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### ON THE COVER:

- Song 2: 11(Msg)—Look around you: Winter is over; the winter rains are over, gone!
- 12—Spring flowers are in blossom all over. The whole world's a choir--and singing! Spring warblers are filling the forest with sweet arpeggios.

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Our Father has priorities and our Father has processes that help us embrace those priorities. Although His priorities and processes are rarely painless, they are awesome by design. I believe we can call God's priorities GOI, [God's Original Intent]. **God's Original Intent** translates down into daily life as Relationship-Relationship-Relationship, and that in turn ultimately produces Relationship-Mature Sons-Glory.

The Father/son relationship is obviously a priority with God because every book in the Bible has Father interacting with or investing in or instructing sons. In Genesis, sons learn they should not negotiate with snakes. In Exodus through Malachi, sons learn the wisdom of laws and boundaries. In Matthew through Acts, sons learn to do what they see their Fathers doing and, from Romans on, sons see how to mature and walk out Father's plans. Look at sonship here in an excerpt from Romans 8, from *The Message*: *God went for the jugular when he sent his own Son. In his*



*Son, Jesus, He personally took on the human condition, entered the disordered mess of struggling humanity to set it right once and for all. The law, weakened as it always was by fractured human nature, could never have done that. The law always ended up being used as a band-aid on sin instead of a deep healing. And now what the law asked for but we couldn't deliver is accomplished as we, instead of DOUBLING our own efforts, simply embrace what the Spirit is doing in us. Those who think they can do it on their own end up obsessed with measuring their own moral muscle . . . Those who trust God's action in them find that God's Spirit is in them, living and breathing God! It stands to reason, doesn't it, that if the alive-and present God who raised Jesus from the dead moves into your life, He'll do the same thing in you that He did in Jesus, bringing you alive to Himself? God's Spirit beckons and all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For [the Spirit which] you have now received [is] not a spirit of slavery . . . but the Spirit of adoption - the Spirit producing sonship. God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who He is, and we know who we are . . . children of God. If we are His children, then we are His heirs also; heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ - sharing His inheritance with Him.*

Three things we see in these passages are: 1) Mature sons are led by His Spirit, 2) Mature sons have their identity established and 3) Mature sons know they are endorsed and affirmed heirs. Being confident of who we are as sons and heirs is crucial so that we do not give up our inheritance when the Father's will is contested, and it always will be contested. Romans 8:17, goes on to say: *if we are His children and share Christ's inheritance, then we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory.* "Suffering" in this verse means enduring the contesting or opposition to God's will like Jesus did. So we must overcome trouble, rejection, hatred, misunderstanding, injustice, accusation and harassment, etc. We see Father's priority to be heirs sharing inheritance and glory, and the process is overcoming opposition to do so. Again, as I mentioned, none of this is painless. Romans 8:18, in The Amplified says: *But so what? For I consider that (these hardships) are not worth being compared with the glory that is about to be revealed to us and in us and for us and on us!*

From the beginning, when you were born again into God's family and entered the Kingdom of God, did you ever realize or even suspect that Father had a priority of getting you to glory? I know I didn't think like that. I was more concerned with not touching His glory and getting into trouble than I was looking forward to sharing in the glory of God, (Rom 5). However, I couldn't ignore the New Testament verses about glory like Rom 5, and Hebrews 2:10, Father intends to "bring many sons to glory".

At first, I thought glory must refer to heaven someday, but as I studied, I began to understand that glory cannot be defined as a location in the future. God's glory is all His qualities, all His characteristics. It is all His attributes, all that He is now and was and forever will be. So, glory cannot be limited to just a future expression. It becomes obvious that the glory of GOD is not just a matter of "somewhere over the rainbow" someday.

Jesus described an earthly son's expression of glory in John 17. The entire chapter is a prayer, a Son's prayer because Jesus raised His eyes to heaven and began with, "Father." By verse 4, He said, "*I have glorified you on earth by completing down to the last detail what you assigned me to do.*" That sounds fairly straight forward that a son doing what Father planned and assigned him glorifies God. So, bringing a son into alignment with his assignment sounds like the essence of bringing a son to glory. Jesus demonstrated that bringing sons to glory is a matter of mature sons reflecting who He is while they do what they were born to do. I heard an international teacher say years ago that when the *created* functions as the *Creator* designed it, that is glory.

