite of what we profess. Bombarded from all directions and even brought up to be earthly minded, we somehow find ourselves overwhelmed by the issues of this life. We get ensnared in the net of anxiety over our children’s future, or who will be the next president, whether the enemy is succeeding in his world domination plan and so much more. Like an ever growing swamp we are drawn into the quicksand of what is presently happening in this world, losing sight of the eternal. How we react to these things and what we say and do, speaks volumes of our true citizenship, irrespective of what we profess. We keep track of the latest news about who did what and become indignant at injustice and somehow become one of the many voices out there, saved or unsaved. We stand for the truth, as we should, but somehow fail to see how all this affects us. We fail to see the eternal consequences because we simply do not consider it, and like the disciples we will be all too happy if God could rain down fire on the whole lot. Not seeing what manner of spirit we are. We get distracted, but don’t even see it as distraction, because we are standing up for righteous issues. The saying that comes to mind is that good is often the enemy of the best. Our King is calling us to a higher standard, to a higher plane of being that is not of this earth, even whilst we are still in it. It is important that we know exactly what that standard is.

We are not of this world, but rather we are to run by a different beat, a different wisdom. We are not to run with the crowd, we go against the crowd. Not in arrogance and pomp, but in humility and love. Sometimes we get so overwhelmed when we see deception that we run like “crazies” to shout “foul!” and are seen as the most opinionated people by a world that have no tolerance for fanatics that does not affirm their fanatic views. Speaking the truth so often without love as the Word commands of us. More led by our emotions than the Spirit. Unless we have an eternal perspective, we will be sucked into the vortex of this world. Our mandate is to establish His kingdom here on earth and distraction is the name of the game. As long as we lose sight of the big

picture, the enemy can get us to focus on the small. It is not easy to see martial law in your peaceful hometown. Neither is it easy to have to be forced to wear masks and the soon coming shortage of food. It is not easy to not be affected by these things when it comes so close to home, especially violence. Jesus made it clear that whosoever loves the things of this world, the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and the pride of life, does not have the love of the Father in him. Could it be that He knew that perilous times would come and that these very things that will be taken away, would be extremely difficult for His children unless they have given up all for His Kingdom? How often we get offended by the small things in life like whether we have been considered in a matter. Or get offended when we are unfairly treated by other Christian brothers and sisters or even strangers. We get offended when someone cuts us off when we drive. These are all small matters that still get the best of us. And because we cannot handle the small, we fall face down when it comes to the big things in life. This is why Paul asked whether there was anyone that could judge. Is there anyone that can see things from an eternal perspective and make their choices from that disposition? Our house is truly not built on the Rock, but on the quick sand of the wisdom of this world. Unless we have this radical mind shift as to what we are about now, having been born into the Kingdom of God, we will as Paul asked “why do you walk as mere men?” live out our lives as mere men, without a clear distinction that comes from knowing the Kingdom mandate of God. We will end up being overwhelmed by injustice and fear and end up rising up in protest, refusing to be the victims and will find ourselves right in the middle of the swamp. We will be getting our hands dirty like the rest of this world. Yes, there are times that our King may require of us to do something physically. Sometimes He does require of us to act, but never react out of our emotions. We are to be controlled by the Spirit, because whatever is not out of faith is sin. The world fights with banners, riots, aggression and violence, we are to take our fight into another dimension. We are seated with Christ in the heavenlies, and therefore we need to see from His perspective. We have to purposely choose to seek His view above our very own. Reality is only as He sees it and unless we see it from His perspective, we are outside of reality, caught in the matrix of this world, no matter how much we think we can back it up with facts or even scripture. We are not to lean on our own understanding, even if we know we have the facts right. The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. His reality is the ONLY reality that matters. His Kingdom is now our kingdom. There is nothing more that the enemy wants than for you to be unaware of your Kingdom mandate and what that really constitute. And as citizens of this Eternal

Kingdom, we know that with our King everything has significance and nothing happens without Him knowing. As citizens of heaven and children of the King of Heaven and Earth, our battle is not with man, with a political party or even an agenda or creed. Rather, we are separated unto Him to establish His Kingdom by pulling down strongholds, casting down vain imaginations and taking thoughts captive bringing it all into subjection to His Word. We have been given authority over ALL the power of the enemy. But, and this is important, it will not be done by this wisdom of this world, but on the basis of how He overcame the enemy.

We are not to be driven by our emotions, but we submit ourselves under the control of our King. His Kingdom must be our foremost concern. Not this earthly world, but His Eternal Kingdom. We are a royal priesthood and a chosen generation for such a time as this. Every act, every decision governed by the Spirit because the government of His Kingdom has been placed on our shoulders as His body. Having left this world behind, we now have to live in it for one purpose only...to establish His Kingdom. Choices are not to be made out of circumstances or tradition. Living by assumptions is not a way of living, but clear direction and perspective from our Father and King. Just because everybody does it, does not mean we too have to do it. Not to come with any predetermination of our own before our King as to what we think is appropriate for a given situation or even our future. We are to allow Him to give us the disposition of His heart that may even confound every thought that was appropriate to ourselves and what we deemed necessary. As we so clearly read in His Word that as high as the heavens is from the earth, so high is His thoughts from our thoughts. Does it not stand to reason that in a time as this we are to more than ever not presume upon our King, but rather seek His face and direction? We should be willing to let go of how we would like to react or the decisions we think should be, even if we are “done in” by them, and delight ourselves in His will. How else is He our King unless we are subject to His rule? We have to know His heart and our hearts must be eternally bound to the desires of our King.

The powers that be can only acknowledge those who humble themselves and take up the cause of their King rather than going with the crowd, even the Christian crowd. Should you think this to be only about social and political issues, you are mistaken. You are today the sum of all your obediences. Every choice you make has eternal consequences. Either affecting generations to

come or of the building of a character in you that the King can trust in His millennial reign. Have you thought about the eternal consequences of the small things He asks of you to obey Him in? Or do you consider them only as His process of sanctification in you? Eternity is now. We are but at the beginning. He is both our Alpha and Omega. Our beginning and our end. Not just in this life, but in the life to come. The powers that be know whether what you are about is true or not. They know whether you are truly about the Kingdom of God or not. Whether He is truly your King in reality and not just in word. And how serious we are taking this is shown by how easily we are offended when our rights, the rights of this earthly kingdom is taken from us. We live as if we have to seek His Kingdom and hope for the best that He will keep up His end of the bargain concerning our needs. He said, in this world you will have trouble, but be of good cheer for I have overcome this world.

We must live with the expectation of our soon coming King who will judge all according to their works. Do we have an escape expectation or a Kingdom expectation? Because at the heart of the harvest workers lies the Kingdom of God. Not great exploits or doing great miracles, but establishing the Kingdom principals, lived out as living stones. God has in His Word, as a type and shadow for us, said that through His prophets and apostles the foundation of the Church is laid. Then we have the 144 000 that will be working during the period of Jacob's trouble, specifically in feeding the remnant Jews that will flee into the desert, resembling the building of the walls, and lastly the 12 tribes, resembling the gates of the New Jerusalem. This is the heavenly Jerusalem that will be built during the tribulation period. This is also why she is referred to as a woman.

Galatians 4: 26 - 31

²⁶ But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

²⁷ For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband.

²⁸ Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.

²⁹ But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now.

³⁰ Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.

³¹ So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

We have to understand that as His servants that the Kingdom of God is not made of bricks and mortar, but of living stones. People, human lives, form the foundation, the walls, and the gates. The temple of God for His glory to dwell in, in all His children. It is first and foremost about God's Kingdom in heaven and earth.

The earthly Jerusalem will be built during this time of tribulation. And so God has prepared those whom He will send out to build His Kingdom on earth, both physically and spiritually. Do we desire to rule and reign or are we secretly upset about His timing. We believe that we are establishing His Kingdom by evangelizing, or doing exactly what He said. After all, He told His disciples to go out and preach this Gospel to the whole world and make disciples. Or we believe that by doing acts of kindness or ministering to the hurting is doing exactly that. All of this are means of establishing His Kingdom here on earth. However, without the proper perspective and understanding of your Kingdom mandate, many have made the means their end goal. They see souls as the end goal, or deliverance or healing the sick. Ministries become the end goal and great things are done in the Name of Jesus. But the enemy is very subtle in his deception and without being consciously aware of it, the means become the end goal in itself and not the Kingdom of God. I am not saying these things are wrong, because they are not. But the question is whether you have made an idol out of what you do? Has what you have done for His Kingdom become more important than His Kingdom? Is it more about you than Him? These are hard questions and need to be asked.

On the flipside of the coin, are we so excited to get away from this world without a thought of His purposes for us to have been born for such a time as this? We want to go home and secretly we are praying, "Please don't let me be chosen to work. Please do not ask me to stay." His Kingdom is an eternal Kingdom and the end purpose, the climactic end, is the glory of God. "For Thine is

the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever!” Somehow we have divorced ourselves from His earthly reign because we will be in heaven. However, it has always been about two Kingdoms. The Kingdom of Heaven and the kingdom of darkness. And both have their eyes on Jerusalem. We cannot divorce the spiritual and secular, the heavenly and earthly. God has intended that the two shall become one, by ruling and reigning on the earth. For the earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof, and all they that dwell therein. This is our mandate, our purpose and reason for existence, being born at such a time as this. We have above us the cloud of heavenly witnesses that desire to share in the glory of establishing His Kingdom on this earth, continuing in the work that they have started, taking the baton from them and running this race with endurance. The prize is not heaven, the prize is the Kingdom of God on earth. It takes a huge paradigm shift to not only accept this, but to embrace the Kingdom mandate. For which they have suffered and died, documented in Hebrews 11. His glory is inextricably bound to His Kingdom forever. It is not about going home, however good and preferable, but the issue is the Kingdom of God and His glory. For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen (Romans 11: 36) There has to be a jealousy for His Kingdom and Him as King of Kings. This cannot be just something we read about and not have any context for it. We have to live in the reality of the Eternal Kingdom of God now and because we do not have a Kingdom disposition and do not understand or embrace the mandate, we fall short of the glory.

How will this affect us? We will not be one of the boys (girls). We will not be so opinionated and overtaken by emotions. We will not be swayed by the choices man makes, but rather like Paul, we will say, “But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish the course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the Gospel of the grace of God.” All of this constitute a serious threat to the powers of darkness who holds the whole of this world in bondage to fear and present earthly lusts. How else are our children to know the fake from the authentic, especially with what is seen in churches when they do not see it in us? It will be an expression of who we are and not what we wish to express or show. It will be the real thing. Not an expression of a spirituality we have not yet attained, but true faith, true worship and true intercession. Truth expressed in reality, because being of the Kingdom of truth, we are that which we profess. Are you?

WORD FROM THE LORD

KINGDOM REFORMATION!

God is going to send a KINGDOM REFORMATION IN THIS WORLD...This word serves as the posting of His declaration of KINGDOM REFORMATION on the church's door, in the same way as Martin Luther nailed his thesis on the Church's door 500 years ago.

KINGDOM REFORMATION

I will not forsake you. At the appointed time I will send forth My mighty Arrows. Into the dark world I will send forth My light. Do not fear, but trust. I will be with you. I will display My glory through you. It will be a wave of REFORMATION, A KINGDOM REFORMATION. Truth will flow in the streets and rivers of healing, until the appointed time for these rivers to dry up. Those who are thirsty will come and drink. They will turn and cleave unto My chosen ones, for the thirst of their hearts.

Once again a flood will come. And I will send you to the nations and I will be with you. Once removed, darkness will come and it will overwhelm, because the light has been removed. While there is still time, while they can still hear the calling and drawing of My Spirit, they will come. But you must not fear what will come. Shall I send and not supply? Shall I call and not equip? Therefore, come and drink now. Come and drink of Me. For is My Word not like a fire that I will send forth? Do not fear. My Word will never return void. I have exalted My Word above My Name. The time has come for My vessels to be filled. For the water to turn into wine. He who is wise shall turn to feast at My table. To commune with Me in this time. New wine, fire and living water! The world is thirsty for the true wine, the fire of My Spirit and My living waters.

Those vessels prepared will do great exploits in My Name for My sake, for My Kingdom. They

have drunk from My wine, they have been sanctified by My fire and have been filled with My living waters. They will go out and prepare the nations for the marriage feast. To be ready and to lay their lives down. They will go forth in the highways and byways and call them to prepare their wedding garments and to turn to Me again.

So come, prepare your hearts and feast with Me now. Sanctify yourself unto Me and I shall send you, my Fiery Ones!

THE PROMISE

One of the first promises the Lord gave to Moses was that He was giving them an inheritance, which is Canaan, the land of milk and honey. The words milk and honey always makes one think of Canaan. Canaan is to some degree depicted as heaven, but it is more than that in its type and shadow. The journey that the Israelites made from out of Egypt and right into possessing the land of milk and honey, is both an individual journey, as well as the whole of the Kingdom mandate. The enemy ensnares not only the whole world, but also starts with individuals from birth. He possesses the whole of our land with the aim to possess the whole of the world. Little by little he gains ground by fear, intimidation, manipulation and control. One individual at a time, until cities are taken over, to even nations. It truly is a world domination plan. Indeed although our fight is with principalities, powers and wickedness in the air, the earth is the battle ground.

Before we can conquer the world so to speak with regard to our Kingdom mandate, we have to first conquer the world, that is to say, possess the land within ourselves. This is also why Jesus said that the Kingdom of God is within us. One way of looking at this is to see the tabernacle or our bodies in the same context as this journey that the Israelites made.

OUTER-COURT	INNER-COURT	HOLY OF HOLIES
BODY	SOUL	SPIRIT
EGYPT	WILDERNESS	CANAAN
ESCAPE	SEALS	TRUMPETS
BRIDE	LEFT BEHIND	JUDAH

When we are reborn, we leave this world system, Egypt, to enter through water baptism into the wilderness. The wilderness on an individual basis, represent our soul, that is to say our emotions,

intellect, thoughts and will. This wilderness is where we carry our cross. Here we are to allow His Kingdom reign in us and to be established in its entirety in every category.

Hosea 2: 3; 14 – 20

³Lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst.

¹⁴Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her.

¹⁵And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope: and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt.

¹⁶And it shall be at that day, saith the LORD, that thou shalt call me Ishi; and shalt call me no more Baali.

¹⁷For I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name.

¹⁸And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely.

¹⁹And I will betroth thee unto me forever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies.

²⁰I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD.

It is here in this wilderness where He strips her from everything so that at the end she is completely betrothed and devoted to Him. No other lovers. With every breaking and stripping, the spirit man is built up as the flesh is subjected to the rule of the cross. Slowly but surely she comes to the point where she reaches her own personal Jordan, there to finally die on that very cross she has

carried in the wilderness. Only once she has reached this place can she enter into Canaan, to possess the land, which is the dimension of the spirit. It is here where she operates from Resurrection life and lives by faith. Canaan means more than milk and honey. Canaan means rest. In Hebrews 4 we read that when we enter into Canaan, we have ceased from our own works and have entered into His rest. This rest is called to live by faith. This is not any kind of faith, because faith was undoubtedly needed for her wilderness period, but this faith is to live by the faith of the Son of God.

Galatians 2: 20

²⁰ I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

This is a very long journey and patience and endurance are needed to make it all the way to our own personal Canaan, so that we no longer walk by faith, but live by the faith of the Son of God. No longer living from the flesh, but controlled by the Spirit.

Romans 8: 11 - 16

¹¹ But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

¹² Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

¹³ For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

¹⁵ For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

¹⁶ The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Even though the Kingdom of God is in us, it is progressive as one who possess the land little by little. The Kingdom mandate does not start with us. The Kingdom mandate started with Adam, carried through the whole of the Prophets and when Jesus was born in that starry night in Bethlehem, and right now in us. When the King came, it was a declaration of war, for He had only one purpose...the mandate His Father gave Him to do. Which is to be unto us the Patterned Son and forerunner, to show us the Father that we may know the wisdom and ways of God to overcome. To possess the land that is rightfully ours by the victory of the cross and our own personal authentic identification with all that the cross provides. Both death and life. When we look at the coming time of tribulation, there will be an escape where the Bride who has been through her own personal wilderness and allowed Him to strip her, so that she could walk in newness of life, will escape all these things that is about to come upon this world. Then when we look at the wilderness experience we see the Left Behind Church, she who did not live in repentance and remained adulterous is to be stripped by persecution, when a great harvest will come in and the rapture will take place. After this, Jacob's trouble, Trumpets will take place, which resembles Canaan and fighting the giants.

God has provided for both the wilderness and the giants in Canaan a remnant, the workers that will possess the land. They are those whom He has prepared for such a time as this to stay and feed His sheep. They will be endued with power from on high and will do great exploits for the Lord, but they will also suffer great things for the Kingdom of God. They are the army of the Lord that will possess the land, having the Kingdom mandate inscribed upon their hearts, as they themselves live from that Kingdom that has been established in their hearts, by the manifold wisdom of God. They will operate not from the wisdom of this world or lean on their own understanding, but from the Resurrection Life of God, which is by the faith of the Son of God.

Twelve spies were sent into Canaan to go check out the land. As you know only two of the twelve had a good report. The other ten were just not up to the task, seeing themselves as grasshoppers to the likes of the inhabitants of the land. Two had the faith and courage to take the land, whilst the majority was just not up to it. Faith is the basis of rest, because that faith rests in the only one that can overcome our enemies.

1 John 4: 4

⁴Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

We read how Martha came running to Jesus and cried, saying that if only He was there her brother would still be alive. Jesus tells her the following...

John 11: 22 - 26

²² But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee

²³ Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

²⁴ Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

²⁵ Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

²⁶ And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

In these few verses Jesus confronts Mary with what she believes. At that time there was the belief amongst some that there would be a resurrection at the end of the age. Jesus knew that this is what Mary believed. So He was not confronting her whether she actually believed in the resurrection, that which is future. He was confronting her with whether she believed it now. This is why He told her even after she said that He will cause all the dead to rise in the end, with the words...I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. Present tense. If you read carefully you will find two categories mentioned by Jesus in his statement. He refers to the dead and He refers to those who are alive.

²⁵ Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were **dead**, yet shall he live:

²⁶ And whosoever **liveth** and believeth in me shall never die.

He was confronting her with the fact that she believed the one, but not the other. Asking, “Believest thou this?” And this is what He is confronting us with today. The dead are raised, and those who are alive shall never die...life! You cannot have a resurrection unless there is death, and the life that you live having been raised, is that eternal life, not longevity only, but quality life...resurrection life. Believest thou this? This is that milk and honey. No longer the manna. We read that once they entered Canaan, the manna stopped, and they lived off the fruit of the land and the milk and honey. This fruit is the fruit of the Tree of life...Christ in us. To live off Him. The milk speaks of the Word of God and the honey is revelation. We read how Saul called for a fast and how Jonathan ate honey.

1 Samuel 14: 24 - 27

²⁴ And the men of Israel were distressed that day: for Saul had adjured the people, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth any food until evening that I may be avenged on mine enemies. So none of the people tasted any food.

²⁵ And all they of the land came to a wood; and there was honey upon the ground.

²⁶ And when the people were come into the wood, behold, the honey dropped; but no man put his hand to his mouth: for the people feared the oath.

²⁷ But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath: wherefore he put forth the end of the rod that was in his hand, and dipped it in a honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were enlightened.

Honey is used for medicinal purposes, and not just to sweeten our tea. It also speaks of strength and wisdom. David said the following of the Word of God, comparing it to honey.

Psalm 119:103

¹⁰³ How sweet are thy words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

I call honey “Liquid Gold”. Just by these few examples, one can see that it is a precious commodity. It is universally known that if you do not eat, you do not get to live. We all need to eat. Or what about, “You are what you eat”? In this case, eating from the Tree of life’s fruit, drinking milk from the Word, and sticky lips from the pure honey of the wisdom and revelation of God, which is completely different than living from manna. Never looking down on the manna, because He knows that we cannot enjoy the honey of Canaan, without having eaten first the manna of the wilderness. This is an example of the resurrection life of Christ in us. Not for future, but now. Resurrection life now!

I have to ask at this point, knowing that Lazarus eventually died, “With what life did Lazarus go on living when he was risen from the dead?” He desires to make this a reality to us. He wants us to know that He is I AM. Even now He will resurrect you like Paul, like Lazarus. He will remove your grave clothes of white linen and clothe you with His glorious life, with His righteousness and He will do it by being that very life in you. We already have this life in us. It is the Word, the incorruptible seed that will never return void, having grown all along during the wilderness. And to the degree that you still eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, that self, to which the ax has not been laid to the root, is the degree that you will not walk in His rest, in this Resurrection Life. He has not just come to take us out of here. He has come to lay the ax to the root. And this is why He is confronting us with “Do thou believest this?” Do you believe that I can give you resurrection life now? You may ask me, “Why is this important Pietra?”

We read the shortest verse of the whole Bible in John 11, the account of Lazarus’ resurrection.

35. Jesus wept.

The people around Him thought that He was crying over Lazarus, but right before He and His disciples went to Lazarus grave, He told them that Lazarus would live again. He even began His prayer with “Thank you Father, I know you always hear my prayer”. So why was Jesus weeping. I submit to you that He is still weeping. He is weeping because of unbelief. The very crux of this chapter is not the resurrection of Lazarus, but who Jesus IS and what we believe. Do we believe, really believe that He wants to give us this resurrection life now? Because the whole journey

through the wilderness is in preparation of this reality. To bring you to this point where you will live from Him, the Tree of Life, with His promised honey. Some believers believes Him for a future resurrection. This is good. We should believe that He will take us out of here. But He is still weeping over those who do not believe in the resurrection life that He wants to give now. They pay lip service to it. They say they are raised with Christ, that they have died in the baptism water and are a new creature. This is all true. We are all that. But we are that by degrees and to the extent that we have actually died. He is not asking us whether we believe He can change our circumstances.

This we also read in John 17, His High Priestly prayer. His purpose has always been that we are to experience resurrection life now. We all groan together with creation for the adoption of the sons of God, to be resurrected. But there are two resurrections. The one of the body in the future and the one of the spirit now.

We look to ourselves and there is no hope. Nothing. We cannot do it and without knowing it, we try our best, and really hope for the resurrection of the body at best. Jesus wept. Two resurrections...that of the future and that of the spirit to live now from His life. Are we not to believe both and trust for both? Paul says the following in Philippians 3.

Philippians 3: 13

¹³ Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

Paul is wanting to apprehend that for which also he was apprehended for of Christ Jesus. He is saying, my eye, my focus, is on why He saved me, which is to know Him, the power of His resurrection, the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death. This speaks of a process, a goal, a purpose. Why He came to save us...which is that He may fully live through us. For what purpose does He wish to live through us? The purpose for which His Son died, which is to establish His Kingdom on this earth.

When He becomes our all in all, it is not a statement of how we have died to everything as much as it is a statement of how He is now our life. There is a promise made to us. A promise of an

inheritance for those who have died, risen by His life, to no longer live in the wilderness, but to enter into His rest and live from the Land of milk and honey.

Let us therefore labor to enter into the rest of God, and eat honey!

WORD FROM THE LORD

BELIEVEST THOU THIS?

“Do you believe I AM in you? Do you believe that I want to live through you? Do you understand why you have to die? Because like Paul, there cannot be two. We have to become one. All of you for all of Me. This is why I came. Not just to save this world from the coming destruction, but to be the Patterned Son for you to emulate. For you to live, like I did, from the life of the Father, which is Resurrection Life. For I only spoke what He told me to speak and the works that I did, He did through Me. This is why I say, “When you see Me, you have seen the Father”. For we are one. In the same way, My desire is to be one with you as I was and is one with the Father.

I AM the Resurrection and the Life and I have been preparing you for exactly that. That I may live through you as the Father lived through Me. Believest thou this?”

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BY WHAT POWER?

By what power are we to rule and reign? Nothing than the same power by which He overcame the enemy, which is resurrection life. The grave resembles a few things to me. It is a place of death, but also a place of new life. In all of God's dealings with us, there cannot be life, especially resurrection life without death. Even in His own example by how He lived and how He died, Jesus as the Patterned Son came to show us the Way. We are called to walk in newness of life. Out of Jesus' grave came the birth of the New Adam. And so it will be for us as well. This death we are to die is the death of the old man. The first Adam, that is to say the death of the sin nature in us. Unfortunately the church has succumbed to the idea that we are all sinners saved by grace. That may be so that as sinners we were saved by grace, but to label ourselves as sinners, that are the children of God, should not sit well with us. The word says that he who sins is the children of the devil. Paul says he is the chief of all sinners, that word "chief" means first or foremost. To say that he is still a sinner, meaning without God, is in contradiction to "I no longer live, but the life I now live, Christ lives through me". Paul was saying, that he is well aware of what the Lord came to save him from and that he considers himself as the worst of all sinners that there is. The same man that said that we are to count ourselves dead to sin. Can you see how there can be so much confusion? The one is a state that he was in before he was saved, the first Adam, but the other, is the newness of life, the Second Adam. There is a clear difference in disposition and actuality. There comes a time in God's dealings with us, where we enter the Jordan and are raised up in newness of life, that is to say the Second Adam then lives in us and through us.

We are to have our conversation in heaven. This word conversation is used for describing your mode of being. We are seated in heavenly places and we rule and reign in Christ, with Christ. Jesus is the Patterned Son...our example. He is the Author and Finisher of our faith and we are to look to Him, because He was and is fully man and fully God. We look to Him and we

walk as He walked...by the Spirit. This is the fundamental part of walking as He walked, which is by the Spirit. Although the baptism in water is our identification with the death and resurrection of Christ, we need to understand that more is actually required of us. Whatever act we do as a type and shadow, like baptism in water, has to be a reality. There is a coinciding reality that goes with the type and shadow otherwise what we are about is type and shadow and not reality. The enemy knows the difference.

Romans 6:3-11

3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Two actions required here. The first is the baptism of water as the type and shadow and the second is to walk in newness of life. We know the just shall walk by faith, which is to walk by the Spirit. This does not come because you got wet. Your baptism into death is a real felt death that has to take place in your life. This is why Jesus said we are to take up our cross and follow Him, because there is only one purpose for a cross...death. We are buried with Him by baptism into death. But let's face it, as the saying goes, just because you live in the garage, it does not make you a car. We can be baptized and still be very alive in self. In the old way of living. Paul said something very significant in Philippians 3: 10, "that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death." Paul is saying in this scripture that he desires to know Christ in His death, so that he may know the resurrection power of God.

Now that is what I call identification! Paul was also baptized, so why was it so important for Him to identify with Christ's death and resurrection? He is there for our example as a Christian living by the resurrection life of God. Paul knew that without a true death, there can be no resurrection power. He knew that there was life and power by his identification in reality and not

just in word, with the death and resurrection of Christ. The issue is life. This new life in Christ came through Christ, but is made a reality by us following in the footsteps of our Savior. And as Paul said, follow me as I follow Christ. This truly is remarkable.

Those who do truly discern, who know and perceive with spiritual eyes of understanding, are those who have entered the grave. They have entered into the place of death and the intention of God is always that once we have died to all, we may live in newness of life now. That we may live in resurrection power now for the kingdom of God is in us and we have entered into the Kingdom of God in the heavenlies. We have entered into that time and place in the heavenlies. This reality is to become so real to us that like Jesus we have our conversation, our mode of being in the heavenlies. The idea is not that we get to experience this only once we escape, but that even now, we may taste of the first fruits of the victory He has obtained for us, which is Resurrection life now!

The invitation is extended to us today, as much as it was to the disciples when they ran together to the grave. We can either just stoop down or we can enter into the grave. We can see with physical eyes or with spiritual eyes. It says that when John entered in, he believed. Previously when he just stooped down at the grave, the Word mentions nothing about believing. The just shall live by faith. The Word says that faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence to the things we cannot see. May I suggest that when John finally entered in, he did not just see linen cloths, but the evidence of resurrection life!

The overcoming life of the Christian is not that he is perfect, but rather that he has learned to overcome by the Spirit. The only place to do that is within the grave. Our Christian life does not begin at the grave. It begins at the cross, but it finds its full intent and conclusion in the resurrection from out of the grave. Just like the Patterned Son. It is a journey, a process from the cross to the grave. Jesus said that we are to take up our cross and follow Him. The disciples knew that to follow Him would mean a certain death and He made it clear to them that they would indeed die. So for them to be baptized in His death was a very real thing. We seldom think of it that way. But the reality is that in order to truly identify with His death, as Paul so greatly desired and did, we have to not only take up our cross, but also enter into the grave. The cross is the place of

death, the place of sacrifice, but the grave is the place of resurrection. Our identification in baptism has great value, but our identification in reality, by dying to this world and all that is in it, brings forth resurrection life. At the cross, we die, but in the grave we have to stay until He resurrects us. Here we cannot raise ourselves but have come to die in all our categories, especially the spiritual that we have grown so proficient in. Many of you have been in this grave for very long, but I can testify that there comes a time when that very corn of wheat that He said must fall to the ground and die and be buried in the ground, will produce much. What I mean by this is what Paul said, I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. Have you experienced this resurrection life? Do you live from this life by your true identification with His death? This death is very real. Because without your identification with His death, you will not experience this resurrection life to the extent that He intended for us to live and have our being from a higher dimension.

When we say that we are in the world and not of this world, we are not just merely saying that we want off this earth and be in heaven, but in reality, we live in heaven. What a strange thing to say and yet this is exactly what Jesus said and did. Indeed, we are to leave this world in so many ways, even to the point that we truly start operating from out of the heavenlies. Being seated in Christ, we live out this reality now on earth. This is our inheritance even now, being heirs with Christ. The spiritual realm is a phenomena and mystery we have very little knowledge of and it contains dimensions nobody really knows. Not to mention all the deception out there. And the sad part is that the New Age philosophies and those who are in eastern religions, have managed to tap into the spirit world through their meditation and various occult means. The Spirit world transcends this physical world and this is why Jesus could walk through the wall and walk on water. He was operating from another dimension even whilst being on earth. This is why Paul could be bitten by a snake and just shake it off and Peter's shadow could heal. There are miracles that happened in that time of which all the books of the world could never be able to contain. All of that just faded away.

Instead of it ever increasing since Pentecost, it faded away as the years gone by. This promise of a new infilling, of a Pentecost 2.0 will once again be for those who has entered into the grave. Those who have identified with His death and will therefore be partakers of His power to fulfill their Kingdom mandate. Because God's power, His glory rests only on that which is set apart. That which is holy.

In truth and reality, not just in word. This is why Paul writes, “Do not be deceived...”

Galatians 6:7-8

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

In the same way that sin ever increases, and by extension death, in the same way life, eternal life increases. Eternal life is to know God. This speaks not of just quantity, but quality of life, which is Resurrection life. Once we are raised from the grave by His Spirit and we start to walk in newness of life, which is Resurrection life, that life increases in us. We go from glory to glory operating now from the faith of the Son of God. Even now this Resurrection Life is now ours to live by, and to be received in abundance at Pentecost 2.0 for those who have entered in. Our righteous deeds are as filthy rags and will never be enough, because we cannot please Him with works. Dying to self is not works, in fact it is ceasing from works, because our sin nature desires to save itself, but He alone can bring us to that place of death, where we finally die to all of self.

Our Kingdom mandate is not something that we will be able to perform from out of our own strength or wisdom. This mandate will only be established on the basis of the wisdom of God. That wisdom is produced in us as we walk this narrow way in holiness and the fear of God. And for that He has to deal ruthlessly with us and lay the ax to the root of our sin in our lives. He knows what we will face in this time to come, whether outside in the world or in our homes, and it will not be easy. Only those who have allowed Him to deal with them in all their categories as to mold their characters until Christ is formed in them, the Second Adam, will be able to stand and if necessary give their lives in the time to come. We have this idealistic idea that we will all be like super heroes with our super powers. Although there will be signs and wonders and a great harvest,

it will also come at a great price. Therefore, knowing the terror of God, Paul says he persuades man. God has to judge our sin and deal with all that will cause us not to live out His Kingdom mandate on this earth. Many can testify of just how hard this life has been for them. It is for this mandate assigned to you that He has prepared you for. So that you do not think that you will be able to do this because you do signs and miracles, but because like Christ, you walk in lowliness of mind, meekness and in love, demonstrating the wisdom of God in the midst of great opposition.

SCRIPTURE REF:

Philippians 3: 7 – 18

⁷ But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

⁸ Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

⁹ And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

¹⁰ That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

¹¹ If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

¹² Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

¹³ Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

¹⁴ I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

¹⁶ Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

EXPECT OPPOSITION

DREAM

I dreamt that I was going down stairs to where my husband was working outside in a small room. As I went down the stairs, a dove came to sit on my shoulder. Not just any dove...a royal blue dove. In fact, the colors were that of sapphire. It was so beautiful. I was astonished at how unafraid it was and reach out to touch it. It literally cradled itself in my neck and when I touched the dove it curled and relished his love on me. I was so astounded and went to tell my husband about it, but when I got to the room where he was, he was furious about something he could not get right and in a fit of rage threw something outside. This was so not like him because he is one of those silent types that does not show any anger very easily. I decided right then that no one can reason with someone like that and walked away. My dogs were also all over me, and I thought they would hurt the dove, but they too were just loving me. In my dream I had more dogs than normal. When I got to the top of the stairs the door was closed and I saw the same color feathers as this beautiful dove on my shoulder on the floor, covered with blood.

End of dream.

INTERPRETATION OF DREAM

Revelation 22:11 talking about those that are unjust to be unjust still, those who are filthy, let him be filthy still; let him that is righteous be righteous still, and he that is holy, let him be holy still. Interestingly they day of the dream was November 22nd. Turn it around and you get 22:11. No coincidence there.

The dove speaks of the Holy Spirit and sitting on my shoulder talks about the government of His Kingdom on our shoulders. The sapphire blue color is one of the stones on the High Priests breastplate, and it is also the color of the ground that the Lord was seen on In Exodus 24:10. This speaks of dominion and authority.

The significance of the shoulder is all power. Hand in the Word signifies power, arm signifies still greater power, and shoulder signifies all power. We also have a saying that is, "*Put your shoulder into it.*" Meaning put all your strength into it. In Ezekiel 34:21, Ye thrust with slide and with shoulder, and push all the diseased sheep with your horns (strength), till ye have scattered them abroad. In Zechariah 7: 11 we read that they refused to hearken, and turned a stubborn shoulder.

This means they resisted with all their might. So when we read in Isaiah 22: 22 about the key of the house of David that will be laid upon His shoulder, and He shall open, and none shall shut, and He shall shut and none shall open, it is a reference to His power and authority. In the same way that Jesus told His disciples the keys to the Kingdom of God is given to them. You only use keys for two things. To open or to close. This speaks of authority. So the Holy Spirit sitting on the shoulder denotes Holy Spirit power and authority.

The love the Dove showed is the love of the Father for His holy one and that He will pour out His love on them as well. He will shower them with His love.

My husband resembles those who is busy and struggles still in this world and he becoming more angry is an example of those who are filthy or unjust to become more so. They will also be the

very ones to persecute those who are holy, which is Christ in us, hence the blue feathers covered in blood. Unfortunately, just like it was the case with Jesus, it was the Pharisees you begged and shouted for Jesus' crucifixion. So it will be when the workers work during the tribulation. It is not going to be a walk in the park. They will specifically be persecuted as the spirit of antichrist will be very prevalent at this time. Great will be the suffering as families will be split apart due to intimidation and fear. Jesus warned us of this very division during this time.

Mark 13: 12

¹² Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to death.

From this we can see why Father has to prepare us, for if you have not forsaken all, which includes all your family members, it will be an extremely difficult time in your life and it will inevitably cause you to lose focus on your Kingdom mandate, which is far more important than your family.

The dogs in my dream speaks of man's best friend. This speaks of those whom He will cause to surround you and support you. He has promised that He will never leave or forsake us.

WORD FROM THE LORD

MY GOVERNMENT UPON YOUR SHOULDERS

Those who are holy will seek to become even more holy and those who are righteous still. But those who are unjust and filthy will too. The world is becoming darker, but you must become brighter. It is now at a point that those who are filthy or unjust are unreasonable and that you are to either cut yourself off or walk away. Your focus must move increasingly towards holiness for what is at stake here is the government upon your shoulders. There is a reward for those who seek Me with all their heart for the time to come. You cannot change your loved ones or friend's minds and hearts. I alone open the doors and whatever door I open, you cannot close, neither can you open a door I have closed. They will increase in their filth and being unjust and the more you try to "change" their minds, the more you will become a victim to where they are at. What has light to do with darkness? You are to separate yourself unto Me and to have an expectancy of the Holy Spirit to rest His government on your shoulders. To let them go. I will bring those friends to your life that will shower you with love and draw them unto you. Therefore, seek Me more in this time because I desire to pour out My love on My children. Love endures all things, hopes all things and believes all things. When your family and friends reject and persecute you, My love will sustain you and cause you to bear all, endure all, hope and believe all things. My love is what will sustain you. So seek Me for this love, seek for more and spend time in My presence in intimacy and allow the Dove of God to rest upon your shoulder. To beautify your life where you would normally be heartbroken over those you cannot reach. I will surround you with friends and draw you in My love.

SCRIPTURE REF:

Revelation 22

1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

6 And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

8 And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.

9 Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.

11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

14 Blessed are they that do his commandments that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord

Jesus.

21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

CROSSING OVER

Our God is such an ultimate God and we see this not only in the life Jesus lived, but also in the death He died. What is the position by which we move in the authority of God? There can never be power except that we are in the right position in God, which is the position incorporated into His death, burial and resurrection, ascension and reign in our present experience. The cross is central to the Kingdom Mandate. It is not the beginning, a means to an end. It is through the cross and all its dynamics that authority is attained, not be mere acknowledgment, but in real felt experience. How much of the cross has been applied to your life? This is the position in Christ where authority is obtained.

Something dawned on me with regard to the difference with living in the wilderness and fighting giants in Canaan. These are two distinct spiritual realms or dimensions He calls His children to. The one is a crossing over, the other a possessing. The one is defensive, the other offensive. When we go from Egypt, which as we know resembles the world, we have to cross the Red Sea. This is being born again from above into the Kingdom of God. We do this by repenting and being baptized, which is our identification with His death and choose to no longer live after the dictates of the flesh, the way we did in Egypt. During our wilderness journey we are to learn how to be controlled by the Spirit of God. And of course the only way to do this is by having our minds renewed and signing up for consecration, which is the words “blood on your hands”. In essence our wilderness years is living from Gethsemané to Golgotha. That bloody road of Via Della Rosa. The endless trail of blood following our cross we daily bare. And we all know how much we want to put that cross down every now and then as the flesh who is in enmity with the Spirit of God, cries out “Enough! I cannot do this!”

We learn to see ourselves as we truly are in this journey in the wilderness. At the same time we get a glimpse of the One who is calling us not just out of this world, but also out of the wilderness. For some of us, as was the case with me, you don’t even consider Canaan an

option. You know too much of your own sorry condition and it just seems that this wilderness, even with the manna, the fire column of God's presence and the living water from the Rock, is your home. This is where you will stay until He comes and gets you out of here. But God's intention is possessing the land.

Where Egypt is all about the world in general, the matrix if you will, the kingdom of this world, the wilderness again is about our kingdom. The kingdom of "I". The kingdom of your unrenewed mind where you still sit on the throne. Where you make the decisions and still plan your future. Where you have to learn how to walk in authenticity and how to be like Christ in all you do. A daily life of repentance and dying to self. In essence the wilderness is your struggle with self and learning to walk in holiness.

But He is calling us to a disposition of having the mind of the sons and daughters of the Kingdom of God. This is the realm of Canaan, where it no longer constitute what you still need to die to, the bearing of the cross, but having died, you now stand in the full orb'd authority of Sonship, establishing the Kingdom of God. Now it no longer constitute what you need to die to, but what you have been raised up to, which is resurrection life after death. It is from BECOMING a child to BEING a son. It is from learning to overcome, to the actual ruling. You cannot rule unless you have overcome. To go from defensive to offensive. Not in your occasional warfare that you have to participate in, but your very existence is an act of war. It riles against the spirit that rules this world. To take up arms and to walk in that authority given, not because you have the title of a child of God, but during your wilderness you have learned to walk in obedience and have become a son, something that has been wrought in you with all the dealings of God. You have come to the banks of the Jordan River. Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River, and there is no coincidence with regard to the significance of this. When He came up out of the water, the Father declared, "This is My Son in whom I am well-pleased!" Jesus was 30 years old when He was baptized. He was a grown man. But not just a grown man in age, but He came into spiritual sonship. The Word says in Hebrews 5: 8 "Although He was a Son, He learned obedience by what He suffered." This suffering is not that of the cross, but the cross was the expression of all His suffering in obedience. He was a Son in every essence of the word when He was baptized, by His obedience unto His Father. And from that time, even though He was there already for 30 years, people started to follow Him. Once you cross the Jordan, which means descent into death, and came up out of the

Jordan, resembling resurrection life, He went from defensive to offensive and started to possess the land.

Just like you travelled from Egypt to the wilderness through a sea, so we travel through the wilderness to Canaan by crossing a river. There is a crossing that has to take place in the spirit, but this crossing differs immensely from the Red Sea. Where the Red Sea is the identification with His death and resurrection, the Jordan is the entering into His death and resurrection. The one is identifying with His death, the other is entering into His death. There is a real felt death that needs to be experienced, not just hypothetically or in theory, which is the key to the dynamics of God, given to those who have passed through death. And this is not just mere poetic words. It is a real felt ultimate place where you in the spirit move from the wilderness into Canaan, from self into spirit. That is to say you take up your Kingdom mandate and preordained purpose in God and all self-consideration is left in that river. You come out of that river as an Ambassador of the Kingdom of God, not as a child, but as a son and daughter of God. You step out in the resurrection power of God. In the wilderness we bear our cross, but in the Jordan we die on that cross. I no longer live is not a catch phrase, but it is reality by which Christ rules and reigns through us, and nothing else. The cross! Only then can we be the instruments of that authority. The person who stepped into the Jordan and the one stepping out is no longer the same. In the same way that the person who stepped into the Red Sea and stepped out, were no longer the same. You might remember the difference you felt in body and spirit after you got born again. Everything was different. It is the same when you come out of the Jordan, because you have died. We are not just called to bear our cross, but also to die on that cross. Paul said, I now no longer live, but Christ lives in me. He was not playing with words, but this was his reality and the fruit of it evident in the epistles. This is the reality of the Christian walk. We like to talk about it, and it seems so holy and ultimate, but this is the aim of the Spirit of God. To take us from one kingdom to the Kingdom of God. Not only when we get to heaven, but even now. So that once we have entered into the Kingdom of God through rebirth and baptism as children, we also enter in the Kingdom Mandate by the baptism of the Jordan, as sons. To operate from the spiritual realm and being subject to all that it pertains. This is ultimate and there is an ultimate price to pay for all authority given.

The reality is that you do not get to this place in a day or even a year. It is a journey, but the cross is not. The Jordan is where this journey is leading you to, which is to say your own personal

crucifixion. Why do you think you get to bear your own cross? You take up your cross for one thing and that is to die on it. Make no mistake, the purpose is to kill you. It is to destroy the kingdom of “I”, so that you can say with authenticity that you no longer live, but Christ lives in you. But when you get to this stage, you pine for that death. One of my favorite moments in the Passion of the Christ movie is where Jesus falls to the ground whilst carrying the cross on the Via Della Rosa and He holds onto that cross as if His life depended on it. And His life did...His new life. When you get to the Jordan, you hold onto that cross and all you can think of is dying. You yearn to cross over no matter the cost. You love your cross because it is that very cross serves as the bridge on which you will “cross” over.

It is also important to note that once the Israelites crossed over into Canaan from the wilderness that they were no longer being fed by manna, but by the fruit of the land, milk and honey. People tend to look at Canaan as a type and shadow of heaven, but as far as I know, there are no Jericho’s and giants in heaven. I submit to you that Canaan speaks of a spiritual reality on this earth that He desires to bring us into that we, having died in the Jordan, no longer live, but He lives in us. Which will inevitably make you a candidate for severe opposition as you will be a marked man in the spirit. This is God’s provision in keeping us weak and utterly dependent on Him. Can you believe that?

We read in Philippians that Jesus became like unto a man. He stripped himself of His divinity, which should from the get go disillusion us from the idea to look upon His miracles as an attribute because of His divinity. He became a man, just like us. Subject to the same things we endure during our wilderness years. All this to teach us how to walk in obedience unto the Father. That we may look unto Him as we read in Hebrews 12 who fought against sin to the point of sweating blood. To what end was this obedience in the wilderness? Was it only that we may know how to overcome? We read the following in the word...

Philippians 2: 8

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

The purpose of all His obediences, the sum of all His obediences, was to die on the cross. It extended to death. Even though all His obediences was working death in Him, there was a point where He actually died. Why? Why go through so much? Resurrection Life! There cannot be resurrection life without death. And this is where the Jordan comes in. The meaning of the Jordan is "To enter into death". He does not call us to an obedience that we can fulfill. And if we are only subject to obediences that we can fulfill we are in fact living beneath the resurrection life He has called us to. The Red Sea, which symbolizes the blood of Yeshua, is the way of deliverance. We go through it. But the Jordan, is our entering into His death, and as it is written in the book of Joshua, the priests had to stand in it. And do not think this was just a little river. Rather, this river was overflowing and deep. They had to enter by faith carrying the ark into the midst of it. That is to say everything that resembles the ark, which is the law, the manna and Moses' staff. The priests that stand in the Jordan, are those who do not stand in their own strength, but are those who walk by faith, carrying the ark of God. They have been stripped coming through the wilderness. And the word Priest in itself is a synonym to consecration. Set apart and sanctified. We tend to romanticize this occasion as we read it in the Word and seldom think of just what it meant for them to go and stand IN the Jordan. Unless we realize that there is a certain death that we are to stand in that will be the sum of all our obediences, a death where you are not in control, there can be no coming down of the Jericho in our lives, neither dominion and rule as our Kingdom mandate. It is an obedience where you are not called to obey from an inkling of strength you have, but as baptized in weakness, in His death. It is an ultimate crossing to which we are called to and that should you wish to slay the giants or bring down the Jericho's, you will have to stand in the midst of the Jordan. For how long? As long as it takes. It says in Philippians 2:8 that He became obedient unto death. This word became speaks of a continuous process into which He grew. He learned obedience. Nothing came easy to Him and for that very reason He has so much compassion on our trials and rejoices in our obediences. But there does come a time in our lives that the ultimate is in fact required. A death on the very cross we have carried through the wilderness. Only He can bring you to that death, and it will be in His time.