Of course, I'm not limiting "glory" to this one concept because it obviously has more than one definition. Neither do I intend to detract from or handle this topic carelessly. We cannot move away from the awareness that the Lord our God, the Self-Existent One, will not put His glory at anyone's disposal nor allow anyone to take credit for who He is or what He does. Neither will He allow anyone to be worshiped as His equal. That would be crossing the line. Perhaps we would be less apt to misunderstand and mishandle glory, however, if we realize that glory is not only about getting praise and credit. It is also grasping the concept that God's glory is God displayed, all His qualities including His honor, magnificence, splendor, love, wisdom, creativity, power, character, authority, nature and so on. Therefore His sons demonstrating and exemplifying Him is definitely a God "yes." If relationship with Father God is our genuine priority as a son, there is no temptation or drive to take credit for the glory of God, nor any intention to grab the fulfillment of His glory prematurely. However, neither will vital relationship allow a son to ignore the glory. That would be ignoring Father's design and desire and our destiny. Sons need a livable, working concept of glory, especially since it relates to our fulfillment and life assignments.

Maybe another hindrance to our understanding is that most of the time we would be hesitant to think of any part of our lives as grand enough to be any kind of expression of His glory. Not a one of us were born to die





for the sins of the whole world like Jesus. Only the begotten Son could come to that glory as the Father designed. No other person was born to baptize Jesus Christ but John the Baptist. However, if you were born to be a godly influence on fifth graders in your county, then your career as a teacher is also bringing a son to glory.

Bringing sons to glory is not about bringing sons to grandeur. It is about bringing sons to fulfill God's **Original Intent** and design. There is no scale for comparison among ourselves. He knows how you are made and He knows your destiny and your expression of His glory fits your design.

Very practically, glory is growing into the image of Christ in character, in wisdom, in principle, in nature and in authority as we go wherever God's **Original Intent** and purpose takes us.

Colossians Chapter 1, tells us that our Hope of Glory, our hope of accomplishing this, is Christ within us—Christ supplying the supernatural enabling. The image of Christ is not the impossible dream, it is **G-O-I**. So, we don't have to continue to sin by stopping short of the glory of God, (Rom 3:23). We don't have to always fall short of what we were born to be and do or stop short of Father's priorities for His sons because of Christ in us, the Hope of glory.

Let's add an injection of "awesome" to that. This Christ in us is also our Redeemer who can salvage where we have already stopped short of the glory! Our Redeemer can rewrite history for a God outcome, working all things together for our good. No matter how many short-falls are on your record, **G-O-I** is more potent than your track record. The Spirit of God at every opportunity intersects our lives because of His faithfulness as Redeemer. God's **Original Intent** is a more tangible and constant force to pull you back on course than a magnetic force pulling a compass needle to the north. Our Faithful Father will pull you back on course at every opportunity for your entire lifetime.

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## SONS AND IMAGE AND DOMINION



Simon Purvis

America is ripe for a reformation. In Church History, when the Church went into darkness, God always had people of reformation. I believe we are on the verge of understanding the Kingdom and seeing a manifestation of the sons of the Kingdom in reformation.

In Matthew Chapter 13, in a parable about the Kingdom of God, one man planted a wheat field. While he slept someone sowed tares in the field. His servants asked if they should pull the tares, but he told them to leave the tares until they developed. Jesus gave understanding of the parable saying the wheat field was the world and the wheat, the good seed, was the sons of the Kingdom. The tares were the sons of the wicked one. We must remember that it was a wheat field, not a tare field. The wheat is going to develop. According to Romans 8:19, creation is groaning for the manifestation or revealing of the sons of God. There will be an unfolding as the sons of God begin to develop and mature.

Let's start in Genesis and put several pictures together to see the big picture of the reformation that we are both in and on the verge of. Gen. 1:24, *Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their*

kind"; and it was so. *Gen 1:25* God made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind; and God saw that it was. It was good but it was not complete, so God made man. *Gen. 1:26*, tells us that God made man in His image. It was not something that God put in man, the man himself was God's image. *Gen 1:26*, "And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness. And let them have dominion." Image and dominion go together and cannot be separated. The image is what gives man dominion. If the proper image is there, dominion is the outworking of it. God has never changed His plan, so man is going to exercise dominion and make this earth complete. *And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over all the creepers creeping on the earth.* Notice the phrase, "over all the earth". The garden was to be a training ground for the whole earth.

*Gen 1:27* So God created man in His own image, in the image and likeness of God He created him; male and female He created them. *Gen 1:28* And God blessed them and said to them, Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and over every living creature that moves upon the earth.

God made the dominion covenant with man. *Gen 2:7* And the LORD God formed man [of] the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. *Gen 2:15* And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. He created man to have dominion over the garden and to bring it to completeness for His glory. The earth was good, everything was good, but it was incomplete. The earth was incomplete like Adam was incomplete within himself in this dominion mandate. So God made another person to help Adam do his tasks. She completed him for the tasks.