He is beckoning us to cross over, because there is a Jericho to face and Canaan, this earth, upon with the Kingdom of God is to be established. Each one of us have our own specific Jericho. And, like the Israelites we would like to walk 6 times around and bring that baby down! But what does

it require? A prayer walk? A warfare song? Blowing the shofar? No, no Jordan, no Jericho. After everyone passed over the Jordan, which is just as great a miracle as the Red Sea, the new generation were circumcised at the hill of foreskins. The wilderness speaking of the law, which Moses brought, but the circumcision of the new generation in Canaan, speaking of walking by faith. This is why we read in Hebrews 4 the following:

Hebrews 4: 5 - 10

5 And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest.

6 Seeing therefore it remains that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:

7 Again, he limits a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

8 For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day.

9 There remains therefore a rest to the people of God.

10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

You see, living by faith is not something you just choose. You can try, but it will only last that long. Walking by faith is something that is taught in the wilderness years as you die to all your self-efforts in all the categories of your life. Until you reach the Jordan. I said earlier you come out different from when you went in. When you enter into Canaan, you enter into His rest. What does this rest look like? Well, we see that they walked 6 times around Jericho without making a sound. In essence they had to wait. The Levitical Priests had to wait for 7 days outside the Tent of Meeting before they could go in. And so, the warriors had to walk 6 days around Jericho, 6 being the number of man. On the 7th day, they had to walk in silence 7 times in that day, and on the 7th round they could shout their war cry. Not one stone was broken down by them. They saw there deliverance as God brought down Jericho without their help! They may have not brought Jericho down, but in them was a Jericho that had to be brought down in the Jordan first. The

Kingdom of “I”. The Jericho of “I”. Very often we want to deal with the Jericho’s in our lives without dealing with the “Jericho of I” first. We want to warfare, we want to shout and declare and do so many things. We do not enter into His rest, because what is required of us, is to stand in the Jordan. We are to stand in that death until the Jericho in us has fallen.

Each of us journey at a certain pace according to how much we are willing to die to self in carrying our cross. It also depends on what we were exposed to in our years in Egypt and just how much we walk in obedience. And just to disillusion us a bit further, in the wilderness we deal with self, but in Canaan we deal with giants. We go over to warring in the Spirit from a position of power and authority. This power and authority comes only once you have stood in the Jordan, because it is the very Resurrection Life of Christ in you that you now live by. The authority we receive in the wilderness is very much still subject to what we have dealt with or not dealt with. But once you come to the Jordan and cross over, the warfare level increases and you no longer have a kingdom you defend that is of yourself, but rather you come to the giants and declare...

1 Samuel 17: 45

45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comes to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

And like David was like a grasshopper in the sight of Goliath and so also the spies that went into Canaan, we too look at our giants and Jericho’s and see just how small and insufficient we are to overcome them. But what has transpired in the standing of the Jordan is death unto life! You no longer come in your name, that is to say what you can bring to the table with all your years of spiritual training and experience, but you come in the Name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel.

God is looking for those who are willing to stand in the Jordan. Those who are willing in these last days to pull out all the stops, saying, “Lord whatever you ask of me, this I will do. Like the priests of old I will slay mother, father, brother and neighbor. I am willing to be stripped and baptized in the Jordan of death so that You may raise me up in Your resurrection power and life.” He is searching for those to whom He can show Himself strong and in these last days, send

out as a mighty warrior army, able to wait on Him for the right time to give the ultimate shout of faith, born out of death. Jericho is a type and shadow of Babylon in all her categories. Babylon, this world system with all its idolatry. He is looking for the priests, prophets and warriors who will not squirm and be driven by sentimentalism when the command comes to slay all!

Joshua 6: 21

21 And they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword.

I love animals, I love babies. Surely they could have brought the 7 year old girl, even born into this world not by her own fault, into the fold and teach her to serve the Lord Most High? Surely they could save the kitten or dog, the sheep? But no, God said bring the edge of the sword down. You are only able to war to this degree that fights against everything that is human and crying out to save the flesh, in this ultimate way, when you have died in the Jordan. You can only do this when you are no longer a civilian from the wilderness, but rather a warrior from above. This is the ultimate call He is calling us to and also why your wilderness years have been so extreme and unbearable at times. And this is why the Israelites could not enter in because their moaning had reached His ears and their yearning for the flesh pots of Egypt grieved and vexed Him. They died right there in the desert where snakes, the very symbol of deception and the world, bit them. They were struck dead. But those who endure, those who suffer long and share in His suffering awaits an eternal reward. Not only that, but they get to bring down Jericho and slay giants. And after all this, we read in verse 19

Joshua 6: 19

19 But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are consecrated unto the LORD: they shall come into the treasury of the LORD.

You get to stock heaven's treasury. You get the spoils of the enemy and you get to chop off heads with the edge of the sword. The reason for the chopping off of the heads is to serve as evidence to be brought to the King that the enemy is slayed. Those who stand in the Jordan and cross over will do mightily in the Name of the Lord. Not by might, nor by power, but by the Spirit of God.

WORD FROM THE LORD

This word speaks of the ultimate requirement He asks of those who are willing to stand IN the Jordan.

YOU MUST STAND BEFORE ME ALONE

Are you willing for Me to take all your securities away? All those things you have come to depend on? Not physically, but spiritually. To bring a death to your spirituality, however profound and prolific it may have been thus far? The issue is not whether it has been of Me, but whether you are willing that even that which I have given you, I have the right to take. For unless I have full play in what needs to stay or go, am I Lord? I AM either Lord of all, or I am not Lord at all.

For if I AM to do a new thing, does it not stand to reason that the old must not just be left behind, but die? Are you willing for me to bring you to such a death? An utterness towards Me where I will raise you up. Not you yourself out of your own spirituality, however true, but even as death unto death and life unto life. Unless the sacrifice is dead in all its categories, there remains still a residue of self. Even if it is a spiritual self. Yes, complete death is the requirement for the call upon your life unto which I AM calling you. A call where I WILL do through you and not you. For all your spiritual doing to cease, and to allow Me to be all that you need for that call. Not sustained by your spiritual life for which you have died numerous deaths, but sustained by My resurrection life alone.

This is not a call unto which you are required to perform, but Me. Even if you are only the vessel through which I will do so. But it is a call of utterness unto Me. To stand before Me alone and no man, even yourself. No dependency on anything but Me, not even your spirituality that has grown this far.

Am I not the husbandman that has the right to My trees? Yes, I AM, even so, should My pruning be severe, I still require My children to submit. More and abundant fruit, requires

greater death. Do not be deceived. Have I not said that unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground, it will abide alone, but if it falls to the ground and die, it will bear fruit and will not abide alone.

Have you decided on the boundaries of your life to what extent you are willing to lay all at My altar? I have given My life for you. I laid My life on the altar. Consider the cost of the call for no call is without cost. Always a death first.

Will you cross over with Me? My anointing will go before you. And I will make a way.

I WILL make a way.

Scripture ref: Jeremiah 1: 5

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

If you are saying, “Lord, please tell me I am not going through all this hell in my life just so that in the end, it has no purpose. Please tell me that You will send me out to do great things for you and that my life has meaning.” You are tired and spent. Know that for you He has reserved great things! This is not the end...this is the beginning! First comes the fire of the Spirit of God and then the fire of His judgment! And it is for a time like this that He has prepared you for! Take heart, lift up your head and know that your God is about to answer the cry of creation for the manifestation of the sons of God who is led by the Spirit of God! Know that the time of glorification is upon you and that your God is for you. Nothing in this time will separate you from His love...nothing...not persecution, tribulation, no demon, death or anything....you are more than a conqueror. He has made you an oak of righteousness and He will do great things through you! Read Romans 8 again with this perspective in mind. Also, when you read Isaiah 61, the first few verses are about the Lord saying that those that have gone through the furnace and endured so much, He will restore and heal and they will be His oaks of righteousness. Here's the word I received:

MY GLORY WILL FILL THE EARTH!

As pure gold that comes forth from the furnace, so are My Priests. Chosen, forged, sanctified and holy. The priests are those who go before. My holiness, the Ark that they bare makes the way. For who can stand in My presence? Is it not with those I will go? Those who know Me? As I was with My disciples and poured out My Spirit upon them, so once again, I will pour out My Spirit on My Oaks of Righteousness. They are the ones who have grown deep in the soil of My love. They have endured seasons of all kinds and have stood the test of time. Many storms have come and go and yet they remain. Yet, they stand. As fire comes down from above, so it will hit the tallest trees. It will then go down to fill the whole earth. I will be the glory in their midst. As My fire column went with the Israelites in the dark, so My presence, My glory will be with them in this dark hour. They will shine and the darkness will not overwhelm them. Surely My glory will fill the whole earth. A great harvest will come, however the harvest workers be so few. One will bring in a nation, another a thousand, but My Spirit will work through them as

never before. A Kingdom of Priests that I have prepared. I myself have prepared them and called them for such a time as this. It is time!

Many be there who will hear and be converted, but many will close their ears and run from the salvation I so freely offer. Woe to those who turn from their Creator! Woe to those who turn their face from My Word of Deliverance. I will not be mocked!

Get ready My Priests! Enter into the veil and commune with Me. Enter into My Glory and draw near. As Moses was before Me, so shall you shine unveiled and no man shall stand before you. It will be a fearful time and My fear will fall upon the nations. First the glory, then the sorrow. Therefore, make ready! Draw near to Me. It is time.

For as I stood before My Prophet and Apostle Moses in the burning bush, so I will stand in the midst of you. My glory will burn in you as I fill you with My Spirit. You will go as he did and declare unto Pharaoh to let My people go! You will stand in the full authority of The Sent Out Ones to declare I AM! A demonstration of My glory will proceed from your mouth and you will speak My words. Great exploits through My Holy Ones! Many will fear and turn to Me. Do not fear My Chosen Ones. I am with you. Do not look to what you can do, for you are only the bush...You are only the tree. But My glory will do great exploits through you. Therefore, wait upon me. Have I not said that those who wait upon the Lord will find new strength. They will mount up with wings as eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk, and not faint. Wait therefore and I will strengthen and fill you in due time. Get ready, position yourself, sanctify and set yourself apart unto Me afresh. Wait on Me.

I come!

Just as an interesting note of something I did not know...Oaks are fire resistant. This made me think of the fiery bush before Moses.

SCRIPTURE REF:

Isaiah 61

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

4 And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

5 And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers.

6 But ye shall be named the Priests of the Lord: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.

7 For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.

8 For I the Lord love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

9 And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all

that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the Lord hath blessed.

10 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

11 For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

Isaiah 60: 1 – 4; 22

1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

4 Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side.

22 A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the Lord will hasten it in his time.

John 17: 1 - 26

6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.

8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.

11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou loved me before the foundation of the world.

25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.

26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

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“WE’RE IN THE ARMY NOW”

The purpose of this chapter is to bring to your attention God’s divine hand and purpose for your life, and to help you shift your mindset from one of civilian to that of a warrior. To know, that His hand is resting on you and that with everything He had a divine purpose.

Training started the moment you got saved. In that very moment, God’s purpose for you, which He predestined, where He wrote all the days of your life, was opened, training began. That was the very moment you became a soldier for Christ. Albeit in diapers, but off you went! God, unlike us, are not limited to time and He is the Beginning and the End. He knows our end from the beginning and this is why He could say to Jeremiah the following:

Jeremiah 1: 4 - 6

4 Then the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

6 Then said I, Ah, Lord God! Behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.

It is of utmost importance that we have an eternal perspective. We are too earthbound in our thinking, even though we desperately want to go home. Unless we see things from an eternal perspective we are bound to limit the purposes in what we experience and what we are about. We see with eyes only dimly and do not have that glorified perspective and dispositions of sons and daughters of God. We see the happenings of our lives as temporal and something we cannot wait to leave behind. But eternity has no end and no beginning.

What we are about is eternal. Your whole Christian experience is the process of preparation for your Kingdom mandate, as we are His workmanship. And in preparing us for this assignment, He has predestined us each individually to work as a Body together. We think fivefold ministry and all the different gifts of the Spirit and knowing it is for the equipping of the saints, see it as only for being here on earth. But in reality it is for eternity. I do not claim to know exactly how all of this will fit together one day, but what I do know is that as the Word says, not all are Prophets or Evangelists etc. All these things will fall away, but the reality is we do not know exactly when. But unto all of us gifts have been given, so that collectively we form the Body of Christ, each one a living member of the corporate Body of Christ, to fulfill the Kingdom mandate assigned by our King.

In this preparation as the glorified Corporate Body of Christ, we are being prepared for far greater eternal purposes, because our God is eternal. Some have gone through tremendous trials in their lives. They have been exposed to warfare scenarios that others could not even begin to imagine. They have been trained in discernment, in endurance under extreme attacks from the enemy, gaining wisdom and understanding in spiritual warfare. They have learned not to fear. This is not all they do, but this is prominent in their Christian walk and they are known as such...warriors.

Others have been trained in the school of life with regard to abuse, emotional and physical trauma. They understand the hold fear has on the psyche and have been healed and have overcome. They are like a healing river through the dry deserts of this world. They have a firm grasp on just how the enemy uses different circumstances to steal, destroy and kill the children of God. Their words are like healing balm and they are given a spirit of wisdom and compassion to the brokenhearted.

Others have been trained to be intercessors of note. Praying for hours on their knees, knowing what it is to pray through something. Knowing what it is to endure even when there is no results, praying for years without giving in. They have learned how to travail and carry the burden of the Lord to the throne of grace and stay there until He answers. They have grown sensitive to the guidance of the Spirit and are instant in prayer. Standing at the gates and on the walls and see both what happens inside and outside. They see with

spiritual eyes both the spiritual and the Church in her true state. They are the burden bearers of the Kingdom of God. Others have been trained to provide. They see a need and have learned what poverty is both in the natural and the spiritual. They have learned where and how to find provision and nothing can stop them to bring food baskets and living water, both physically and spiritually to those in need.

Others are mothers and fathers, not just for their own children, but in the spirit. Having a high sense of protection over the Body and those in need, loving the weary. They are the ones who love the unlovable, the deserted and throw aways. They recognize the hunger in their eyes for love and He has poured His love into their hearts. They see the small and insignificant and place high value on a child, to love, teach and just be with them. They treasure children, they have the heart of the Father.

Others have been trained to be encouragers. They are the motivators, knowing the scriptures and being the cheerleaders of this race to the weary and despondent. Their faces shine! They lift up the heads of the hopeless. Comforters that are encouraging and strengthening the weak. Always ready with a scripture or a gift or picture that undergirds the truth. In Christ there is always hope. They bring sunshine and are always full of joy. They are the hope bearers.

Others have been looking after the sick, the elderly and forgotten ones of society. God has asked them to care for those He treasures so much, those others have forgotten. Those who have lived their lives, but somehow seen as insignificant and irrelevant by society, just because they are old, or have a disorder, or paraplegic. Those in prisons and those in mental institutions...the forgotten ones. Knowing what it feels like to have to endure endless abuse and traumatic experiences that most people are unable to bear. But they humble themselves to be light in a very dark place. They are light bearers in utter darkness.

Others have been trained in the Word. They are skilled in using the Sword of the Spirit, having been shaped and circumcised by the truth of the Word and having applied it authentically to their own lives. They are skilled in teaching and breaking the bread of life open to the hungry and they feed His sheep. And so I can go on and on.

Gifts, gifts, gifts! These He has given us and these gifts have grown in maturity as we use them. Some may have only started this journey, others are skilled. But know this, life is your training. It is your foundation for everything you will do for this Kingdom mandate. It is your sanctification unto holiness. Sanctification is to be set apart. Not just to Him, but for Him for a specific purpose.

Romans 11:36

36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory forever.

Amen.

You are being sanctified for the purpose to which He will use you in the time to come. Whatever supernatural gifts and abilities we receive hereafter, will be built on top of this foundation. It will be the backbone of the Body. The backbone carries with it all the nerves (the Holy Spirit) that stems from the brain (Jesus Christ our Head), sending messages to the rest of the body. During this sanctification preparation you learn to become sensitive to the messages that the Head gives you. He has trained you already for what is to come. Whatever is lacking, He will complete, because he finishes what He starts.

At the right time He will make the heavenly assignments clear to His children. Puzzle pieces will fall into place as we wait upon Him and we will see how He has divinely placed certain things in our lives to prepare us for the time to come. Apart from the supernatural abilities we will receive. It will not just be about power and warfare. Also about the heart of God for the lost and those who are in despair, but ultimately building His Kingdom. The heart of the Body is the center, the nexus, the driving force behind everything. And what He has thus formed in you is His heart. There are many things we have already gone through that at times may have seemed senseless to us, but our God works all things together for good for those who are called by Him for His purposes. Therefore the importance of occupying, for our occupying is our training. It is not just about telling people about Jesus and the salvation He has provided, but it is also about us being His workmanship. It is the building of our spiritual foundation, the strengthening of our backbone. Do not stop! Keep on doing the work He has given you to do. Do not look upon it as trivial or a waste of time.

Rather, have an eternal perspective. The puzzle pieces is soon to slot in and those who have been diligent in the small will receive their due promotion. Those who have not despised the menial will see what He has prepared for them all along.

1 Corinthians 2:9

9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

Therefore, gird up your loins. To gird up your loins is to tell someone to get ready for hard work or battle. It was the ancient way of saying “man up!” Look straight on and do every day in humble obedience what He asks you to do. Nothing is insignificant...nothing! Every conversation, everything you see or hear, all form a part of the big eternal picture. He has given you small puzzle pieces through this life thus far. The picture is complete in Him. Not in what you have done, but in time. Your picture does not look finished, because this earth is bound to time. But our God says before you were born I knew you and called you. All the days of your life is written in My book. He is the Beginning and the End. The puzzle picture was finished even before you began. And it is beautiful! It is about to be revealed. Do not worry about what you have not finished. What is important is that you stay the course. “Now” has eternal consequences and value. We are about an eternal Kingdom. Be diligent, be faithful, be obedient and love Him with all your heart. He is a Rewarder of those who diligently seek Him in faith. Who you will be in heaven will be the substance of who you are now in your personality, your way of thinking and spiritual maturity. It will be the foundation upon which everything else will be built, just as you are now about the foundation He has built in you. This life forms the foundation of what is to come. Your life has eternal significance. Every person you encourage, care for, pray for, minister to. Every time you humble yourself, walk in obedience and live authentically. Every single work is recorded in His books. Everything you gave to another, said to another, served and gave your time. All will be part of your eternal existence. Heaven, however glorious, will be a continuation of the life you lived here. Not in the natural or earthly, but foundational. He is the Master Builder of your life.

1 Peter 2:5

5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

Knowing that He is soon to reveal to us our heavenly assignments for the time to come and knowing that what we are about now is eternal, we should indeed gird up our loins, pressing in deeper and more earnestly to do His will. We are to make it our business to know His perfect will in every situation and to live circumspectly. Not just because our works will be judged, but because it forms the backbone, the foundation of our lives to come. Before we want to fulfill His Kingdom mandate, He first builds His Kingdom in us.

So your walk with the Lord and the sum of your training, is the sum of all the days of your life as a Christian. Not just when you realized there is something like a harvest worker. Every single second, every single account, every single battle, heartache, pain, sickness, poverty, divorce, marital heartache, disorders...every single second of your life, was used by Him to not only cause you to mature in Him, but to prepare you for what is to come upon this earth...because He has chosen you.

Of my 34 years of being a child of God about half of it has been in disobedience. Just plain and simple disobedience. And this disobedience has caused my walk to be very difficult, but it also prevented growth, understanding and wisdom. God could not use me the way He intended because I served two masters. Myself and Him. Many years spent in self-pity, depression and bemoaning my circumstances. Crying out to God to help me, but not working with God and following His instructions as I should. How different I would have been if only I listened to Him. If only I humbled myself and was willing to pay the price sooner. I only truly gave everything to Him 12 years ago. I think a healthy dose of regret is in order here. Because this regret brings me to a greater understanding of the importance of obedience unto the Lord. The price we pay for our disobedience and unwillingness to die to self, does not only affect our lives now, but affects His purpose for us and the lives it will impact. Maybe I'm stating the obvious. But, His Word to me made me realize that this is no small thing to Him. It does matter to Him, because fulfilling our purpose in life, is to fulfill His purpose, His dream, His inheritance, His joy, His glory! It is all

about Him! And I find myself today with, “Lord, I am so sorry for not listening to You sooner. I am sorry for wasting so much time with the triviality of life and not moving on at times when it was needed. So much procrastination. So much endless fighting with stupid sins that kept me from growing as I should. I am so sorry that that which weighs so heavy on Your heart, was so light on mine. I’m so sorry that I am today not all You intended for me to be for this time to come.” This is not about my position in Christ and whether He loves me and accepts me, but His purpose for me. His purpose for you.

Father gave me a word and led me to do research on Navy Seals Bootcamp. The similarities are just jaw dropping and I will here and there add some insight and scriptures. I know that many of you will see the same work He has done in you. This made me rejoice in every difficulty and trial I have ever experienced. Not just because what He taught me, but because it was all for this epic time we are to enter into now.

WORD FROM THE LORD

BOOTCAMP

My Child, many of My children think they are ready to work for Me, to do battle for Me. Yet, in the small everyday things they lack self-control. Have I not said a man without rule over his spirit is like a city without walls? Yet they boldly proclaim their imaginations and boast of their fearless resignations. Is this those I have chosen to be My warriors? Though I choose those who are weak, it is not those who are weak in character. For the lowly of heart I will lift up and I will prepare their hearts to be steadfast and not to fear, for I will be their strength. But those who boast of their great exploits for Me will stumble as they still walk in the dark.

Some think that this is who I choose. That I do not look to their lives, their hearts. Is it strength I seek? Is it resolution? Is it a desire to serve? Though these be the things that may cause them to start, it is not that which will cause them to endure. Only love endures. And yet, if they do not carry My burden, My yoke of love, how will they endure? If they still run in their own wisdom and self-righteous works, how will this sustain them when they still stumble and fall? No, My love is the one factor that causes the dross of the heart to be consumed, for love is as a jealous lover consuming all that which constitute defilement. Many still hold onto this world. They compromise in their hearts like the adulterous woman who eats, wipes her mouth and says, I have done nothing wrong. But I weigh the hearts. None is perfect, but those who compromise, make a choice. Those who choose to lose their lives daily, are My disciples.

Make no mistake. Many are called, but few are chosen. I know those I have chosen. I know those I have chosen before the foundation of this world. I have prepared them from birth. Not one day has been wasted. Even those days where they have thought that they will never measure up to my standard and turned away. I look after those I have chosen and have used every single moment of their lives to be the building blocks of My Kingdom. Each stone precious in My sight. Each stone forged and purified by fire. Those who have endured and overcome I have chosen. Therefore, seek Me. Focus on that which I have clearly told you in this last hour to do. Preparation is NOW!

Do you not see it? Do you not hear the horses coming closer as My mighty warriors ready themselves for this time? All has been readied before the foundation of this world. All of creation is in expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. Your glorification is the manifestation of My work in you. I get ALL the glory! Shall I not do a marvelous work in you? Therefore, FOCUS! Do not look to this world. Look to Me and learn of Me in the secret. The time of open display is at hand! I am in anticipation in My eagerness to show My Father those He has given Me. I assure you, not one is lost. Ready yourself! Examine yourself and gear yourself with the mind of Christ for this given season. It is time!

SCRIPTURE REF:

Jeremiah 12:5

5 If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? And if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?

Proverbs 30:20

20 Such is the way of an adulterous woman; she eateth, and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no wickedness.

PURPOSE IN BOOTCAMP

The next part that I want to discuss is that of the bootcamp of the Marines. I got this information from a sight of a former Marine officer discussing the psychological purpose of bootcamp. They consider this the most important part of all the training. The impact of the training on the mind of the soldier. To get them from civilian to soldier, that will follow any orders at any time, immediately. Few make it and few are chosen. I think the reason Father led me to this site and this specific training is to illustrate in a very practical way how He trains His children up to be used by Him. I will add scripture to this article where applicable, the rest is the words the marine sergeant used. The overall purpose of the training is as follows. Please bear in mind the body of Christ as workers for the Lord when reading this.

- Training to follow leadership
- Become a team member
- Be proficient in what needs to be done

The purpose of bootcamp is first psychological, then physical. It is designed to reprogram civilians into warriors. It places a sense in them that more is expected of them than what is required of civilians. This is true in the Spirit world as well. The more you know, the more is required of you. Some of how this is done is through a series of extremely well planned and timed events that, by themselves, are meaningless, but when strategically combined together, will change a person. And so our Father, strategically plans every detail in our life for the same purpose.

Romans 12: 1 - 2

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

3 PHASES

Red Phase / White Phase / Blue Phase

THE RED PHASE

MILITARY CODE AND CONDUCT

During this phase there are very little physical training and a whole lot of paperwork. It is all about conduct and learning to take orders and instant obedience. Very much in our case when we first get saved and have to learn the basics of Christianity and the Word of God.

Ephesians 4: 1 – 4

I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling

- **HOW TO MAKE BUNK BEDS**

The Lord starts focusing on the attitude of our hearts in the small things. Everything is inspected by His eye to see whether we compromise or whether we consider everything we do, even the mundane, as an act of worship. Whether we take pride as much in the small as we do in the great and spiritual. Whether we look down on cleaning the floors or serving others and see the “greater”

things of ministry as more important. He weighs with a whole different scale than we do. He has to train us in serving and to become the lowest.

- **HOW TO WEAR THEIR UNIFORM**

Always attention to detail, not considering anything as trivial, as we understand that even our physical clothes have to resemble the Kingdom of God. What we wear does matter to Him, because it is often an outward manifestation of the inner. We are not to be slobs just because we go by the motto that we are not of this world. But how we carry ourselves should be in lowliness of heart and mind, where we represent the King. Not in pride or arrogance, because whether in poverty or richness, pride has no prejudice. And so we are to also understand that when we put on the armor of God, it is not something we put on physically by saying or repeating the words, but because the armor is a reality. He is our Prince of Peace and we have the mind of Christ. Our shield of faith is not in our profession, but in the fact that we have entered into His rest and now live by that faith, which is our shield. The Sword of the Spirit is not just in our hand, but in our heart, where the discernment that we have, comes from that very sword that has first pierced between our own bone and marrow and have discerned the intents of our own hearts. The belt of truth, is not just our knowledge of the truth, but we authentically walk in the truth. Our breastplate of righteousness, is not our own, but a Person...He is our righteousness as we abide in Him. And lastly, our helmet of Salvation, is over our minds knowing that we are saved by grace and through faith, having our minds renewed to no longer walk as the unsaved, but our bodies has been offered as a living sacrifice. The armor of God is not garments, it is Christ. This is also why Paul says...Put on Christ!

Ephesians 6: 10 – 11

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the whole armor of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

- **HOW TO MARCH**

From the start the marine is learning to listen and learning how to respond to instructions. At the heart of our walk with the Lord is obedience, coupled with the ability to learn how to distinguish or discern His voice from another, including your own inner voice. The Lord says in John 10 that His sheep knows His voice, and another they will not follow. For this we have to at times even be exposed to deception, but most importantly to truth. Truth is a person...Jesus Christ. And the closer and more intimate the walk in holiness, the greater the ability to discern between that which is false and that which is true, because of your proximity to the Lord. Romans 12 says that we are to discern between the good, acceptable and perfect will of God. Three wills, and only by this walk do we learn the difference. How to march or follow the Lord, is based on us taking up our cross daily and following Him in obedience, the moment we discern it is His voice.

1 Corinthians 11:1

Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

- **LEARN RANK**

Jude 1: 9

⁸Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

⁹ Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

Learning rank, is two-fold. With regard to the scripture in Jude, we can understand that the things of the spirit is not to be taken lightly. Some Christians has to be disillusioned from their perspective of the devil as a little man with red tights and a pitchfork. He is our adversity from another dimension who has been there for millennia. A fallen Archangel. Though we are not to honor him, we are to consider that without Christ, we do not stand a chance. Should we address principalities and powers outside of our given authority, we will without a doubt receive a

backlash. This is not to say that we are to fear any demonic forces, because they operate by fear and intimidation. It does however mean that we are not to think more highly of ourselves, but to be sober minded. We are to be as innocent as doves and as cunning as snakes.

On the other hand, our greatest strength lies in humility, weakness and servanthood. These have a very high value in the Kingdom of God, as it is the complete opposite of the kingdom of this world. The weaker we are in ourselves, and not leaning on our own understanding, especially when it comes to addressing spiritual forces, the stronger the Lord is on our behalf. When we are weak, then we are strong. Wisdom is the principal thing.

- **COMMUNICATION SHUT DOWN**

Some communication lines at some camps are completely severed from friends and family. No internet, no phone, no distractions.

This is where loneliness comes in. I cannot stress enough how important loneliness is on our journey of becoming a worker. A. W. Tozer said, “The saint must walk alone.” This is true. God is calling you as a worker to be able to move from one place to the other. Although you will form part of the community and have to operate from out of a community, the reality is that you will be held by a higher standard. You cannot be one of the boys or girls. You live before the audience of One and at any given time He may take or give whatever He in His wisdom wants to. You are completely at His service 24 hours a day. Pretty much like a soldier coming home and still identifying as a soldier. There is a clear distinction forever between you and civilian. Your mind has been renewed and you are forever committed to your Kingdom mandate. Therefore, you will often find extremely alone, although in a crowd. Not truly fitting in and not being able to talk about the same things. Even in Christian circles. God will also often call you to be alone with Him in extended periods, by which it will every time be a greater death, accompanied with a new assignment. You are no longer your own. This is also a time where He will remove those in your life that will cause you to slow down in His purposes for you. Irrespective of what role that person plays in your life. Sometimes the removal is not physically, but emotionally and spiritually.

Luke 5: 16

And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed.

Matthew 19: 29

And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

- **INDIVIDUALITY IS REMOVED**

By cutting the hair and everyone being dressed the same, and looks the same, the soldier soon discovers that he, just like his fellow brothers in arms, are nothing special. No one stands out. This is a crucial lesson, because when we think that we have it made, or that we know better, is the very moment that pride will come in and we will start operating in self proficiency. Pride comes before the fall. For this God will ensure that for many years you will be unknown and under the radar. Nobody special. He will leave you there for years, until you come to the point, where you no longer care whether He uses you or not, as long as you remain in His perfect will. You are the world's nobody and God's nobody. At the same time, you learn not to elevate yourself above others as you learn in this time period just how much of a nobody you are. He shows you the depths of your heart in this time and you quickly become acquainted with just how wicked and fallen man-kind are.

- **TO GO WITHOUT SLEEP FOR 3 DAYS THE FIRST NIGHTS.**

Habits must change, specifically self-preservation that is damaging to the mission. This is so that the soldier does not think of himself first, but always the mission, not leaving anyone behind. Father desires that you learn how to fast, not just from food, but from anything. He will orchestrate your life so that certain things in your life is taken away from you, like: entertainment, communication, sleep, all forms of luxuries. This will cause you to live more simplistic, which is to be content with very little. To let go of materialistic things and slow down your pace in life. Fasting starves the body, but feeds the spirit. It builds endurance and allows long-suffering to grow as well as give self-pity the boot. It also makes us more sensitive in the spirit. Fasting opens

the communication between us and the Lord, because it humbles the soul...when done the right way, which is with a contrite heart.

- **YOU ARE NOT GOOD ENOUGH.**

The most important lesson is that you are not worthy to be a soldier. This is subconsciously driven in until the troop believes it and does everything to obtain that goal. However, to go to war, it is true. This is not an easy lesson to learn, because it is during this phase where they try with all their might to break down the image the soldier has of himself. They enter what they call “hell week” with such bravado to complete the course, but they fail miserably. This is also why you find that those with higher ranking continually shouts at them with every single order. It is excessive, but with the purpose from the beginning to break down, in order to build up. By the time they are finished, the soldier knows that he is never worthy to be one. Humility is the bedrock of our foundation as pride is the bedrock of the enemy. Father knows how prideful our hearts are and it takes many years of failing over and over for us to truly see how unworthy we are, not just because He is God, but because we see that we cannot remedy the wickedness of our own hearts. Only He can.

Romans 7: 24 - 25

²⁴ O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

²⁵ I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

From the very start the point is to break down in order to build up. Our Father comes and breaks down all our strongholds and builds us up again, but especially our pride. Very much in the same

way, He uses very difficult circumstances in order to get us to know that we are NOTHING, and He is EVERYTHING.

John 15: 5

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

THE WHITE PHASE

ENDURANCE, WEAPONS TRAINING AND TRAINING

The aim of the physical training is instant obedience to orders. To listen and to work as a unit. Endurance training is called THE CRUCIBLE. It goes with little sleep, little food, obstacle courses and work outs. Being taught to overcome obstacles like pain and fatigue. Pain does not stop your body from working, you just keep running and somehow the pain will go away. Just as fast as if you stopped and cried about it. This mental training is necessary as it will give them the strength to survive much harder and longer training once they reach their goal, with missions that will test them physically and mentally. This is where we learn how to fast. How to not hold on to things that comfort the body, the flesh, like certain foods, going without sleep, getting up early, not watching things that other Christians (civilians) watch...a life separated unto God's purpose for us...the crucifying of the flesh...lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life.

- **LONG MARCHES**

The marines are taken on very long and strenuous marches during which they have to complete obstacle courses and pushed to beyond that which is humanly possible. In order for us to develop the fruit of endurance, Father has to place us in situations where there just seem no end to it. It will be for you as if you have been sentenced to jail, and that you have no other choice but to endure. This is because deeply rooted in us is a tremendous amount of self-preservation and self-pity. As you endure, these things slowly start to become less until you He can see that you will be willing to do whatever He asks of you. You are willing to go through that which is unbearable, facing up to it and humbling yourself, so that what matters to you the most is not to get out of the situation or circumstances, but that you do not sin against Him. Your focus becomes what He would desire to get out of it, versus what your need is in the situation. This takes many years with different trials. And it can truly feel like a never ending march, but once you have learned how to endure any torment of the mind and body, He will release you or bring you into that place where you have completely surrendered to His will. Please note that I am not talking about situations where your life is in danger on a continual basis. It is in this time that He brings us to the end of

ourselves, because undoubtedly we will think of many ways to solve our problems, but they will all fail, until we completely surrender.

1 Corinthians 9:23-27

23 And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you.

24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:

27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

- **RANGES** (Obstacle courses)

Just when you think that your life could not possibly become more challenging, He allows for an obstacle, a season of great trial where you are to completely depend on Him. This in a way is almost like a test, where what you have learned in the previous season, has now have to be practically lived out. Should you fail, you will have to learn the lesson again, with the next obstacle courses on its way. Each season in your life will have three phases. The learning through endurance, the applying what you have learned by added obstacles, and then the release, of which there is the new life that comes from all of this. However, how long these three phases are, depends on how quick of a learner you are and your obedience to what Father is teaching you. Nothing in your life is by accident, but just like the marines, everything is meticulously worked out with a purpose.

James 1: 2 - 4

2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

WORD FROM THE LORD

UNBEARABLE

*My child, this war you find yourself in, find it not strange. Have I not said that you are at war?
You can either lean on the arm of the flesh or the arm of the Lord. You choose.*

*For though it seems unbearable, My love and guidance will not leave you. Though I seem far, I
am near. Closer than your hand. I am with you to guide you with My eye upon you.*

*If you come to Me, I will give you strategy. I will expose his schemes for your life. Though it
seems he is advancing, do not forget that I work all things for good for those who love Me and
are called by My Name. The furnace hotter, My presence closer. I am in your midst. Know that
you will come out of this. For this is a season.*

*What seems like the enemy is only those whom I have allowed. Does this seem cruel? Now that
you have dealt with these things? Does it seem relentless now that you have to deal with it
again? Know that your enemy is cruel and relentless. Therefore, I require you to stand having
done all.*

*Listen to My guidance in this season. Listen to My voice telling you which way to go. Do not
lean on your own understanding. What used to help you, will not help you now.*

New war, new weapons, new strategy.

*I will never fail you. Do not fear. With every temptation there will be a door of escape. I will
indeed make a way where there is no way. Whose report will you believe? Though it seems
impossible, nothing is impossible for Me! So, therefore, gird up your loins! Gird up your
strength in Me and know that I fight for you. Even though it seems as if I am far, know that this
season, I ordained to teach you to war.*

New level, new strategy, new authority and new weapons.

See, I am indeed doing a new thing. Can you hear them? The horses...they are coming. Are you ready? This is not a time to lie down. This is a time to focus. This is a time to set your face as a flint. This is a time of war!

Acknowledge your weakness before Me so that I may be your strength. Childlike trust, but with the mind of a soldier. Do not lean on your own understanding. Spend much time in My presence. As My Son drew near to Me in His darkest hour, know that the hour is dark. Draw near. Trust Me. I will never leave you, nor forsake you. I will never fail you. It is time to gird up your loins and face the giants. It is time for war.

Scripture Ref:

Psalm 32: 8 - 9

⁸I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

⁹Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

THE BLUE PHASE

TESTING ON WHAT HAS BEEN LEARNED / PROFICIENCY TESTS

You are no longer a civilian anymore, you are owned by the army when you get to this phase.

This phase is the final phase of training. Here the marine is tested to the uttermost and it seems as if their aim is to kill them. The aim is to teach them to RUN to the sound of gunfire and perform under fire and the threat of death. Everything the drill sergeant is doing is for a purpose. A rehearsed manufactured and engineered purpose. The final day, they climb up a mountain called “The Reaper”. It is the mental aspect that is driven here. The important thing is to learn how to react under extreme stress (combat). To block out fear, noise and stress. In most cases the training is intended to remove from them the civilian aspects of their lives that will make life harder for them in the military and during a time of war.

Normal people cannot do the things warriors are asked to do.

The reality is that once you have been transformed to no longer think or act like a “civilian” in the spirit realm, you are bound to be the odd one out. People will not understand the extreme to which you are willing to lay your life down for the Lord, nor will they understand His instructions to you. A good example of that is Hosea that was instructed by the Lord to marry an adulterous wife. This is not only contrary to God’s laws, but also, so it seems to the unlearned, contrary to His character. And yet, the ravens, one of the unclean birds, was to feed the prophet Elijah in the desert. Know that your friends will not always understand. As the Lord said to me once, “Sometimes your obedience to Me will hurt others who do not understand.” This I have found to be true.

God’s whole purpose is to bring you to that place where fear is no longer an issue. The only thing or person you fear, is God. He brings you to the place where what you run on is pure grace, unadulterated by any self-effort or self-reliance. Not one ounce. For that, He has to crucify you on the very cross you have born in all your training. You will by then love your cross, because you know that because you have suffered with Him, you will also share in His glory. Suffering

will no longer be something you want to run from, but will be willing to embrace to fulfill your Kingdom mandate.

SCRIPTURE REF:

HE WORKS ALL THINGS TOGETHER FOR GOOD FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM AND
ARE CALLED BY HIS NAME – ROM.8: 28

Ephesians 1

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to
the faithful in Christ Jesus:

2 Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual
blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be
holy and without blame before him in love:

5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to
the good pleasure of his will,

6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the
riches of his grace;

8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he
hath purposed in himself:

10 That in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise,

14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

15 Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,

16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

23 Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.

WORD FROM THE LORD

ALIGNMENT, THEN ASSIGNMENT'

Have I not said that I will once more shake the earth? Even so I have indeed shaken many of you. Tried as by fire to purify. Chosen to be vessels of My glory. Does it not stand to reason that those I will use I prepare? Do not fear My children, though night is near, I am the light within. For it is for such a time as this I have prepared you.

But many have not forsaken all and in the shaking to come, will you stand? Those who are double-minded will not be able to stand. Only those who trust in Me will be unshaken. Therefore that which is still lacking, search out, that which is still out of joint set right. For I am aligning My Body and setting things straight in this last hour. Therefore come to Me for this Divine Alignment. Seek Me out to set straight that which is skew. Can an archer use arrows that are broken or skew? Never. But I have prepared you and made you as a sharp shaft to send you out in the time to come. Only how I can I send you if you do not yield to My direction? If you still disobey? If you do not lay in submission in My hand? If you do not allow Me to stretch you in this last hour?

My children, the world is in chaos and will become increasingly so. But those whose minds are set on Me will not be shaken. Have I not said this from the beginning of this year? FOCUS! For where your focus is, is where your aim is. Do you have a single eye? For unless you FOCUS on that which is My focus, how am I to send you? How can two walk together unless they agree?

This is a call to FOCUS, this is a call to turn to Me. This is a call to prepare, this is a call unto Me. I will gather My arrows, I will gather them in My quiver and at the appointed time I will send them out. And when I send you out, when I release, I will not miss! Not because of who you are, but who I AM. A single eye is what I seek of you, wholly devoted to what I am about in you. Divine Alignment to My arrows. Stretched forth in preparation to go forth. Therefore, align yourself with Me, submit yourself, humble yourself and lean on Me –

Alignment and then assignment.

SCRIPTURE REF:

Psalm 127:1; 4 - 5

Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city,
the watchman waketh but in vain.

As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.

Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall
speak with the enemies in the gate.

Hebrews 12: 12 - 14

Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;
And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way;
but let it rather be healed.

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

Isaiah 49:2

And He hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of His hand hath he hid me, and
made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath He hid me.

MARCHING ORDERS

VISION OF A MAN-CHILD

I had a vision of what looked like a boy of about 7 - 8yrs old lying on a hospital bed (Just guessing his age by his length). However, this was no normal hospital. The boy was in a facility where they program children. Over his head was these earphones. His upper torso and arms were held tight by this thick white band and his feet were chained. There was a nurse standing by him, but I could not make any details out about her.

INTERPRETATION

The church (the man-child) as a whole is still bound and the feet of the gospel chained and will be more chained in the coming times. But He will send out His workers to heal the broken hearted, set the captives free and declare liberty. The man-child is this mighty harvest of souls that will be harvested by the harvest workers.

WORD FROM THE LORD

MY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

My child, I see them bound. I see my child, that which I have born, bound hands and feet. I see how the enemy has come and whispered deception and lies and have made him sick.

Am I not the Great Physician? Have I not come to heal the broken hearted? To set the captives free? Is it not to those who are bound that I as the Truth have come to declare liberty to? Yet truth has fallen to the streets and My child is bound.

Whom will go for Me? Whom will I send? A Body has been prepared by Me. A Body sanctified, healed and restored. Her will I send out...MY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE. She will bring light. She will minister. She will touch and declare My liberty. She will not break, but heal. She will heal with the balm she has been healed with. Go in then My Bride to the sick, the broken and the destitute. Say to those who are fearful, do not be afraid. Behold your God will come. Say to those who are in darkness, arise shine! Heal the lame and restore their broken walls. For the Plunderer will soon come and desolation will be everywhere.

I will fill your lamp with oil and darkness will not be able to stand before the meek and lowly, My chosen ones. Those that I will send in the streets to feed the hungry. To clothe the naked and heal the sick. Prepare the broken walls.

Cry out in the streets..."Behold, the Bridegroom cometh. He is at the door!" Those who are in Me will walk in the light and will not stumble in the darkness. They will walk as I walked. Go then, arise shine for your light has come!

Some interesting facts about Florence Nightingale

Some facts about Florence Nightingale that I found interesting. She was known as "The Lady with the Lamp" and as the "Angel of Crimea", Crimea being a place near the Black Sea. Crimea's meaning is Tauris - So Angel of Tauris. Tauris is the ram constellation. The name Florence means blossoming flower. The Nightingale bird is known for its most beautiful songs, even though it is quite a bland looking bird. (The beauty of holiness) She viewed her particular calling as reducing human suffering. Nursing seemed the suitable route to serve both God and humankind. She was awarded the Order of Merit a reward those who provided especially eminent service in the armed forces or particularly distinguished themselves in science, art, literature, or the promotion of culture. It has a civilian and a military division. Both men and women are admitted into the order; Florence Nightingale was the first woman awarded the honor (1907) She also received the title of "Lady of Grace" from the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. She called the arrival of injured soldiers from the Battle of Balaklava and the Battle of Inkerman as the "Kingdom of Hell".

SCRIPTURE REF:

Luke 12: 35 - 43

35 Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning;

36 And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.

37 Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

38 And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.

39 And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.

40 Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

41 Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all?

42 And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?

43 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

Isaiah 6:8

8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?

Then said I, Here am I; send me.

WORD FROM THE LORD

ABUNDANT OIL

My children, in the darkest times the light shines the brightest. Have I not said that you will grow brighter as unto the noonday? For it is such a time as this where I will enlighten your candle. Where I will cause you to burn with My zeal and bring light to those who sit in darkness. Do not fear. Have I not said that darkness cannot overwhelm light? Darkness flees in the sight of light. For I AM the light of the world. My Spirit in you burning with My zeal, not only for My children, but for those who still sit bound in darkness. For I will send you out to the houses, I will send you out to the marketplaces to shine in every corner, to shine on the hill tops. For though the enemy thinks that he has overcome, you are more than overcomers by My strength in you. It is such a time as this that you are to wait on Me to lighten your candle. For I have given you My Spirit...therefore, fan the flame that once burned so brightly. For as I lighten you, you will not stumble in the darkness to come, for you will walk in My light. I will lighten your understanding and you will see. Where others walk in darkness, My Word will be the lamp unto your feet and the light unto your path.

Have I not said that I will not leave you orphaned? That I will come again? Therefore, occupy while it is still day, for night is at the door. The harvest is plenty, but the laborers few. But even as I used five loaves of bread and two fishes to feed thousands, so I will again use My Remnant to shine brightly in the darkness, to bring many into My barn.

Do not fear My children. Walk by faith for unbelief will cause you to stumble in all your ways if you are doubleminded. Look unto Me. I have given you all that is needed. You have to seek Me afresh. You have to trim your lamps and be filled with oil. I will pour the oil of My Spirit into those who have prepared their lamps. I will pour it into you abundantly at this 8th hour. For My oil will not only flow from your lamps, but unto the whole of My Body as you walk in unity, in your Priestly function as the sent out ones. Sent out to be the light of the world. As My Father have sent Me, so I send you. Now is

the time to shine. Now is the time to seek Me afresh, to seek and buy this costly oil with your life. Those who seek Me will find Me. Those who put on their Priestly garments and have prepared the sanctuary of their hearts, will be filled with My glory. With fatness I will satisfy them and they will never run dry.

HOW CAN WE TRIM OUR LAMPS?

In the ancient Temple era the Aaron priests were in charge of lighting the lamps of God and keeping it burning. Their main responsibilities included trimming the wicks, refilling the lamps constantly with fresh oil, and making sure it never burned out. A clear parallel can be drawn between the Aaronic Priesthood and the New Covenant Priesthood of Melchizedek and Yeshua. Both are responsible to keep the lamps burning. We are now also priests and are responsible to trim our lamps, our candles as well.

A closely trimmed wick becomes dim. A wick too long will burn high, wasting fuel. A properly trimmed wick will have a hedged shaped flame that will burn even and bright. Without the lamp trimmer, there is no light. Even so, it is important that you know the state of your lamp. The trimming made me think of John 15 where the Father as the Vinedresser comes to trim the tree. We are wild olives grafted into the natural olive tree, and even though John 15 refers to the vine, we can know that the more we are trimmed, that which is not of Him is cut away, the greater fruit we will produce. In this case, greater olives. Greater olives means more oil. But all olives had to be pressed to produce this oil. They have to be crushed. Those who have been crushed by this life under the hand of God, will soon pour forth the oil their lives have produced. Those who have not allowed the Spirit to trim them, will produce little fruit, and also little oil. Now is the time that we allow Him to trim all away, no matter the cost so that we may have enough oil in the time to come. To seek His face to show us what still needs to be cut away.