The earth belongs to the Lord and will glorify Him. Man was to make it fruitful and complete it. Actually, fruitfulness and multiplying has not been the challenge as much as the IMAGE has been. For in the image of God, man was to function as a prophet, priest and king. As the prophet, man would know God. He would know the mind of God in such a way that he could communicate the mind of God and the will of God. Adam walked with God in such a way that the Lord brought the animals to him and out of the mind of God, he named all the animals. He did not sit down and think names up. He was one with the Lord. This "image" is knowledge, a mind with the knowledge of God. *Eph 4:24* and *Col 3:10*,



talk about putting on the new man that is created in the image of the Creator. We are then renewed in knowledge, holiness and righteousness. God gives man the mind to know God and know what God wants. Prophets know God and they communicate what they know. So, for man to be in the image and take dominion, he has to know God, know the mind of God and know the will of God. Man's mind was so in tune with the Lord that we don't know the full extent of what his computer-like mind could do before the fall.

As a priest, God put holiness in man and he was created to be a priest before the Lord. That meant that his emotions were totally separated to God. Man's love and loyalty were totally set apart to the Lord. Before the fall, man was not self-centered at all, rather totally devoted to God.

Then God made man to function as a king. This is about righteousness. Righteousness is an expression of God and who He is which includes morals and ethics as the laws of God come into focus. As a king, obedience to God is carried out. In the garden, when Adam and Eve had offspring, they were to disciple them in this image of prophet, priest and king and then fill the whole earth. That is how the earth would become complete and give glory to its Creator. This still has to move into something corporate. No individual can do it by himself. It started with Adam and Eve with the design of becoming a corporate people. God intended all Adam and Eve's offspring to know Him, be devoted to Him, live separated unto Him and live morally and righteous so that would produce dominion.

Satan came in and tempted them, baiting them with the possibility of knowledge that was not dependent upon God. They could live out of their own mind instead of obeying God. They could have knowledge to make their own laws and could then be devoted to self. So, man rebelled. Did he lose "the image"? No, he didn't lose it but it got twisted. Nothing came out of man that had to be put back in man. It just all got twisted. So prophet, priest and king went dark. In his knowledge, man no longer knew His Creator. According to Romans Chapter 1, man did not even want to retain God in his mind. Man then wanted to serve himself and the creation more than the Creator. In Genesis 11, men intended to defy God and build a city for themselves. So, although man did not lose the image, it got twisted in rebellion and hostility toward God. Satan knew the only way to stop God's Plan-A in the earth was to mess up the image, but God never changed *His* plan. God still has His image in this earth and His image is still going to give Him dominion in this earth. The Reformation in progress manifests as His image gets untwisted and His sons fill the whole earth with His glory.

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## ***THE 3RD ANOINTING OF THE 3RD DAY CHURCH***

By Jim Hodges

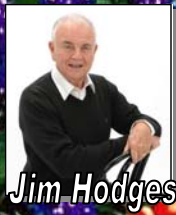
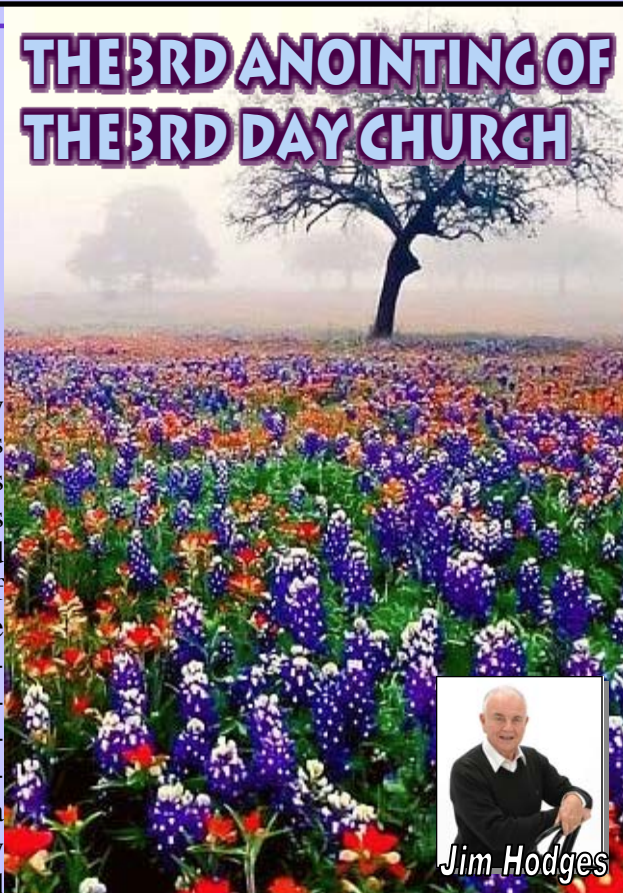
The third day anointing God has for His people calls them to serve as priest, prophet, and king. The Body of Christ is in the third day of its history. In the Scripture the comparison is made between a day and a millennium: "a day is as a thousand

years..." (2 Peter 3.8). Have you ever thought about it this way? The body of Christ is living in the 3<sup>rd</sup> millennium with the opportunity to become a first century Church again! Throughout the Word of God, the third day is the day for rising up and ascending – both for God and His covenant people!