Not trimming a lamp can cause your flame to become dim as well. We can trim our lamps in different ways. We can fast and wait on Him to fill us afresh. We can spend time in the

Word and less in the different forms of technology. We can seek out that much needed rest in order to require strength and perspective again. It is important that we will each individually hear from Father in what way He would want us to trim our lamp. Now is the time to do it so that in the time when you need to shine, you will not be worn out or be overcome yourself. Now is the time to seek His face.

SCRIPTURE REF:

Psalm 34: 4 - 5

4 I sought the LORD, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

5 They looked unto Him, and were lightened and their faces were not ashamed.

Psalm 18: 28

28 For Thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

THIS IS NOT MY HOME

Jesus, the High Priest and Apostle of our faith was not only given, but also sent. The word Apostle means “sent”. When we hear “for God so loved the world that He gave His only Son” we can know that the promise is also that He SENT His Son. This is how He expressed His love, not only by giving His Son, but also by sending His Son.

Through the expression of His love for us, by sending His Son, we read Jesus saying to His disciples, “As My Father sent Me, so I send you” – John 20: 21. He also said that that others will know that they are His disciples, when they love one another. In this we see that the Lord connects the loving and the sending. This love is expressed by the laying down of your life as mentioned in John 15. Even so, He laid down His life as the sent One for us. Not just the life here on earth to be crucified, but the life He had in His Father, being vitally connected and One with Him in the Holy Spirit. Have we considered that price?

Jesus asked Peter three times whether he loved Him and at the third told him, “Feed My sheep”. The whole purpose behind the sending is the feeding of the sheep. Even so Jesus came as the One sent to save the lost sheep of Israel.

As of late the Holy Spirit is talking to me continuously about being sent and exactly what it means. Such a small word with such a great significance. We read in the Scriptures how as it was with Jesus, His disciples did not stay long in one place. Being sent meant to go wherever He leads. Just as they were getting comfortable and settled in one place, they received their marching orders to go and feed the sheep. Sometimes it was whole areas, other times just that one person. Always requiring obedience and a call to walk by faith.

Luke 9: 1 - 3

¹Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils,
and to cure diseases.

² And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

³ And he said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread,
neither money; neither have two coats apiece.

I have to wonder how many times they were told just like Abraham that they are to go, without knowing where they are to go. Completely surrendered to the guidance of the Spirit. They were sojourners, not just because they are not of this world, but sojourners even whilst being in this world. We would like to romanticize this nomadic lifestyle of the disciples because of their great exploits, but in reality I can see that there was a very real price to pay each time their hearts grew to love those around them. New friendships were formed and I can see how the children flocked around them, even as the people hung unto Paul and kissed him when he had to leave.

Acts 20:37-38

³⁷ And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him,

³⁸ Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more.
And they accompanied him unto the ship.

Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head – Luke 9: 58. He was not saying that he slept outside, although I am sure there were many occasion when it was in fact the case, but when He meant was that He did not have a permanent home. At this junction I have to ask, have you made where you are your permanent home? Whether your actual home or even your place of ministry? Have you made sure that the tent pens of your tent are so securely grounded that not even God can move you?

A while ago Father told me “Possess nothing in your heart, but Me”. What He meant with this was that the love I am to show to others, cannot be my own. It has to be His love. Being in my

heart, makes my heart His permanent residence, as if to say that now He has a place to lay His head. Just like John laid his head on Jesus' bosom (heart), so Jesus lays His head on our bosom...HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS. This is to say that wherever He goes, I go and wherever I go, He goes. Never leaving home. Oh the love of God! Who can fathom such a love for us? He who laid down His life to make His life in us! I am overwhelmed by His love!

What then are we to do with regard to the fact that He says that we are to love one another? It simply means that EVERYTHING, we have is to be held loosely in our hands so that at any time He may take or give, or in this case...send. How tight is your grip on those you love? And how quickly are you offended by those that seem to hold you loosely? Do you feel rejected and unloved by what seems to you as indifferent and see them as just moving on, "leaving" you as if you do not matter? Do you have a need that they have to always and forever be there for you, because according to you this is what love is? Can you bear to bless the ones He is sending just as the disciples were sent? There is a price to pay for the ones sent, but also a price for those who stay behind.

Are you a "sent" one? Or are you going to stay? Feeding His sheep as a sent one is to fulfill the mandate of what it means to be an Apostle. This is how He said to Peter to express the love Peter had for Him, by feeding His sheep. I imagine that a shepherd is rather a poor shepherd if he owns a few camps with sheep, but only tend to the one camp. Have you been paying attention to just one camp, not adhering to the call of the other sheep He is wanting to send you to? Has He called you to go, but you are choosing to stay? I am not saying go feed another shepherd's sheep. I am asking, are you going where He sends you?

If ever there was a time that sheep are hungry, it is now. This is what it comes down to...laying your life down. The life that comes out of your death to self in leaving, will feed the sheep. Obedience carries with it great reward. He says that He gives His Spirit to those who obey – Acts 5: 32. This life that springs up from death, is resurrection life now. It is also that which we stand to forfeit if we do not go and the life that the sheep we are to feed to not get from us. We become like a stagnate river that does not flow and therefore have no life in it.

May we ask ourselves afresh whether we have let go. Whether we have stayed, when we should have gone. Can you bear to go where He sends you if it means that the intimate relationships formed may grow distant, not because there is no more love, but because you are being sent? We read that Father told Adam and Eve that the man shall leave father and mother and cleave to his wife. Leaving and cleaving. As the second Adam, Jesus left His home to cleave to His Bride. There is no cleaving without a leaving. And the leaving we are doing is not that of leaving those we love, but the leaving of a season, where He clearly states in Proverbs 16:9²⁶ A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.

We are leaving in order to cleave even more to Him and not to cleave to each other. For our obedience to His direction will cause that union we so desperately desire. Jesus told His disciples that if He did not go that He could not send His Spirit. They were not too happy with Him. He told them that then He would be in them and that His Spirit would guide them in all truth and remind them of the things He said. Therein lies a promise we should not miss. I will give My Spirit when I go. When you go where He sends you, He will give you the provision, just like He did with His disciples that were ordered not to take anything with them. But not only that. When you go, He will send His Spirit to those you leave behind and He Himself will take care of them. Trusting that He loves them far more that you could ever love them. This lies at the heart of leaving. Do you trust Him to take care of them? And the reality is that He too needs to be able to trust you to go when He says go and that He can depend on you that you will obey and trust Him.

Sometimes we prefer the comfort of the familiar where we do not need to move. We would rather stay where we are at without rocking the boat. Often we are frozen by fear. And if we do not go when He says go, He will have to physically move us. We can either choose to go or He will move us.

Luke 14:26

²⁶ If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

In the time we are about to go in, there will be those who still cleave to those they love and are not willing to leave. They will want to protect their loved ones and provide for them. This seems logical and even spiritual. But what is at stake is the Kingdom of God and our mandate to fulfill that. To seek His Kingdom first. Not that we are to neglect our families and loved ones. What I am asking is, can you leave them so that Father can look after them, when the time comes. If you have not left them in your heart now, how will you leave them when it actually requires you to physically remove yourself and go where He sends you? We cannot cleave to our children, husband, wife, house or anything, but Christ. Can you leave it in a split second should He ask you? Or will you feel utter destitution as if you are left in empty space, no longer grounded? What are you still holding onto and therefore cause yourself to be disqualified as His disciple? Now is of the essence here. Now, in the day that you hear the Spirit speak to you do not harden your heart.

Make no mistake, it will be required of the workers to go where He sends them and it is now that He is requiring of us to learn how to leave and cleave. This does not mean we physically leave our families, but what it does mean is that our emotional attachment has to be sanctified. Whatever place any person holds in your life that belongs to the Lord only, is to be confessed and let go.

THE PRISONER OF GOD

Ephesians 3:1-5

¹ For this cause I Paul, the PRISONER of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,

² If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:

³ How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words,

⁴ Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)

⁵ Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his
holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

Being a prisoner means to give up all your rights. Is He your prisoner or are you His? All your rights to speak what you want to speak, when you want to and how you want to. Has your mouth been circumcised and consecrated, that is to say set apart for Him? To be used only by Him or do you share joint custody? Paul is the continuation of the risen Christ as the full stature of what it means to be a Christian living from out of the Resurrection life. This is why he could say, follow me as I follow Christ. The thought of his thoughts and the speaking of his speaking, so much so that Paul could say, "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain". When we consider the role Paul plays as the Apostle, we should consider that whatever formed the foundation of his life, will be necessary for our foundation so that we may be sons and daughters of the resurrection. Or are we ascribing to what Paul stood for doctrinally, holding it as true, but it is not true in us?

So much more is at stake than to just get it right. What is at stake is the glory of God through His Body by taking up our Kingdom mandate. But the question is, are we willing for Him to do in us what is needed so that we may become His prisoner and for Him to become the life of our

life? This is part of Apostolic understanding that there are mysteries of God, secret hidden things that are revealed at a point of time. To whom? To the holy men of which Paul is the guardian and the steward of the mysteries of God. Through the teachings of Paul we understand that He wants to make mysteries known to us, but there is a requirement. The requirement is holiness. We read that Paul is the guardian and the steward of these mysteries and from that mere statement it is clear that trust and faithfulness lies at the heart of receiving these revelations and mysteries. An Apostle has a sense for the mystery and that which is hidden and we have to develop the same sense. The holy things that are hidden and concealed to be revealed to those who respect mystery. Those who have a disposition for the yet unrevealed mysteries of God. This respect is shown in the degree that you show guardianship and stewardship over that which is shown to you as revelation. So that you do not share it on any occasion to show how clever you are or how spiritual you are, but it is the moment that God opens your mouth to speak it, to be the speaking of your speaking. It is at that moment that you receive such revelation that you show it the reverence, devotion and intention that it deserves before you communicate it, only to communicate it at His time. There is a disposition of knowing the holiness and sacredness of this revelation, which comes with the grace to communicate it when the time comes. This is a vital component of the Apostolic and Prophetic foundation and personality. This is communication not from the earthly realm, but of a heavenly realm by the Spirit. The milk and honey spoken of that those who have come through their wilderness experience, now live from in Canaan, just as Jesus said that man shall not live from bread (manna) alone, but from every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Mysteries are revealed to those whom He has prepared to be Apostles and Prophets, who holds this disposition. Why would you share your secrets with those you cannot trust? In the same way, He builds in us that disposition to which He can trust us with His secrets. Unto His HOLY Apostles and Prophets the hidden things, the mysteries of God is revealed to (Eph. 3: 1 – 5). Our true disposition towards words in general is an indication of whether He should trust us or not with His mysteries. If we are not guardians and good stewards of our idle words, how then can He entrust the mysteries of THE WORD, which is himself, to us? He has to build that in us. But the question is, are you willing to pay the price to become that which is needed and for as long as He deems necessary? Even His voice is compared to many waters and by His voice He does wonders! So that when He speaks through those chosen ones the word comes forth not only as

sound and declaration, but as an event. Something happens in the spirit and it becomes an event. ‘As He said to Samuel that not one word of his will fall to the ground.

Unto them who are holy the sacred things of God are revealed. How can one be an Apostle or Prophet if he is not holy? For one cannot separate the office of Apostle and Prophet from Priestliness. The key to the mysteries and deep things of God is found on the Highway of Holiness. It is by the Holy Spirit we receive these mysteries and He is Holy!

Paul who usually starts his letters with the words, Paul, a servant of God, writes now as the prisoner of Christ to the Ephesians. As if the stripping of being a servant is not enough, he was brought into the place of humility of being a prisoner as well. The mysteries of God is not only found on the Highway of Holiness, but in the valleys of humility. For how long? Only God knows what He has prepared such a one for and how long is necessary to work in him the character of one that can be trusted, so that he can be sent. Paul died, not behind a stage on a pedestal, but in a prison. He carried with him the sense of being the least of all saints, not as a show of humility, but a disposition that was forged in him to be the Apostle of Christ. Great authority is founded on great humility. This is not something we can choose, but something that God has to work in us as we focus and daily take up our cross and be about that which He is doing in us. And this which is forged in us is the nature of Christ. Jesus said, learn of Me for I am lowly and meek. This humility is also rooted and grounded in the soil of God’s love. This is something that you are immersed into to the degree that you are immersed into God. As Jesus prayed in John 17, “Father, that they may be one as we are one”. This unity does not come cheaply, and it may even mean imprisonment in whatever way you are given over unto Him.

How can He send us if that essential character is not part of us? If he is to send, which is the root meaning of the word Apostle, to send out, if that essential character is not part of us and who we are? If He is to send, it is not to represent ourselves, which we will inevitably do if we do not have this worked into us, but we are sent to represent the Godhead, which we are vitally united to. He said, “Who will go for us?” If the King came down lowly on a colt into Jerusalem, how then shall the Kingdom come? Do not confuse meekness with weakness. Listen to the heart and drive Paul has with regard to what it takes to truly know Christ.

Philippians 3: 10 - 12

¹⁰ That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings,
being made conformable unto his death;

¹¹ If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

¹² Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I
may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

I was shown myself that during the tribulation I will be ministering to people in prisons. Not as a visitor, but a prisoner. A prisoner for Christ. A “prison ministry”. Where I now out of the comfort of my home can minister and be part of giving to those in prisons, I will be the one ministering in the prisons as a prisoner in this time to come, but as a prisoner of Christ. And those I will minister to will not just be strangers, but they will be my brother and sister, and those I now know. There He will use me to be spent and poured out and lay my life down for those He loves so dearly. For even in this day He is making me a prisoner of Christ. Are you His prisoner?

Where others may see doing great exploits and miracles for God by supernatural powers as the pinnacle of the time to come, there is a power that is greater than all...the power of the Love of God for the lost, the broken, the bound and the sick. Where those who find themselves in prisons during this time, will in fact become free in Christ.

When He send out those chosen ones, they will be those who have been prepared and forged under the hand of God, and it will be the greater work Jesus have spoken of, even if it means within the confinement of walls and behind bars. For a prison does not make the prisoner, but his disposition. And will I be free in the liberty of Christ when in fact I am still bound by compromise and have not sufficiently given up all my rights now?

Father has been faithful to show us types and shadows continually of those called out ones that was His prisoners both in the Old Testament and the New Testament. We read of Samson who was captured, Joseph and the persecution His prophets endured. In the New Testament we find John the Baptist, and His disciples that suffered the same fate. And then there was Paul, the prisoner of God. Not just a prisoner, but the prisoner of God. In the same way we have our more

modern prisoners like the Richard Wurmbrandts and Dimitri Dudumans, Brother Yun and Corrie Ten Booms. There are thousands more that have found themselves as prisoners of the Lord. Not prisoners of this world or its system, but of the Lord. These He has sent before us to teach us that as the sent out ones there is an ultimate price to pay. The price you pay starts now and it finds its maturation in the prisons of God. I am not saying we are all going to prison. I am saying just like those who have gone before us, it may very well be. When they come to get me, I will willingly go, not as their prisoner, but His. For I am already a captive of Him. There to speak the mysteries of God to the broken, the bound and sick.

This is why Father repeatedly say that we are to focus, because now is that which He is working in us, so that we may be sent out. Jesus said to His disciples, as My Father has sent me, so I now send you. Once again I ask, "Are you a Prisoner of God?"

A quote from Richard Wurmbrandt, Author of the Book of Tortured for Christ.

"Christians are meant to have the same vocation as their King, that of cross-bearers. It is this conscience of a high calling and of partnership with Jesus which brings gladness in tribulations, which makes Christians enter prisons for their faith with the joy of a bridegroom entering the bridal room."

"God will judge us not according to how much we endured, but how much we could love."

SCRIPTURE REF:

Isaiah 61: 1 - 4

¹ The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

² To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

³ To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

⁴ And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

BRING MY LITTLE ONES HOME

As of late I have been reading about and watching information about child trafficking. I will be honest, I obviously felt very heart broken over these poor children all over the world. Everybody knows about these children, unless you have been living under a rock. But, even knowing about them did not disrupt my life. I was sad about it, even prayed about it, but not as one outraged. Almost like all those hungry children in Ethiopia. Our hearts go out to them, but we feel powerless to really do something about it. The inclination is to go on with your life in spite of this horrible reality. It was just not something I chose to get the details of, not willing to be devastated by that which I could not possibly change. But of late, I have been doing research and watching documentaries. I really do not know why I started doing this again.

I have prayed that He would, once the escape (rapture) has taken place, use me as a worker specifically to rescue these children. I prayed that He would send me in this time all over this world into the deep underground facilities and every other area where they are held captive, to bring them to Him. To bring His children home. Many people believe that the Lord will take the children under the age of accountability home once the escape takes place. I believe this is true for the children of the saved, but not the unsaved. It seems cruel and contrary to our view of our loving Father, but the reality is that He is still the same God. The same God that told the Israelites to utterly destroy Canaan, which included every living thing, child and beast. However, this does not mean that He is heartless towards these children, because He is well aware that they are victims of society and also born into different cultures that do not worship Him. And for this reason, He will come and save them.

WORD FROM THE LORD

BRING MY LITTLE ONES HOME

I will send you out to the highways and bi-ways, into the alleys clothed in darkness, in the prisons filled with children. I will send you to answer the cry of my little ones. Those who cry from someone to defend them. Those destitute and alone. Those who have been tormented and searching. Those who have not tasted of My love and have not been comforted. For is this not why I have come and have been anointed for? To preach good tidings to those who are in prisons and to set the captives free? To comfort those who mourn and to heal the broken hearted. To say to those without hope, "Behold I come to save you". For this you will be My hands to take up the broken and bruised. Those raped by society, those torn in despair. For I see all things and vengeance is Mine. I will surely repay. Nothing passes My all seeing eye. I see and I watch over them. At the right time I will send you. So be not slack in your focus. Do not be as those who drink with both hands in the river, forgetting their shield and sword. For even right now the enemy will advance, for he knows that his time is short. But I will do a quick work through you, to hasten their deliverance. For this I have prepared you. For this My valiant warrior, to go out and save the lost. To go out and declare My word so that those who are in darkness may live. Surely as your heart breaks, it breaks in Me, for I long to take those little lambs into My arms. To anoint them, to bless them and make My face shine down on them. I will not leave them destitute. Tell them I come, tell them I love them. Tell them peace, be still.

Behold, I will have a company assigned for this purpose. There will be gladness and rejoicing in My Kingdom over these little ones. Behold, where there were sorrow and mourning, a new song will be sung and rejoicing in My Kingdom. Because unto such is the Kingdom of God. To such as these. Indeed it would be better for those to have tied a millstone around their necks and be thrown into the sea, than to harm one of these little ones. I will repay. For as I have assigned

unto the little ones My Kingdom, so I have assigned unto those everlasting damnation and fire. There will be gnashing of teeth and with strong crying they will cry, but no one will hear.

Therefore, know that I have called you, prepared you and will fill you for this purpose...to bring my little ones home.

I am forever changed by this word. I feel as if the children are inscribed on my heart and that I will never be able to forget them. Not because of what I have seen, but because of what He has done in my heart. I know my assignment now, at least this assignment. For this, He has prepared me.

SCRIPTURE REF:

Jeremiah 31: 1 - 17

¹At the same time, saith the LORD, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

²Thus saith the LORD, The people which were left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest.

³The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

⁴Again I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: thou shalt again be adorned with thy tabrets, and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry.

⁵Thou shalt yet plant vines upon the mountains of Samaria: the planters shall plant, and shall eat them as common things.

⁶For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God.

⁷For thus saith the LORD; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O LORD, save thy people, the remnant of Israel.

⁸Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither.

⁹They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock.

¹¹ For the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he.

¹² Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all.

¹³ Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow.

¹⁴ And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the LORD.

¹⁵ Thus saith the LORD; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not.

¹⁶ Thus saith the LORD; Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the LORD; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy.

¹⁷ And there is hope in thine end, saith the LORD that thy children shall come again to their own border.

PROPHETIC FOUNDATIONS

In this chapter I will be addressing the prophetic. It is important for us to have the understanding of what a true prophet is, especially needed in the time to come as they play an important role in the Kingdom mandate. For the Church is to function as the voice of God in the midst of a world that need to have an understanding of their current and future events that will face them. How are they to understand God's dealings and judgments unless the Church as the oracle of God speaks? Indeed we are already there. The first person is the prophet and that which distinguish the office of a prophet to that of those who have the gift of prophecy. I also will address those who have interceded for true prophets. I was not aware of those intercessors, but God is. There is also a word for the prophets that I received, as well as a word for the intercessors who have prayed for these prophets.

The Church is built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets.

Ephesians 2: 19 - 20

¹⁹ Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

²⁰ And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

So let's first speak to the prophet and what is that which distinguishes the office from the gift. I would also like to mention that even though I am using the word prophet, by implication the prophetess is included.

The investment of God in the shaping of the character, the life of the prophet, is not done in a two-week course or something you can pluck off a tree and claim it for yourself. Rather the person whom God prepares to be a prophet very often do not want to be one. They do not wish to be placed on a pedestal or to be made known. They do not have a great following. This person has been hidden by God for years and in the process of a lifetime is made into a prophet, not by choice, but by God's dealings with him/her. It is a process of evolution from trial after trial. So that in the end God's purpose for the prophet is that his identification with the word he speaks, is in conjunction with his own life. This is what distinguishes the true prophet from those who have the gift of prophecy. The fact that the prophet himself is also the message. You cannot separate the prophet from the message, but those with the gift of prophecy receive it at any given moment. In fact anyone can receive the gift who has the Spirit of God. But a prophet is made, made in the isolation of the desert, outside of "Jerusalem", like John the Baptist. They live an extremely lonely life, even though they have families. This person are often drawn aside by the Lord for extended periods of time in order to hear the still small voice of God there. And it is in these extended dealings of God with this person, in secret, that the evolution takes place, sometimes not even known to him that this is God's purpose for his or her life. He does not go to the wilderness alone because he knows he is a prophet. All he knows is that God has spoken and he must obey. There God reveals to him His heart and places His burden upon the prophet. But the prophet has to be the message before he can speak the message. He has to enter into the reality of the message and for this God subjects him or her to trials and crosses that others do not necessarily endure. It is here where the prophet is taught to see and hear with spiritual ears and eyes, to be able to perceive and build a repertoire of intuition that has not come cheaply. He picks up different things than others do and often see the "not so obvious", which is often insignificant to others. And yet, because his spiritual senses have been trained, he is able to recognize the particular fingerprint of God on it and God is able to speak volumes to him regarding that seemingly insignificant thing. And as great as that privilege sounds, it also carries with it that fact that with every message there is first a death to die, before the word can be released. For only that which comes from death can have the resurrection life of God. And in experiencing God's judgment on his life, as well as the resurrection life from that death, the message is brought with authenticity. It is not brought to bring knowledge or understanding. But the prophet pours out his soul, which is the underlining factor of the authenticity of the message...he is walking the talk. It is not just words, but his

life. The cross is central to the prophet, and if he is to write or speak, he has to eat the scroll so that it has to first become part of him.

The prophet is not perfect although his life is scrutinized and held up to a very high standard. And yet God allows this man or woman to be subject to broken marriages, trauma, or a certain disposition that will offend. He will even allow him or her to say that which sounds utterly contrary to what God would say, and yet, this in itself is the choice God places before the hearers. “Are you going to reject My word because of the vessel it comes through?” God gives us a choice. Maybe you are asking why God will do this. I think He does this so that we may always remember that all men are fallible. Even a prophet. And very often the prophet is prone to a certain way of speaking, highlighted by hyperboles and the melodramatic, to the point where what he says is disregarded. This however is where the teacher comes in and also living in communion with others where he can be corrected in love, so as to not unnecessarily exaggerate to make the point. Because it is through this exaggeration that he can easily take certain liberties through the years and become subject to deception. So this “flaw” in the prophet is a provision for him to keep him dependent on the Lord and to remain humble. In a way one can call this the “Prophetic Offence”. God’s jealousy over these prophets is fierce, but so is His discipline to form the Hearing Ear and the Seeing Eye also. The prophet is not absolved from his mistakes just because the Lord subjects him to certain things, but rather he is painfully aware how his mistakes can influence the word spoken and strives for perfection and authenticity. The quality of the man or woman comes through his speaking and his writing. There is a depth of understanding that transcends just mere knowledge, which is reality. What he writes or speaks is reality. We see this in a somewhat more extreme way about John the Baptist who was an offence. Where he lived, what he wore and even his diet. Not to mention his message. A real “weirdo”. And yet, he was specifically chosen to be an offence. Not just to give a message, but to be an offence as well. It comes with the calling and for that very reason the prophet has to be prepared by God to be able to deal with those who are offended and will ridicule. This does not happen overnight.

Prophets are called also for a specific purpose. They are not all the same color marbles in one bag. Rather when we look at Isaiah, his calling was very specific to uproot and call out God’s judgment. Jeremiah, known as the “Weeping Prophet” was lamenting the destruction of God’s people. Hosea was called to marry and specifically act out God’s faithfulness to an unfaithful

Bride. Elijah was called to confront Kings. And knowing how God works, He chooses those who are contrary to their calling. Who would not necessarily want to speak the word of judgment, or want to speak the word of comfort, like Jonah. He has to prepare them for that calling and it could also very well be that they for the whole of their preparation never speak one word, but their life speaking volumes and confronting those they live with and come into contact with.

The prophet often operates from an intuitive place, rather than the type of emphasis a teacher would give to the written Word. A teacher would elaborate with scripture upon scripture and knowledge and understanding are increased. But the prophet brings forth the heart of the message. Not being indifferent to the written Word, but he brings color in deeper understandings, to the outline that the written word provides. Completing the picture. Without the outline and the color, the picture is incomplete. In his calling there is a place for intuition, an apprehension by the Spirit that does not first come to him by scripture, often offensive to the teacher. Because the teacher will demand the accuracy of the Word, whilst the prophet the prophetic interpretation at that given moment. Not that the Word is secondary, but rather prophetic understanding and revelation in conjunction with the Word is what he is aiming at. Neither the teacher nor the prophet is wrong. In fact, they are a provision unto each other in the bond of love. This is also the offense created by the prophet to those of the congregation who have the disposition of the teacher. Not that they are Pharisees, but holding fast to the letter, they can often miss the Spirit. And yet, God makes allowance for this in His wisdom so that the one needs the other.

Most do not receive their calling at a specific set time. Their whole life is that call and not a single moment. It is only later during the process and after many years when he is recognized by others as such, that he starts to recognize it himself. The very first thing he will do is to let God know that He has the wrong person for the job. Moses said he stutters. Jeremiah said he is too young. They do not ask for it, nor do they desire to be one. They are all too aware of the cost of being one, but ultimately they are willing. This willingness forged through the years after dying multiple deaths by the hand of God's judgment on them. They are alone on their journey and often feel completely misunderstood and undervalued. Both these being true. They have a disposition of feeling deeply the heart of God and it is often overwhelmed to the point where they need to ask for grace in order to bear it. Jeremiah said the following in chapter 15.

Jeremiah 15: 15 - 18

¹⁵ O Lord, thou knowest: remember me, and visit me, and revenge me of my persecutors; take me not away in thy longsuffering: know that for thy sake I have suffered rebuke.

¹⁶ Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts.

¹⁷ I sat not in the assembly of the mockers, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of thy hand: for thou hast filled me with indignation.

¹⁸ Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, which refuseth to be healed? Wilt thou be altogether unto me as a liar, and as waters that fail?

The message he gives is the burden of the Lord that the prophet bares. A disposition of always calling back to repentance, the ability to have an overview of God's end-time purpose and a call to return to that which was first upheld, the foundation. They are foundation builders. This burden is only lifted once the spoken word has gone forth, but to not have that word heard is a mutually unbearable burden the prophet is subject to, knowing intimately the heart of God in the message. So that the prophet continuously live in the tension of the faith, casting himself continually upon God as he subjects himself to doubt whether the word was from God or from himself. And to think that a prophet is not prone to these doubts is to elevate them above what they are. Prone just like all men to get things wrong. And so he or she knows this, and lives in that tension always. It is a burden to be a prophet.

Prophets also write. They are the scribes of God. This does not mean that every writer is a prophet, but it is a common distinction or gift given to the prophet. God's purpose for this is that the word given may be placed on record on earth and in heaven. They are not writers, but receive the ability to write by the unction of the Spirit at a given time. It is also an agony to write because in the writing is the bearing of the word, a birth in a sense within the Spirit, carrying the weight of the message. They do not write to write, but because they have a message and was given the assignment, until the next. In their writing they often find themselves having to reread what they

wrote, not believing that which came from their pen as coming from them. And that is exactly it. They are merely the pen, but God the writer.

What is future for others is present for the prophet. That which he sees as vitally important is seen as an exaggerated view by others at times. He speaks from the urgency of his conviction palpating from his heart, being his reality, with the cry that the hearers would only recognize God in the message, even if he himself is an abomination to them.

There is also a silent partnership with the prophet and God where God acts only on the spoken word. In the same way that He asked Ezekiel, “Son of Man, can these bones live?” and Ezekiel not in bravado and “name it and claim it” way says, Oh Lord, thou knowest (Ezekiel 37). And then God says to Ezekiel to speak to the bones. In the same way Elijah told Ahab that by his word the rain would not fall. The focus is not the prophet, but the God behind the prophet who works in partnership with this spoken word. So one has to ask, “Will it happen unless the prophet speaks?” Well, God has more than one prophet. And so the onus is on the prophet not only to hear correctly, but also to speak correctly and at the appointed time, which is crucial.

The prophet is also just as much called to act as he is to speak. Very often he has to demonstrate the message, even by being an example or by doing a prophetic act, but always in conjunction with God. He becomes the visible manifestation of the elements central to God’s own being. This has been wrought into the fiber of the prophet and these elements the world hates, because it is the testimony of Jesus Christ. In Revelation 19 we see that at the heart of the message of every prophet is Jesus Christ.

Revelation 19:10

¹⁰ And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

WORD FROM THE LORD

COMING OUT OF THE CAVE

What are you doing here? Why are you still hiding in the cave of despair? Have I not fed you with meat and water? Have you not lived from every word I speak? Have I not filled you with my living water? Yet here you are in the cave of despair.

I have watched over you and have taken care of you, but now it is time for you to stand at the mouth of the cave. The mouth where I will speak to you. Not in the strong wind, not in the fire, not in the earthquake, but my still small voice that have spoken to you all along. For as the mouth of the cave is open, so my mouth is ready to speak through my prophets who have been hidden in the caves of despair.

They have seen how no one listens. They have seen that it falls on deaf ears. They have seen broken vows. All this has brought them into isolation. Even as Elijah cried out, "Enough! Leave me here that I may die!" I say to you live! Because your appointment is at hand. Your assignment is at hand...but will I find you at the mouth where I can speak to you? Therefore rise from the ashes. Rise from despair into new life and stand at the mouth of the cave. You have been hidden in Me for a time, but the season has come to speak that which I lay on your heart. Do not fear what man will say to you, fear me. Live before me alone, and answer to me. For I will require of you every idle word as my mouthpiece. Do not concern yourself with those who ridicule and those who do not listen. For those who do, have ears to hear and will hear.

Only, you obey. Listen, wait and obey. I am your reward. I am ready to speak. Will you position yourself to hear? Sanctify yourself before me now. Be still and wait for my still small voice.

SCRIPTURE REF:

1 Kings 19: 1 - 13

- ¹ And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.
- ² Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, so let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.
- ³ And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.
- ⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.
- ⁵ And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.
- ⁶ And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.
- ⁷ And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee.
- ⁸ And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.
- ⁹ And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?

¹⁰ And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

¹¹ And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake:

¹² And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

¹³ And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?

Continuing with Prophetic Foundations...

From what you have read so far you can clearly see that prophets are not self-proclaimed, neither are they made in a day or months, but many years of preparation has gone in the making of God's mouthpiece. We also know that they are not perfect, but that they are being held to a very high standard because every word has weight to it. In fact, words in themselves are important to them. Life and death lies within the power of the tongue. And so Father has to deal with all their categories and they have to die to all these categories. The reason for this is that out of the heart flows the issues of life. And so any undealt with issues are bound to taint or influence interpretation and the hearing of the word. Having said that, God has indeed prepared in the background the prophets that He will send out at His appointed time. In the hidden years the prophet has learned to hear His still small voice. This coming time period is a period of great onslaught against the Church. Her foundations have been under attack for many years and she is on dangerous grounds so to speak. The Word says that the foundation of the Church is built on the apostles and prophets. Both these offices He has been restoring, but not in the open, but in the hidden places of the lives of ordinary people, the housewife, the janitor, the builder. Those who do not necessarily carry away the approval of society as one to take note of when they speak. They have been in the background and has been ministering to those whom He has sent on their way. To the world unknown. The Church's foundation has to be rebuilt again and this can only be done by those whom He has prepared. Those He raised up at the first to call people to repentance from the beginning...the prophets. The restoration of the prophetic as He has always intended it to be. The unadulterated prophetic word given by the unadulterated prophet. That which was at the first to be again at the last. For the restoration of the prophets and the apostolic is the beginning of the restoration of all things. For in the speaking is the creating, the word in its power has to go forth again. And so He will call these prophets out for this very purpose, to restore the foundation that was laid. The foundation laid by the prophets of old which is repentance, salvation and judgment. The building of the Kingdom of God. So the call is not to a singular prophet, but a corporate end time body declaring, "Thus saith the Lord...and it shall be." Not just in speaking, but also in being. And so of necessity in the last age, the true prophet has to be restored to overthrow and kill the false prophets of Baal driven by the present Jezebel spirit that will control this whole world. It is in an epic showdown of prophets and who is sufficient for these things

other than those whom He has prepared. The same Spirit that was in Elijah is the same Spirit that will overcome again. Therefore God has to make the man/woman of the same character. The foundation of any office is the character of that person.

Having said all that and taking into consideration the devotional as a whole, the call on intercessors to pray for these prophets and apostles that He has hidden and soon to be released, cannot be stressed enough. To pray for the final preparations and that which needs to be worked out in them to be completed. That they will endure that which God subjects them to and be willing to die in all their categories. That they will not fear man but fear God. Because even though a great honor to be used by God for this end time purpose, the cost will be huge, and should not be expected to be any less than the prophets of old, as their type and shadow. The greater the glory, the greater the cost.

Philippians 1: 29

²⁹ For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;

1 Kings 18: 1 - 4

¹ And it came to pass after many days, that the word of the LORD came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth.

² And Elijah went to shew himself unto Ahab. And there was a sore famine in Samaria.

³ And Ahab called Obadiah, which was the governor of his house. (Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly:

⁴ For it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.)

Here Obadiah, which means servant of the Lord, is a type and shadow of the Holy Spirit who hides the true prophets of God in caves, that is to say in the dark, where they live from meat and water. Jesus said, My meat is to do the will of the Father. Obedience. The water is a symbol of the Holy Spirit and provision of God. And so we read in the next chapter of Elijah hiding in a cave wanting to die, feeling that he alone was left. He too was fed with meat and water in the cave.

God has shown us in history that He preserves His true prophets and contrary to popular believe there are not many of them. But He has hid them in the shadow of His wings. And so in this last age, He has been doing it again and will release them for His end-time purpose as the same battle will be fought in the Spirit on a world wide scale.

WORD FROM THE LORD

PREPARED IN SECRET

I have preserved My prophets for this time. Those I have prepared in secret. They will come at the appointed time and their words will not fall to the ground. For judgment will be on those who despise My holy word written on their hearts and so also the judgment of those false prophets who spoke such vain words to deceive My people.

I have preserved them for such a time as this to be My oracles. They will suffer many things on My behalf, but for this I have prepared them in secret. Take heed therefore to who you listen to, for the tickling of your ear is the indictment against the idols of your heart. Those who hear their words shall be saved, but those who come against them will suffer the consequences spoken. Many have cried for these true prophets to come forth and this is My answer to those prayers. Those who desire true prophets will receive the prophet's reward.

SCRIPTURE REF:

Jeremiah 23: 1 - 32

¹ Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD.

² Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD.

³ And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

⁴ And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD.

⁵ Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

⁶ In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

⁷ Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that they shall no more say, The LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

⁸ But, The LORD liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

⁹ Mine heart within me is broken because of the prophets; all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome, because of the LORD, and because of the words of his holiness.

- ¹⁰ For the land is full of adulterers; for because of swearing the land mourneth; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their course is evil, and their force is not right.
- ¹¹ For both prophet and priest are profane; yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the LORD.
- ¹² Wherefore their way shall be unto them as slippery ways in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall therein: for I will bring evil upon them, even the year of their visitation, saith the LORD.
- ¹³ And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied in Baal, and caused my people Israel to err.
- ¹⁴ I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness; they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.
- ¹⁵ Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets; Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall: for from the prophets of Jerusalem is profaneness gone forth into all the land.
- ¹⁶ Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD.
- ¹⁷ They say still unto them that despise me, The LORD hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you.
- ¹⁸ For who hath stood in the counsel of the LORD, and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard it?
- ¹⁹ Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked.

²⁰ The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly.

²¹ I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.

²² But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.

²³ Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off?

²⁴ Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.

²⁵ I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.

²⁶ How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? Yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart;

²⁷ Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbor, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal.

²⁸ The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD.

²⁹ Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

³⁰ Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words everyone from his neighbor.

³¹ Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that use their tongues, and say, He saith.

³² Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD.

DREAM

I dreamed that I was walking with my husband, my daughter and with other people going up a very steep hill. I was ahead of my husband and my daughter was right at the bottom, riding a tricycle. The reason my husband was behind me was because he was completely engrossed with what people around him were saying to him. Not at all focused on where he was going. The other thing that was strange was the fact that my daughter was riding this tricycle, which was completely inappropriate for her age, being 11 years old then. She was right at the bottom of the hill and riding in circles. As I reached the top, I saw these two massive lions sitting. They were both a dirty red color. I was very aware of them and made sure that they did not see me. As I turned the corner, a whole crowd came up walking in my direction. I immediately started to warn them about the lions and that they should turn left into the other road to avoid them. However, some of them got so frightened that they ran to the side, fell to the ground and proceeded to throw red dust on themselves, as to camouflage themselves. Somehow in my dream I was aware that my husband and daughter would not listen to my warning. End of dream.

INTERPRETATION

The dream as a whole is talking about a specific time, which I believe is now. The hill speaks of the highway of holiness, which is indeed a very steep hill. Our growth in the Lord so to speak. My husband and my daughter are types and shadows of the church. Some are not focused on their growth with the Lord in holiness. My husband resembles those that are not focused, but the cares of this world and what this world has to offer is the most important to them. My daughter represents those who have stagnated in their growth, enjoying life on their "tricycle" and riding in circles, never going from strength to strength. They were left behind so to speak, also not having the ears to heed the warning. The two lions speaks of destruction. Not one, but two that is about to come upon this earth. We often see lions in a case like this as the enemy, which very well could be the case, as the Lord uses the enemy to execute His judgment on this world. The people coming from the other side of the hill resembles the church who has matured in Christ, as they were on top of the hill. They will heed the warning as they were quick to "change their way" and to avoid the

coming attack. Those who went from out of them to dive into the sand and to camouflage themselves, are those that when destruction will come, will fear and this fear will cause them to compromise, hence why they covered themselves in the same "color" of the two lions.

WORD FROM THE LORD

LIKE A ROARING LION

Warn My people that I am about to roar. Just as the earth shakes and trembles at the roar of a lion, so I now, the LION OF JUDAH, is about to roar.

My bold and courageous ones will not fear as they stand in the midst of the Jordan to passover.

Passover into the promise that is only by faith. For the waters will not overwhelm them as My ark goes before them. For I am the Ark and I am the LION OF JUDAH. Once more I have said that I will shake the earth. That which is built on Me will stand, but that which is not will be shaken by My roar. For My wrath is kindled against the earth. It is kindled against the bloodshed and rebellion - against Me.

No one takes heed to the hour, for whilst they say, peace and safety, sudden destruction will come! Those that are asleep will be caught off guard. But you my HOLY ONES are not of the night. You who have watched and prayed will see Me soon.

Prepare! Prepare! Watch and pray until I come. For soon this earth will reel and all will be shaken by My roar. They will tremble at My roar when they should have trembled at My word. They will be forsaken in My judgment and cry out to Me, but it will be too late.

Prepare My Bride for I am about to roar.

I come.

SCRIPTURE REF:

Hosea 5:14

For I shall be unto Ephraim as a lion and as a young lion to the house of Judah. I, even I, will tear and go away. I will take away, and none shall rescue him

Hosea 13:7

Therefore, I will be unto them as a lion, as a leopard by the way will I observe them.

Proverbs 23: 13

The slothful man saith, There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets.

Proverbs 19: 12

The Kings wrath is like the roaring of a lion, but His favor is as the dew upon the grass.

Hebrews 12: 25 - 29

See that ye refuse not Him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from Him that speaketh from heaven.

Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.

And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

For our God is a consuming fire

ONE KING OVER ALL

Arthur Katz says in one of his sermons that, *“there is only one way to be this, it is to know that the purpose for your salvation is not for you, but for another.”* You have to take the Kingdom mandate to heart and not see it as some mystical and spiritual thing that is separate from your salvation. We are not saved so that we can get out of here, but as the Church, we are saved to fulfill His Kingdom mandate. Expect confrontation the moment that you do. Especially when you take up the mandate the Gentiles, which is to say the Church, has within these last days. The issue of the Jews. To provoke them to jealousy. Who will they have as the light in the time of darkness that is about to come upon them. We are not called to just minister to other Christians and the world in general, but we have been saved specifically for the purposes of God, which includes the role we will play in provoking the Jews to jealousy. A Church that thinks she is excluded from this mandate is not clear on her instructions as part of the army of God. Dismissing the Jews is to fall short of the mandate of the Kingdom of God. And it is clear that the Jews are indeed not at the place of jealousy yet. Rather, their antagonism and pure hatred for Christians are palpable. Even as Christ was here during His earthly journey, so are we counted as sheep for the slaughter. But our King has purposely chosen the weak to confound the wise. Those who confess to be Jews but are not inwardly, having their outer flesh circumcised, but not their hearts by Jesus Christ their Messiah, will look into the faces of those called to this mandate to hear the words “Do not fear, the Lord your God, with His mighty arm, He will come and save you.” Asking, “How is it that you being persecuted are hopeful and have this peace that surpasses understanding?” They will look into our faces and see the glory of God and it will provoke them to jealousy, crying out, “What must I do to be saved?!” It will be a visible expression of the Wisdom of God totally in opposition to the wisdom of this world. They will recognize the authentic covenant of which we are part of and to which they have been chosen, but sadly do not enjoy. Through their fall, salvation has come to the gentiles so as to move them to jealousy.

We pride ourselves in the fact that we have tasted of His salvation, making it about ourselves and our ministries, whilst all along we were saved to this end, which is to provoke them to jealousy. Even though Jesus came for the Jews first, but instead received the Gentiles, He did not change His focus. Rather He has now taken occasion through their fall to use us, to provoke them to call out to Him. This is the wisdom of God, using his chosen vessels on the basis of their disqualification, being not circumcised in the flesh, but circumcised in the spirit. This is the mandate that has to be taken seriously. Are you offended? Does this cause you to feel somewhat of lesser value? David says, “What is man that you are mindful of him Lord?” (Psalm 8: 4) We deserve nothing. But God in His great mercy has prepared those whom He will send out to specifically encounter those Jews who will look to us to show them the way to salvation. The period of the seals is the time of the Elijah/John the Baptists to be a voice in the wilderness, to give that manna, and prepare the way for the coming King, who will come down with Mount Zion. He will be using the harvest workers to prepare the way. A voice in the wilderness crying, “Prepare ye the way!” The same is for the 144 000 who will prepare a way for Judah. But they will be scattered all over this world. This is the apostolic imperative. Paul that great Apostle, who is the type and shadow of the Church living from the resurrected life of God, although called for the Gentiles states in Roman 9...

Romans 9: 3 - 4

3 For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:

4 Who are Israelites; to whom pertained the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises.

The issue of the Jew is the issue of the Church and God has divinely designed it so to be part of our Kingdom mandate. Not that we should be like Jews, but that we are like Him. We have to remember that the two shall become one. Israel and Judah shall become one and this is the whole of the Kingdom...united in the Eternal Kingdom of God. This is the foremost consideration of God as the chosen people of God. A yet unfulfilled destiny, in which our King has chosen us to

this prolific role to bring them to this fulfillment. Do you have your King's perspective regarding the theocratic rule of God of which the Jews will have a vital role to play?

Romans 11: 12 - 15

¹² Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fullness?

¹³ For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:

¹⁴ If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them.

¹⁵ For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?

This is a mystery that few talk about, knowing it in the capacity of truth, but not holding unto the reality of that truth. Have you considered your mandate from your King, the very same one that will establish His rule and reign in no other place, but in that seemingly insignificant piece of land called Jerusalem? From where He will reign for eternity and to where all nations will come and be taught of the priests of God? If you have not even considered this, how then can you say you are about your Father's business? For we are grafted in as wild olives, but they the true olive branch. We have an unfulfilled destiny to which our God is calling us and have prepared us for. I once had an experience that changed me forever. Never has Israel (the Jews) really been any consideration to me. I did not really care about the Jews to be completely honest. And in fact, the more I learned about them, the less I liked them. I did not hate them, but let's just say I did not lose any sleep over them. Then one day as I was praying, I cannot explain it in any way, other than the Lord lifted a veil that caused me to have a slight peak of His heart for them. A mighty rush of unutterable love flooded my soul in an instance. I cried for 4 days long. Every time someone mentioned Israel, I would start to cry. This was not a sentimental love, but His love in me for them...and I only had a droplet of it. It came from deep in my spirit. From that moment on, I knew that what we are called to is much bigger than what we think.

Unless you have this radical mindset of the Eternal Kingdom of God and your role that you play in it, you will simply walk as “mere men” and not come into the full purpose and reality of what you are actually called unto. Instead, you will be focused on this earthly kingdom. Your King is the King of Kings and the kingdom of darkness is about to be overthrown in the climactic battle of the ages. This started way before the foundation of this world, and we are chosen to be part of this last battle. There are two requirements that stand out to me. Unless you leave this world and all it contains, you will still be bound to it and earthly minded. The other thing is that you are not just to leave this world, but are here to establish the Kingdom of God, through that resurrection life and power of the King of this Eternal Kingdom. Not by might, not by power, but by the Spirit of God. Once you have had this mind shift, you will no longer look on the things of this world and be overwhelmed. You will no longer be moved as Paul says, but you will operate from another dimension of which this world has no understanding. You will be focused and poised and you will have your ear to the King’s mouth as His servant. You will have your being in Him. You will know that you have been called for such a time as this, and live from that reality now. Those who have left this world has been called unto another...the Eternal Kingdom of God. Our mindset has to be that of the servants of the King of this Eternal Kingdom. I urge you in this day to seek the King to inscribe His mandate upon your heart. His call unto His servants is nothing other than what it was for Jesus Christ, our forerunner and the Patterned Son. To establish the Kingdom of Heaven upon this earth. It has always been about two Kingdoms. Are you Kingdom minded? Apostolic means sent out. Do you have the mindset as one who is no longer part of this world, but also Kingdom minded. Not just wanting to leave and go to heaven, but to establish His Kingdom on this earth. For such a time you have been born and chosen. Called of God for His purpose and His Kingdom. Seek His heart in this day regarding His Kingdom as you prepare yourself for what He has called you to.

Have we placed ourselves in their shoes? Have we given ourselves sufficient time to consider the dynamics of such spiritual devastation? What it would mean to those who thought they were right with Him, Jew and Gentile, only to find that their present devastation means that He has indeed forsaken them. A destitution of all security. Naked and as ones who are already dead! The dead bones of Ezekiel 37 comes to mind. Have we considered the devastation? Physically, emotionally and especially spiritually? How many will commit suicide because dying would be the only way

out? There will be no confusion as to whose wrath is upon them. They will know that God has put them away in anger. But know this, there will be those who will curse God and those who will cry out to Him in that time.

Where will those be who will say to them, “Fear not, do not be afraid. The Lord your God with His mighty arm, He will come and save you” Isaiah 35:4

Psalm 102: 14

¹⁴For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favor the dust thereof.

This pleasure and favor speak of setting your affection on and to show mercy and pity. Who are these servants? Those whom He has prepared for such a time as this. This is something they are as servants and not something they merely do out of obligation...they ARE a compassion for stones and a pity for dust. We know that the apostolic dispensation that will come during the start of the tribulation will be from those stones that have been built in Him. Their capstone, Jesus Christ, the stone the builders rejected. And He will through His living stones lay the foundations that has been broken down and brought to dust. They will be the builders of the foundation. For is the heavenly Jerusalem then not a city and a wife? Does the Word not say that the church is built on the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets? These will be living stones. Stones that will be laid down to build a foundation that cannot be shaken. They will have compassion on the stones and pity on the dust laid in ruins.

We are told that not one stone will be on top of each other...just rubble and devastation. The true Master Builder will come and He will again lay her foundation. The Son of Man that will once again cry out..."Jerusalem, oh Jerusalem, if only you knew the day of your visitation!" He is indeed preparing a city to dwell in. And her foundations will be built up again by those living stones built up in Him. For He is ultimately the foundation of this city of God. In Isaiah 6 we read that the land is made desolate and the people is cast far and away. He promise that He will bring them back from the various places from where He has scattered them. This is the heart of God that afflicts pain. The One who wounds so that He may heal. For those who receive these wounds of chastening and wrath will call on Him, but those who refuse it, will curse Him!

The stones built up in Him, that are vitally connected to the true Capstone, the Stone the master rejected, will go where they are sent to these various places that He has scattered His people. Both Jew and Gentile. Not only because of a mission, but mostly because they are united to the broken heart of God. For God takes no pleasure in the destruction of man. This is the reason for the sending of His servants...the broken heart of God. For even as the cities lay in ruins, His heart has been broken even before the foundation of the worlds. He saw the end from the beginning. The living stones will have compassion on the ruins of Jerusalem. He will raise up His living stones, those sent out ones, to cry on His behalf "Oh Jerusalem! Jerusalem!"

And yet, they themselves who will also be persecuted, will persecute us as the Goyam, which they hate to the core. Unless our hearts are broken for the lost, even the angry lost, how then will we be able to be a light unto the nations? Mental agreement and tolerance to this reality will cause us to fall short. But a heart that beats with His heart that beats with the compassion of God, will cause us to shine with His glory on our faces. To have compassion on her broken walls and dust. For as the Bridegroom so the Bride. As the Head, so the Body. A nature compatible with His nature. Not that we will all run to Jerusalem, but that He uses His servants to bring her in from wherever she has been scattered all over this world. He has placed each of us where we are for both the Jew and Gentile. Am I a "Jew lover" who have some sentimental religious affiliation with them? No. For longer than 12 years He has spoken to me about His heart for her. And it is broken.

How will we be for them what He intended unless our hearts are broken for both Jew and Gentile? Unless we see as He sees, we will not attain to what is required to lay our lives down. One do not hear about this preached from the pulpit or any teachings of the end time purpose of the Church concerning Israel. And yet we are right at the very door of her destruction! A clear mandate is to be owned that we are saved to provoke her to jealousy. Left to ourselves we will shake off the dust from our feet and move on. Let those who love them so much to this job! But God has not forgotten His people. And He never will. He is not interested in our David stars or Israeli flags and menorahs we take out during feast days. He is not interested in our identification through the upholding of the feasts if we in fact in heart have no identification with the broken heart He has for His people. Have you consider that He was born a Jew?

Although He has not forsaken them, they have indeed forsaken Him. He is the Husband scorned and forsaken by His first love. Like Jacob who loved Rachel, but was given Leah, so He has had pity on us and made us His own. But He has not forgotten Rachel as Jacob did not, and demanded that Laban give her to him. Two wives, Jew and Gentile becoming one in Him.

His heart is broken. The question I ask myself and you is why is my heart not broken? Will we have this broken heart if we do not seek it? Shall we have it we do not see the ultimate value and imperative that it is? If we do not see the hardness of our hearts toward them, even though some refuses to acknowledge their matter of fact attitude towards them, how then are we walking with Him in fulfilling His purpose for why He came? As if it is God's problem how He will cause them to turn to Him. He chose us! We are His instruments. If we do not go, who will?

The reality is that our hearts are not broken for the lost, even for the Gentiles, neither for the Jew. Secretly we feel that they will be getting that which they rightly deserve. In our eyes judgment and wrath poured out on them during Jacob's trouble is well deserved. What hypocrites! Have we forgotten that if it was not for the grace of God where would we be?

Our identification with the Jew is ultimately our identification with the broken heart of God. Not only for the Gentile, but for the Jew. We will find ourselves amidst destitution and we can either enter into their destitution or we can stand aloof and pride ourselves that we are not like them. Will we be like Jonah and feel these people do not deserve the salvation of God? Will we choose Tarshish rather than Nineveh? Will our going be out of obligation or out of the identification with the Father's broken heart?

The issue of Jerusalem is the issue of the Church, which is the issue of the nations, which is ultimately the issue of His Kingdom. Will you be a Leah that hates on Rachel and pride yourself on your many children? Or will you mourn with her, because Rachel is crying and her children is no more? Paul did not anguish for his people because he was Jewish. He anguished for his people because he was an Apostle! Christ was his life. In Him he moved and lived and had his being.

Will you allow Him to break you in the deeps that passes mere sentimentality? Facing the hardness of your heart and confess it before your God? Your mourning will not be because you have no faith and are hopeless, but you mourn because He mourns. He is still a man of sorrow and

grief. The danger lies in us thinking that all this does not apply to us. This devotional will testify against both you and me when we stand before Him soon. The motive is not to guilt you into this particular disposition, but rather that your eyes will be opened to the glory He intended - the church as He intended her to be.

I can only cry, "Lord, let me not go on as if You have not spoken! Let me not go on as if your heart is not broken. Let me cleave to you like Jacob, until you touch my hip and I walk in your brokenness, identifying with your heart. Break my heart O God! What good is my correct doctrine when I do not embody the substance of it? Rent my heart O God, rent my heart! Move me from this place of indifference into identification. Let me have compassion on her stones and pity on her dust! Do what only you can do!"

SCRIPTURE REF:

Isaiah 62

1 For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.

2 And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name.

3 Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.

4 Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the Lord delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married.

5 For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.

6 I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence,

7 And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

8 The Lord hath sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely I will no more give thy corn to be meat for thine enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine, for the which thou hast laboured:

9 But they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the Lord; and they that have brought it together shall drink it in the courts of my holiness.

10 Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people.

11 Behold, the Lord hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.

12 And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the Lord: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.

Jeremiah 17: 15 - 27

¹⁵ Behold, they say unto me, Where is the word of the LORD? let it come now.

¹⁶ As for me, I have not hastened from being a pastor to follow thee: neither have I desired the woeful day; thou knowest: that which came out of my lips was right before thee.

¹⁷ Be not a terror unto me: thou art my hope in the day of evil.

¹⁸ Let them be confounded that persecute me, but let not me be confounded: let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed: bring upon them the day of evil, and destroy them with double destruction.

¹⁹ Thus said the LORD unto me; Go and stand in the gate of the children of the people, whereby the kings of Judah come in, and by the which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem;

²⁰ And say unto them, Hear ye the word of the LORD, ye kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, that enter in by these gates:

²¹ Thus saith the LORD; Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem;

²² Neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath day, neither do ye any work, but hallow ye the sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers.

²³ But they obeyed not, neither inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, nor receive instruction.

²⁴ And it shall come to pass, if ye diligently hearken unto me, saith the LORD, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but hallow the sabbath day, to do no work therein;

²⁵ Then shall there enter into the gates of this city kings and princes sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: and this city shall remain forever.

²⁶ And they shall come from the cities of Judah, and from the places about Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the plain, and from the mountains, and from the south, bringing burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and meat offerings, and incense, and bringing sacrifices of praise, unto the house of the LORD.

²⁷ But if ye will not hearken unto me to hallow the sabbath day, and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.

WORD FROM THE LORD

BROKEN HEART

So many seek Me for My hands, but not My heart. They seek the outpouring of My Spirit. They seek gifts, dreams and visions, and they seek miracles.

But what do I seek?

I seek the mirror of My heart in you.

If you look carefully, you will see it is broken. Broken for the lost. They did not break it on the cross, but it was broken before the foundation of the world. The cross was the full expression of My broken heart. The cross, the path I chose because of My broken heart.

Who are those who mourn My broken heart? Those who have come and desired not My hands, but My heart. I will not deny those who seek My hands for I am the giver of all good gifts. But the secrets of My heart are for the broken and contrite. For they are ever aware that for them I died. They enter into My suffering. They enter into that which I hold dear...

The broken heart for the lost.

THE TEMPLES OF GOD

This government of the Kingdom of God will be on the shoulders of Jesus Christ. However it will also be on the Priests and Kings. One may call them wall and gate builders, as the Prophets and Apostles will lay the foundation.

We find a description of them in Revelation 21 and Revelation 1.

Revelation 21: 12 - 14

¹² And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

¹³ On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

¹⁴ And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Revelation 1: 5 - 6

⁵ And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

⁶ And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Moses was the first to receive the heavenly instructions to build a tabernacle for the Lord. He was to follow this heavenly blueprint meticulously in building this dwelling place for God. After this, Solomon fulfilled his father's desire to build a house for God as well. And what a house that

was! Everything was overlaid with gold and precious stones, no expenses held back for this majestic endeavor. And God answered with His glory. However, the destruction of the house of God followed because the requirement of the Lord for the keeping of this house and Him dwelling with them, was that they obey His commandments. As we know, they could not uphold the commandments of the Lord. The house of God was burned down and everything within it destroyed. Jesus, the one greater than Solomon, said that foxes have holes and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay His head. Indeed He came to dwell among us and yet, no place to lay His head.

However, for this purpose, the greater than Solomon, has been assigned by His Father to build a house, and we know that He will build a house, a temple in Jerusalem, from where He will reign as the Son of David over all the earth. At the same time, we know that we are also the house of God.

Hebrews 3: 1 - 6

¹ Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

² Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house.

³ For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honor than the house.

⁴ For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God.

⁵ And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after;

⁶ But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

However, we are not just any house, but the temple of the Holy Spirit. We are living stones built up in Him as our corner stone. And as His temple, He prepares in us a place to rule and reign. This

rest is not that of being tired, because that would imply that God has a weakness. But rather going from a standing to a seating position is a declaration of ruling and reigning, because the work is finished. Not because you are tired. A King's throne is his seat of authority from where He reigns.

Ours is a tale of two Kingdoms. The enemy is known as the prince of the air, but also has been given dominion over the earth. Here he rules and reigns whilst jerking and manipulating nations and men for his ends and purposes. When Jesus came to set foot on this earth, it was quite a declaration to the forces of the air, as he prophetically as the Son of Nun, Joshua, came to take every place that His feet was on (Joshua 1). They did not like this one bit that He dared to sit His feet on their territory. He not only came to set the captives free, but to also make a declaration of war. The very war we find ourselves in that is bound to escalate as the age ends.

The principalities and powers of the air was given authority that they were to use for good, but being fallen they have taught men the art of war, how to do magic, allure with make-up and work with herbs and astrology. Man, lusting for power and being easy targets for the pride of life, was willing through the ages to strike a bargain, their souls for the kingdom of this world. Man forfeited their position of authority and willingly gave it over to the powers of the air. So much so that over every continent, nation, city and town, a principality rules. They are seated in places of authority, which is at the gates of the city. In ancient times the decisions were made by the elders at the gates of the city. These gates, or places of authority is the government, military, medicinal, educational and every other possible form of authority that we now see in this life. There they rule and reign through their willing agents and manipulate and jerk society to not only do as they say, but to be molded and formed into their value system, to uphold the wisdom of this world. So much so that anybody who stands up against these constitutions and society are either seen as conspiracy theorists or "nut jobs". Seen not only as apposed, but hostile to society's value system, which they have fully adopted as their own. And so the Church is tolerated, just as long as she does not start to mingle in the things that matters that coincides with their agenda. Very much like Ahab asking Elijah, "Art thou the one who troubleth Israel?" 1 Kings 18: 17

The problem lies when we as Christians do not consider the principalities and powers, the kingdom of the air and this world that drives the agenda to their ultimate end. When we look to man and

do not take into consideration that our fight is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, powers and wickedness in the air, we stand to do our battles in the earthly realm only. What I mean by that is that we want to do whatever it takes to change regulations and laws and to stand up against these things, however without addressing that which is first and foremost a spiritual battle. The one comes before the other. Often it is said that all it takes is for good men to do nothing. This may be true, but what we do, how we do it and when we do it, has to have the Kingdom of God as first consideration. And to this I ask, “how much of our spiritual warfare are done in the flesh, no matter how many dragons we think we have slain?”

At this point you may think that I have veered from the topic at hand, which is Kings, Priests and being the temples of God. In Revelation 1 we read that they give Him glory for He has made them priests and kings. Priestliness is a prerequisite for being a King. For we are priests after the Order of Melchizedek. Melchizedek meaning King of Righteousness. And being a High Priest He rules as King. In the preparation and the building of a house for the King to come and rule, those who abide in the secret, the servants of the Lord, are to be priests, holy and separated unto Him. It is in our hearts, the Holy of Holies that we serve our King as priests. For being greater than Solomon, not only because Solomon was human and therefore limited, but He has determined and purposed that through His temple, which we are, He will rule and reign over all the world through us, as His Priests and Kings. For unto those, who has been made into priests and kings, He will appoint kingdoms to rule over. In order that He will not only rule and reign from the physical temple of Jerusalem, but in the spiritual temples, which we are as His agents. And unless we are Kingdom minded, we will not understand that it is to us the spoil is given. The spoil which is the governmental authority, the gates, where the powers of the air are presently controlling this world for their end. We are to replace and dethrone the kings of the earth and establish righteousness on the earth. His purpose for preparing a temple, is that He is as the Son of Man, can enter into His rest, which is be seated on the throne of our hearts, as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The forces of darkness stand to lose their only footing and ground left once satan has been thrown down to earth and the pit have been opened. Earth will be the last battle, the last ground they will defend. The battle of the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of this world will be fought on this very earth. And we all know who will win. But the question remains, “Are we truly seeking His Kingdom first? Even though the Kingdom and His righteousness starts within, it is manifested

without. Every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that HE IS LORD! Do you have a Kingdom view? Are you looking at those very things that are happening to you as circumstantial and normative, or do you see with a Kingdom perspective the provision made in order to procure the wisdom of God, which is in stark contrast to the wisdom of this world.

Jesus as our example and forerunner has not only gone to prepare a place for us, but He is also preparing a place for Him, in us. He tells His disciples in John 15 that even though they are His servants, He no longer calls them servants but friends. And as friends, they know what He wants. And He lays His life down for His friends. In Luke 22 we read an interesting account of where the disciples dare to ask the Lord who would be the greatest in heaven. This is what He says.

Luke 22: 25 - 28

²⁵ And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors.

²⁶ But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.

²⁷ For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.

²⁸ Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations.

Jesus, although the Son of God, left heaven to come and dwell amongst us. He will once again come again to finally establish His Kingdom reign on earth. I have to ask. Will you be sitting in heaven, or serving on earth? If He had to ask you today, “Will you stay?” Will you? This is not an easy question to answer for who has not been at the place, especially now, that we cannot wait to leave? At this point you may ask me, “Surely it is better to go to heaven than to stay on earth?” Exactly! Therein lies the laying down of your life even as He laid down His and came to

earth. Unfortunately the church has lost her Kingdom mandate and purpose. She is desiring to go to heaven and experience the joys and bliss of what it provides, but unto the Church a mandate has been given, which is to establish the Kingdom of God on the earth. And so I have to ask at this juncture, are you truly seeking His Kingdom first when you have no intention or desire to be a Priest or King?

He has promised a new heaven and a new earth. All things will have passed away.

A Kingdom consciousness has to be restored to the Church where she is in anticipation, jealousy or expectation for the glory of God. His glory filled the temple once Solomon finished the work, and could enter into his rest. Our own personal kingdoms has to be laid down in its entirety and His Kingdom firmly established in us, for us to rule and reign as Priests and Kings. There are no shortcuts. Friends lay their lives down and for some reason we think this pertains only to earth. But what of the heavenly? Jesus did not only lay His life down, but He left heaven. He will establish His Kingdom on earth and it is an eternal Kingdom. The Kingdom of God suffers violence and the violent take it by force. Jesus is the Suffering Servant, serving in the Kingdom of God, to be crowned as the prince of Kings and Priests. And those Kings and Priests who will reign on this earth will follow Him in exactly the same way, being suffering servants, serving the least of the Kingdom of God. Suffering reveals ultimately, and ultimate suffering reveals ultimately. How you suffer, reveals who you are. Because if we are willing and jealous for the glory of God, we will enter with Him into His suffering that He as the Suffering Servant may be crowned in our hearts as the King of Kings. For if we are willing to share in His suffering, we shall also share in His glory.

Revelation 19: 16 - 18

¹⁶ And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

¹⁷ And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

¹⁸ That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

His Kingdom will be over all the earth and the priests will again teach all of mankind the difference between the sacred and profane. An eternal Kingdom on earth established so that He may abide and dwell in us, to tabernacle in the midst of us. And He shall be called, “Immanuel, God with us”.

Revelation 4: 10 - 11

¹⁰ The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

¹¹ Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

FOLLOWERS OF THE WAY

Jesus said to the Father in John 17 that He has done the work that He gave Him to do and that He has shown us the Father. Jesus had this one thing to do, in everything He did, which is to show us the Father. He has led me to talk about His Kingdom and it is truly a radical Kingdom with a wisdom contrary to this world. And because the wisdom of this world and the wisdom of God is so different, reality for each person is different as well. What constitute reality for one, is not for the other. In this world we have reality shows and even virtual reality, but we know that these shows are scripted, and we know that virtual reality is anything but reality. So then what is reality? How do we define reality in a world so fixed in unreality?

God is reality. God is real. As Christians it behooves us to have a grasp on the understanding of Kingdom reality. Jesus said to the woman at the well that there will come a time that those who worship Him, will worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. Both these two “elements” are real. The Spirit is real, because God is Spirit. Truth is real and He is the Truth. If we are to understand the realities of the Kingdom of God, it will have to be from this point of view...Spirit and Truth. And Father knows just how much we live in unreality, whilst believing that we are in it. We have all received a free will to choose how much of the reality of God we are willing to embrace and live in. He is not going to force it upon us. From out of ourselves, we have to seek Him, who is reality. At the heart of reality is truth. Not what we would like it to be, or wish to be or even hope to be. Certain things of the Spirit are just not easy to embrace. Subconsciously we read over them when we search the scriptures. Or we think that it applies to others and not to us. There is always a high sense of self-preservation that wants to protect us from harsh realities. Ignorance becomes bliss. Especially when it comes to suffering. We are willing to suffer, but are we willing to suffer ultimately? Subconsciously we place boundaries around this reality. We have to ask ourselves whether we are in reality if we do this. When we decide the perimeters, we stand the chance of professing something, whilst being outside of the reality. And of course we prefer that nobody

impress their reality upon us, even if it is God Himself. We would rather remain in sweet ignorant denial.

This type of self-preservation forms part of this world's wisdom. Love thyself, embrace thyself, be proud of yourself...and last, but not least, save yourself. As Christians we are called to deny ourselves and take up the Cross. Two very opposing views. For us to want to save ourselves comes very easy, however, to deny ourselves is extremely difficult.

The stark contrast between the Christians in western civilization and those of the first Christians after Pentecost, as well as those being presently persecuted and killed in communist and muslim countries, are so vast. I think there are two things that stand out the most to me about the persecuted Christians. The first is the love for one another, and the other is a deep sense of gratitude, because most if not all, have very little. However, on the other hand, I do not have to explain western Christian culture. Such a stark contrast between underground hiding and only single papers of the Bible, sharing in all things, to those who have Christian shows at stadiums and Bibles sold in twenty different versions at ridiculous prices. The one recognize that they have no rights, the others fight for their rights. As I have said before, "Sometimes it takes tribulation for the Church to be the church as God intended". There is also one central and very important difference between these two Christians. Those who are persecuted and killed, just like the Christians since the first Pentecost, are Kingdom minded. Their reality of the two Kingdoms are not blended. They do not look to a Kingdom to come, but have already entered into the reality of this Kingdom now. Just like the very first Christians received their commission to start at Jerusalem and then to Samaria and all over the world, the central theme to the preaching of the Gospel of this Kingdom, is the cross. The cross was preached, but it was also lived. The first Christians were called "the followers of the Way". Interesting choice of words. What way? The way of the cross. The cross was preached all over the world. Not only its purpose, not only its application, but also the victory. It was simple. No long seminars and courses to go to. At the heart of Christianity is the cross. So simple that even a little child can understand it.

What is the message of the cross?

John 3: 16 - 17

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

¹⁷ For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

When we read this very well-known verse, we see that two actions are done. Which is love and give. This love of God is a giving love that gives ultimately. It does not hold back. The extent of His love is not only seen in the fact that He gave His only Son, but in the suffering and death of the cross. The reality of this love that died on the cross was central to the first Christians and of those who are presently being persecuted. There is a 100% expectation of having to have to die as “the followers of the Way”. There was no ‘ifs or buts’ about it. It is not that they did not think that the Lord would protect them, but they knew that there was a very high chance that they would die. In fact, they considered it the greatest honor to not only to suffer for Christ, but especially to die for Him. This was the highest honor and one they desired.

We cannot choose where we are born. Western civilization does not experience this kind of persecution and therefore do not live in this reality. Our conscience in this day needs to be restored to this Kingdom reality for the time to come, because persecution is knocking at our front door. Unless we consider this reality and keep on placing perimeters around it, as if it does not apply to us, are we then really “followers of the Way”? Are we then not really in affect saying that we are willing to carry our cross, but not die on it? The cross is the ultimate expression of His love.

Paul said, I am determined to know nothing among you, save Jesus Christ and Him crucified. We also read this statement of Paul in Acts.

Acts 20: 22 – 24

²² And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:

²³ Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

²⁴ But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

When Paul says that he does not count his life dear unto himself, he is not implying that which constitute his possessions, food, family and friends. He is making it clear that where he is going, will cost him his life, but because he does not count his life dear unto himself, he is determined to finish the course with joy. That is what you call living in reality. No limitations or boundaries set. I cannot help but to think of poor Peter and with what sincere bravado and love he told Jesus that he would never deny Him and would even die for Him. We all know how that story played out. Jesus knew that Peter would deny Him. Not because it was foretold, but because He knew the heart of man. In the end, all His disciples were scattered at the day of His arrest. They were following Him closely for three years. Without going into too much detail, think on the dynamics of their relationship with the Lord. What they must have seen, experienced on a daily basis in the public eye, but also intimately behind closed doors. So much happened that John said that not even all the books in the world would be able to contain them if it had to be written. And yet, they who touched Him, walked with Him and even did miracles through Him, were all scattered the moment their lives were at stake.

Peter meant every word when he said that he would not deny Christ and yet when it came to reality, he could not live up to it. This way that we are called to is so much in opposition to the disposition we live by in the comfort of our homes, our ideals for the future, and social activities. We have been so conditioned by a safe and comfortable "Christianity" that subconsciously and often not, suffering is avoided. Not that we should have some sick desire to suffer. There is no guilt trip involved in this conversation as I myself am writing this in the comfort of my own home and not from a prison cell like Paul. But because of this, our Christianity is cushioned and lacks the depth and weight of reality, the reality of the Kingdom of God. The reality is that persecution is at our door and the comfort of our homes will soon be a distant memory. Can we afford not to address this issue?

There is only one way to bring us to this reality. The cross. The cross is the full expression of all of Jesus' suffering in His life. Like I said in the Building the Kingdom devotional...suffering reveals ultimately. What did Jesus' ultimate suffering reveal on the cross? The love of the Father.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son...”

As “the followers of the Way” we too are to express this love of the Father. Not only through our suffering day to day, but even if need be, by our death. The way goes all the way. Have we sufficiently been prepared for this behind closed doors by the Spirit of God, or have we avoided the topic altogether?

For this He has orchestrated our comfortable lives to be wrecked by calamity, hardship, sickness and the like. In Isaiah 54: 16 we read:

Isaiah 54: 16

¹⁶ Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy.

Those are some contradictory words to how some people view His love. Why would he do that? We know that only in fire the dross is removed from the gold, and that hardship is the soil for longsuffering, endurance and patience to grow in.

James 1: 2 – 4

² My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

³ Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

⁴ But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

Who is your smith that He created in your life? Is it your husband or wife? Maybe your children or your boss? Maybe it is sickness? Jesus told Pilate, “You have no authority over Me, except that which has been given to you by My Father”. Jesus was operating from the perspective of the

reality of the Kingdom of God. The reality that all of life has eternal value and consequences, even to the smallest detail. If we lose sight of the Kingdom purposes of God for the Church, then we do not take into consideration that nothing happens to us without going through the Father first, even our death. In all of this we still have a choice. We have a choice on how we view suffering. We are making a choice even by our secret disposition, whether we like it or not, which ultimately reveals our true understanding of reality in this regard. We ask people in this day and age to give their lives to Jesus, without explaining and expounding on the implications of that choice. That it is not just your possessions and future, but your very life itself. Unfortunately this adds to the unreality and often flaky Christianity out there. However, the Christians of old knew exactly what it meant, and had to count the cost. Today, it costs nothing to give your life to Jesus. A gospel without the cross and grace cheapened by our lack of the eternal purposes of God for the Church on the earth. Where it is not just about your salvation and going to heaven, but a mandate to demonstrate the manifold wisdom of God to the principalities, which is meekness, love, forgiveness, longsuffering, patience and joy... IN suffering, persecution and trials.

God would be a horrible Father if He did not prepare us for reality. However, He will not force it on us. Part of introducing us to this reality is to show us just like He did with Peter, that left to ourselves, we will deny Him in a snap! Do you know that? When we truly know this, and what is to befall Christians very soon, it will cause the fear of God to fall on us. Out of the depths of our being we will cry out to Him to keep us from this. The only way for us to truly know and not just “parrot” it like the rest, is when He bring us to that place. Therefore, the smith and waster in your life. Suffering reveals ultimately. What does your present suffering in your life reveal about you? A Kingdom perspective is one where we see everything in the light of eternity. Everything we are going through has eternal value and consequences, because it is an eternal Kingdom. Nothing is by chance.

I would say that we were addressing the giving part of the “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son” verse. But what about the love? Jesus, as our forerunner and the Patterned Son, came to show us the way. At the heart of this giving, this ultimate suffering, lies the love of God for sinners, for this world. He came to save the world. The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, and all that dwells therein. He died for every single person whilst they were His enemies and sinners. It will not be our love that will cause us to lay our lives down. Not our love, not our

empathy, but His suffering love. As much as we uphold the power of God, the miracles that is bound to happen because of persecution, in the end, the Word says that it is not those things that will endure, but love. Love for the lost, even our enemies, will cause us to lay our lives down.

1 Corinthians 13: 7

⁷ Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

The reality is that we do not only need a baptism in the Holy Spirit with power, but we need to be baptized with His love for the lost. Unless we become the conduits of His love, we will not be willing to lay our lives down. Because God so loved that He gave His only Son. His love alone will cause us to do so. We may have the intention, but not the ability. At the heart of the way of bearing the cross in our lives, is suffering until we reach the part of the whole purpose of the cross, which is to die.

We read in Romans 8 that the whole of creation is groaning for the manifestation or the revealing of the sons of God. That is to say the seed of God. His Son, revealed the love of the Father to this world, not just by the life He lived, but by the death He died. There is soon to be a revealing of all the sons and daughters of God over all the earth. Where there was about 2000 years ago a revealing that took place at Golgotha, there has been ever since then a revealing of the way by the sons and daughters of God who have laid their lives down. Also in Romans 8 we read of how God has given us the Spirit of Adoption, by which we cry “Abba Father!” And just after that, Paul says that nothing will be able to separate us from this love of the Father.

Romans 8: 35 - 39

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

³⁶ As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

³⁷ Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

³⁸ For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

³⁹ Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The love of God is both our motive and that very thing that will keep us in the time to come.

I realize that this is not a very joyful subject, but part of the good news of the Way, is the fact that on that cross a great victory was obtained for whomsoever believes not only that the Son of God died on it for them, but has also risen from the dead. Paul says the following regarding the resurrection as he was addressing those who did not believe in it in the Corinthian Church.

1 Corinthians 15: 13 - 14

¹³ But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:

¹⁴ And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.

The issue is not immortality through the power of God as end-time workers, but the issue is love. There is no greater force in heaven or on earth than love. God is love and He expresses His love by the children He gives, who are willing to lay their lives down, whether in life or death. No matter how little time we think we have left, we have to prepare ourselves by seeking His face in this regard. Some will not have to lay their lives down, but from others it will be required. How you respond and are willing to lay your life down in the face of that which causes you to suffer now, will prepare you for what is to come. Only through and by His love can we endure and will we lay our lives down.

Jesus said the following in John.

John 12: 24 - 26

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.

²⁵ He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

²⁶ If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honor.

Jesus is that seed that fell to the ground. The harvest that came from His death will one day be on display in the heavens. We too are of the seed of God, being His sons and daughters. Once again, He will come and sew His seed in the earth, and the multitude of souls that will come in will not be able to be counted. The currency of heaven is life for a life, payable by death. Covenant. The victory of the cross is the resurrection, but it is also the harvest that resurrection will bring forth. To God be glory forever and ever!

I must confess that I stand guilty of not interceding as I should for our Christian brothers and sisters across this world who are presently being persecuted and killed for the Gospel's sake. This in itself testify of the unreality I find myself in and many out there too.

I end this devotional with two prayers of two martyrs at two very different time periods.

"Father, make us more like Jesus. Help us bear difficulty, pain, disappointment, and sorrow, knowing that in Your perfect working and design You can use such bitter experiences to mold our characters and make us more like our Lord.

We look with hope to the day when we will be completely like Christ, because we will see Him as He is...My passions are crucified, there is no heat in my flesh, and a stream flows murmuring inside me – deep down in me saying,

"Come to the Father."

IGNATIUS

HIS PRAYER WHILE IN PRISON BEFORE HE WAS DEVoured BY LIONS

ROME C. A.D. 111

We need no rifles or pistols for our battle, but instead, spiritual weapons – and the foremost among those is prayer...Through prayer, we continually implore new grace from God, since without God's help and grace it would be impossible for us to preserve the faith and be true to His commandments...

Let us love our enemies, bless those who curse us, pray for those who persecute us. For love will conquer and will endure for all eternity. And happy are they who will live and die in God's love.

FRANZ JAGERSTATTER

BEHEADED FOR REFUSING TO SERVE IN THE GERMAN ARMY DURING WORLD
WAR II

AFTER THE ANSCHLUSS IN AUSTRIA BERLIN, GERMANY

1943

The wisdom of God that astounds the forces of darkness, not by brute force, but by meekness as lambs led to the slaughter. These prayers are from the book about martyrs compiled a few years ago by DC TALK, called "Jesus Freaks". The word witness in the Bible actually means martyr. It is necessary that we understand that God is not disappointed in us as such because we are not in the same position as the persecuted church. However, He is wanting us to live in reality of the Kingdom of God and be true "followers of the Way", counting the cost and living in that reality now.

Your life does not end here and then you get another up there. Your surroundings will change, but you will still be you, just with a glorified body. And because He is a just Rewarder and will judge everyone's works whether good or bad (2 Corinthians 5: 10), it stands to reason that authority will be given according to how you have lived your life here. We will receive crowns. And crowns speaks of authority and honor. And we will lay it at His feet. With great responsibility comes great authority, but one is only given great responsibility when you have proven yourself trustworthy. The spirit world works in the

same way as the natural where there is a chain of command and hierarchy. It is governed by rank, which is authority. It is not about who can get to the top or who can do the greatest exploits. It is not about how high you fly, but how low you walk. Your disposition of heart in every situation. He will lift those up who are humble of heart. All in the spiritual has degrees, even humility. And He who searches the hearts of man, sees all.

WORD FROM THE LORD

BURNING BUSHES

Even as you seek for the driest branch to make a fire, so do I. As was the case with the burning bush of Moses. For any bush will indeed do, but have you lost all? Have you forsaken all and let it fall to the ground? Are you still rooted in this world? For they will look upon you as a dry branch. Good for nothing. But I will pick you up and gather you together to make My fire.

As I spoke through the bush, I speak through those who are dried up. Nothing in them or on them. Not their gifts, not their ministries, not approval, not man's opinion...nothing! Dried up!

So I seek those out who has given all so that I may answer through them with fire. Are you dried up or are there still the residue of the fuel of this world? All! Not just the worldly and earthly, but especially the spiritual. Do they still cling to you like fruit on a tree? Shake off! Shake off!

Stand before Me barren, broken and dry, and I will use you, because I alone get the glory.

I alone will be glorified. Not you, but Me. As a branch thrown away by this world, but gathered by Me.

A MORAL CONFLICT

As said in the first chapter, the cosmic war we fight, with His government upon our shoulders as His Kings and Priests, is educational. That truly sounds mundane and unimportant. But His Kingdom is a Kingdom of Righteousness. A righteousness imputed, but also a righteousness that possesses the land.

What is the basis for our rule and by what authority do we rule? How is the Kingdom rule established? Throughout all of what has been written, the ruling motive is the glory of God. The ruling mandate, which is the Kingdom mandate with a ruling opposition, a kingdom which is made of the principalities, powers, wickedness in the air and all the rulers of darkness. A ruling authority, which is God. All authority and power is given unto Him on the earth with the command: Go yet therefore and preach this gospel of the Kingdom to all the world and I have given you power over all the powers of the enemy. And you shall receive power when the Holy Ghost comes upon you.

We all know that we have authority on the basis of the victory that Jesus obtained on the cross. And so the basis of our rule can only be on the same premise...the cross. There can never be power except that we are in the right position in God. And what is this position? The position where what the cross in reality is, which death, burial, resurrection, ascension and reign. It has to be our experience and not just something we verbally agree to. The cross is central to our Kingdom mandate, because it was on that hill, called Golgotha, where the two wisdoms met. Where absolute malignity was met with meekness. Where hatred and murder was met with love and forgiveness. The cross is the foremost consideration to our Kingdom mandate. Only through the cross do we have a basis for rule, as well as the authority to rule. To not live from this reality is to lose the legal ground upon which we receive this power and authority in God. The jurisdiction of the cross of Christ has to function in His Body in conjunction with our mandate and is not just an individual matter that happened 2000 years ago, from which we obtained our salvation. Rather the cross remains central in all our categories.

expect to overcome the things of the air, unless we have fought the things of the ground. On horizontal level. That is to say seeking the Kingdom of God first in our lives. Has the territory been won in the ground of your heart and all subject to Him? Unless He is Lord of all, is He then Lord at all in your heart? This does not mean we ignore the things happening in the political and social arena, but we have to know that the buck stops at your own heart first. Authority is not just a matter of delegation, but a matter of delegation given to those who deals with the privilege of it, with authenticity and responsibly.

Jesus said that we shall receive power when the Holy Ghost comes upon us, but there is a very important prerequisite when it comes to the anointing.

Exodus 30: 30 - 32

³⁰ And thou shalt anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office.

³¹ And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, This shall be an holy anointing oil unto me throughout your generations.

³² Upon man's flesh shall it not be poured, neither shall ye make any other like it, after the composition of it: it is holy, and it shall be holy unto you.

It is the anointing of the Holy Spirit that this holy oil represent, the glory of God, that which is required for us in these last days to fulfill our Kingdom mandate, which is to rule and reign. The only place where the flesh is brought to death is not in baptismal water, but at the cross. Because it is the only place where the flesh can be overcome, the enemy has every intention to draw us away from the cross. Should we not deal with the flesh, the oil cannot be poured on us, no matter how wonderful you feel. Only then can we rule and reign when we have established His Kingdom in us first, where He as our High Priest and King may rule in our temples. All from the basis of the cross. We uphold the cross as we possess the land, standing on the ground of the victory obtained for us.

The Kingdom of God has at its foundation morality. That which is good. Not good in the context that we understand it, but just as God is love and holy, God is also good. Goodness did not start in Him, because He Himself is goodness. He is moral. There is no shadow of turning in Him. He is not a man that He should lie. God is altogether good. All His virtues are upheld in His goodness and flows from His goodness. And this is also the reason why our conflict with the enemy is on this basis as well. Even though we war in heavenly places, it is in fact, established on earth. The moral foundation is the basis of all of creation. The conflict between the two Kingdoms is a moral conflict between two wisdoms that are opposed on moral grounds. What we have on Calvary, the earth, was a defeat on morals, two very contradictory and opposing morals.

The morals or another word, the wisdom, of the kingdom of darkness is predicated on control, manipulation, anger, force, fear, witchcraft, murder and hate. Whereas the morals of the Kingdom of God is based on all that is good, which is meekness, humility, peace, forgiveness, and those who love their lives not unto death. And it is at the cross where the Wisdom of God triumphed over the Wisdom of the enemy. A mortal victory was won on the cross of which we are an extension. The same basis that He obtained His victory, is the same basis that we will get obtain ours and possess the land. Even if it means we lay our lives down. The only way we can rule and reign is when the enemy comes in his wisdom, whether by force, control and fear, is by the morals of God, the wisdom of God. Therefore the cross is the basis of our power, our authority and our victory.

The worst of satan should invoke the best of God in us. Just like an olive that has to be crushed in order to get that oil out, so the enemy will come with various means in the time to come, to crush the very life out of us. Our families will be hunted and killed. Hunger and desperation will be an all-time high and in the midst of murder, pandemics, catastrophe and persecution, we are to uphold the cross and its victory. Who is sufficient for this unless we have allowed the cross to have its full way with us in destroying the flesh that is in enmity with the Spirit? When the enemy's worst bring God's best out in you, what more can be done. Truly only then we can say, "Death where is your sting?!" This is why Paul says that not death, nor life, nor angels or principalities, or hunger or depth or height...nothing will be able to separate him from the love of God. There is no stronger force than love! Love triumphs over hatred, life over death.

God brought the fight to the enemy by destroying him on the basis of the position from which he operates of, which is morality, or in his case, the lack thereof. Because the enemy works through the flesh and all that is vile that constitute the beast system and his nature. But Jesus, our meek and lowly Saviour, did not revile back when He was reviled. As a lamb to the slaughter He went to Calvary. There was no guile found in His mouth. Innocence slain. On the basis of morality the enemy has taken our own personal land, which God by the cross and our identification with His death and resurrection, have given us back the land. In the same way, in the time to come, we shall possess the land again, one soul at a time. And so the enemy will also not acknowledge us on any other basis than the cross. The cross robbed him of his power.

God's authority only operates on moral ground, the ground in keeping with His own nature. Because it is Christ in us that is greater than he that is in the world. This is why the enemy wants us to move away from the basis of the cross. This is why there is forever a debate over the law verses grace and the Kingdom suffers because of that. Principals does not terrify the enemy, it is the life of God, and the life will live its own principals.

The wisdom of this world is contrary to the wisdom of God. On the basis of this our victory is obtained. Where everybody has been binding and loosing and addressing principalities in the air, thinking that this is the grounds on which we will overcome, it is in fact on the basis of who Christ is in us, a moral conflict. This does not take away the times that we are to pray and do spiritual warfare, however, how much of that is done in the flesh, with lives that have not dealt with the moral ground of their own personal kingdom. The wisdom of God is truly foolishness to this world.

1 Corinthians 3: 18 - 20

¹⁸ Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.

¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

²⁰ And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

1 Corinthians 1: 26 - 31

²⁶ For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

²⁷ But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

²⁸ And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

²⁹ That no flesh should glory in his presence.

³⁰ But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

³¹ That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

Can we expect authenticity in a world of deception and appearances? The church is the ground and the pillar of truth. Because if we are not authentically living in the truth, why should the powers of the air take us seriously, when we do not take the issues of the Kingdom of God seriously?

Ephesians 1: 8 - 11

⁸ Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

⁹ And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

¹⁰ To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

¹¹ According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

James 3: 17

¹⁷ But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

This wisdom is nothing other than that which was demonstrated by Jesus at the cross. The wisdom of the Lamb of God that suffers, not defending his interests, does not respond in kind and that prays for His enemy, “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do”. At the cross these two wisdoms met, the wisdom of God and the wisdom of the powers of darkness. Meekness upended and assaulted by violence and pure hatred. The very same violence that are presently persecuting Christians and will again come with great force and intent in the time to come. The wisdom of God is foolishness to those who profess to be wise. It does not make sense and in the process that which God prizes as sacred and valuable, which is meekness, is seen as vile and weakness. It is through the cross that the wisdom of God is made known to the principalities of the air and that they recognize that they are defeated, when you live in authenticity. When you do not respond in kind, but pray. When you serve those who persecute you and spitefully use you. Unless the church herself has been resisted and attacked individually and have demonstrated how man can live free from the powers, her resistance to the power of the air is futile. She must be able to say to the prince of this world, “satan has nothing in me.” How can we call their bluff when standing face to face with them, they call our bluff?

The issue is not just atonement, reigning or ruling and eternity. The issue is the righteousness of God being restored on this earth, through the Church, so that through the Church the manifold wisdom of God is demonstrated to the principalities and powers to the glory of God! This is the Kingdom mandate of the Church, the glory of God on the earth through the demonstration of the victory of the cross. Our mandate to rule and reign in the Kingdom of God has the cross as its basis, the cross as the central focus and our preparation, and the cross as our victory. Therefore, in this time to come, nothing but the cross, the message, the application, the victory and judgment should be preached, with signs of wonders and in the authority given to those who have died and have been raised by the power of the Resurrection life of God.

WORD FROM THE LORD

TIME TO FACE THE GIANTS

My child, it has been through many seasons that I have prepared you. Sanctifying and setting you apart for such a time as this. Do you recognize your season? For everything there is a season and a time. Do you know your season? Have I prepared and sanctified you only to put you aside? Am I not raising My warriors for such a time as this?

Is this not the Joshua generation that has been prophesied about? Where do you stand? Are you standing on the Rock? Are you established on the Rock? If so, then stand. Having done all, stand. For as the enemy and his hosts are rising, having been prepared, so My Mighty Warriors too will rise up in the strength of their God. Do you recognize your season? Every single one I have prepared to equip them for this season as the Captain of the Hosts. Having the mind of a child is one thing and true, but having the mind of a warrior is another.

In which season are you in? Do you recognize your own personal giants that I have allowed in order to train you? Have you placed your feet upon his neck? Or are you hiding as David did in the cave? Are you hiding as Elijah did in his? For even the cave has its lessons, but one does not stay in the cave. One does not remain in the wilderness. Cross over!

This is a transition time for My Bride to take her rightful place in Me. Who are your giants? Are you facing them or tiptoeing around them? Are you in hiding or progressively taking the ground I have given you? It's time to cross over.

Not in pride, but in humility and holiness. For My glory shall shine on Priest and Warrior alike. My glory will be your rearguard and will go before you. Do not fear. I am with you. Therefore, have the mind of Christ, the Captain of the Hosts! Follow Me into battle. Cry out to Me in a time of need for I am mighty to save. Learn of Me continually, for it is I who have already overcome as you need now to do.

Recognize your season, see your giants and pursue your enemy. Those who have sought My face and have overcome in the wilderness, will see their enemy flee in seven different ways. Watch therefore, follow Me and take up your sword!

It's time to face the giants!

EPILOGUE

I dreamed about 13 years ago, long before He started to work so vigorously in my life to be a worker, of me on assignment for the Lord. I did not understand it, and has since, like many others, had these “worker” dreams. It was my first dream as a worker and has stayed with me ever since.

DREAM

I dreamed that I was standing in the doorway of what looked like a hut. I sensed that I was on an island. I saw myself from the back looking outside at a beautiful mountain right in front of me. Suddenly a tsunami exploded right over this huge mountain and without any fear, I simply lifted my hand and said “stop!” The tsunami stopped right in front of my feet.

Suddenly I was in another scene, but in the same house. This time the tsunami flooded the house, and I could see myself and everything in the house twirling under the water. The next moment the water subsided and I was perfectly dry. Not one drop on me.

Then the scene changed again, but this time I was looking through someone’s eyes. It was Jesus and all I could see was Him holding a very large wooden platter with fruit bulging over the edges. It was the most beautiful fruit. He was walking down stairs and we, I do not know who the people were with me, came to serve us at the table where we were sitting. That was the end of the dream.

I think the dream is self-explanatory and by no means did I tell this to blow my own horn. This is to let you know, that His word is true and eye have not seen and ear have not heard what He has in store for those who are called by His Name. Many are called, but few are chosen. Not on the basis of they are. We all fall short of His glory, but if we are willing, He will build His Kingdom in us and also through us. To God be all the glory...Amen.

Luke 22: 23 - 30

²³ And they began to enquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing.

²⁴ And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest.

²⁵ And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors.

²⁶ But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.

²⁷ For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.

²⁸ Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations.

²⁹ And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me;

³⁰ That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Luke 12: 35 - 38

³⁵ Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning;

³⁶ And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.

³⁷ Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

³⁸ And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.

The Kingdom mandate as you can see, is not something we are to take up lightly. It transcends this world and even the world to come, because it is born out of the heart of God. It is in this covenant relationship with Him that He not only birth this mandate in us, but that He also empowers us to fulfill it, which is only by His resurrection life.

To those who are willing to lay their lives down now, He has promised an inheritance. We are co-heirs with Him on the basis of our own spiritual death. If we are willing to die for Him, we will live with Him and sit at His table and He will come not only to dine with us, but to serve us. To us He has promised that we would share in His glory. This glory is not just the resurrection life, but the result of the overcoming power of this life. Which is possessing the land as His friends. We share in His inheritance as He makes us kings and priests, giving us kingdoms to rule over. What an honor to beloved and be radically changed by Him for His purposes. What an honor to serve the Lord!