### **The Revelation of the Third Day**

The most obvious reference is the resurrection of our Lord. He rose up on the third day out of the clutches of death and ascended to the Father in heaven. He rose up to His assigned place of ministry as King seated at

# **THE 3RD ANOINTING OF THE 3RD DAY CHURCH**



*Jim Hodges*

the right hand of God. So must we rise up to our assigned place of ministry as a kingdom of priests (Revelation 5:9-10)?

It was on the third day on Mt. Mariah that Abraham offered Isaac as a sacrifice. Of course on the same day he received him back – a picture of resurrection (Gen.22:4). It was on the third month after the Exodus that the Lord God gave Moses the law at Mt. Sinai (Exodus 19:1). Joseph came out of prison in Egypt in the third year when he interpreted Pharaoh's dream (Genesis 41:1). Queen Esther put on her royal robes and came before the king of Persia on the third day to begin the recess of saving her people from the wicked plot of Haman. (Esther 5:1) It was on the third day that the prophet Jonah was "resurrected" from the belly of the great fish. (The term three days and three nights is analogous to the third day.) The third day obviously speaks of a rising up and accomplishing significant things in the Kingdom of God!

### **Three Divinely Commissioned Anointing For Man.**

In Genesis 1:28 The Lord God speaks to Adam and Eve and gives them three callings:

***"be fruitful and multiply"*** – this had to do with mediating and stewarding covenant RELATIONSHIPS WITH God and man, i.e., *the calling to be priest*. The original couple was to serve first as priests in the Garden to minister to God in worship and prayer and to extend and multiply themselves through faithful relationships.

***"fill the earth"*** – they were to fill everything in the earth with the Word of God they had received. *This as a calling to be prophets*. They were responsible to interpret life and to apply the revealed word of God to every facet of their lives.

***"subdue and rule"*** – both of them were given delegated authority to steward and rule the earth under God's authority. *This was their calling to be kings (and queens!)*.

In their Fall, these callings were diminished in their application. In the rising of the Second Man, the Last Adam, the Lord Jesus, these callings are restored and released through the Body of Christ, the Church. The Church in the New Testament is described as a kingdom of priests who prophesy the Word of God to every sphere of life personally and corporately. (See I Peter 2:9, Revelation 1:6, 5:9-10, and Revelation 19:10).

### **The Three Anointing Of David**

In I Samuel 17, the prophet anoints him to be the leader of Israel – this represents the prophet, calling in David. (Peter in Acts 2:30 refers to

him as a prophet). Of course, this also refers to David as having a prophetic promise that took many years to be fulfilled. Can you identify with him in this? I certainly can!

In II Samuel 2 the tribe of Judah anoints David as their King. King Saul had died, but Israel chose his son Ishbosheth to be their ruler. For seven years David ruled Judah. Judah, as you know, means “praise”. This speaks to David’s priestly calling as a worshipper of God.

In II Samuel 5 all the tribes make covenant with David and he finally rules over all of Israel. Here he is anointed in his kingly calling.

### **The Three Anointing Of Jesus**

At the Jordan River, The Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus as His public ministry is released in the anointing of a prophet. At Calvary, when He offers Himself as the sacrifice for the sins of the world, He becomes the High Priest. (He is both the priest and the sacrifice!) At Pentecost, He sits down on the throne of David (Acts 2:33-36) and becomes the King of kings and Lord of lords. His inauguration includes the anointing oil poured upon Him whom He then shares by pouring it out on the 120!

### **The Third Day Anointing For The Third Day Church**

As we faithfully fulfill our calling as priests and prophets, the Lord will bring us into the third anointing as rulers under His authority. The third day anointing is governmental – it is the government of the Kingdom of God in history!

There are some exciting things happening to document that his governmental anointing is presently being released! A friend and colleague Barbara Wentroble, and her team, just returned from Afghanistan. They, along with Drs. Mark and Betsy Neuenschwander, ministered to and prayed for some of the highest government officials in that war-torn land. They established offices for education and medical clinics and told them they were there in the name of Jesus! Teams of Kingdom extenders will be going in periodically to continue this process of discipling a nation.

Don McGuire and I ministered in June in Ghana. Their president, John Kuffour, recently invited astronaut Charles Duke to speak to his cabinet officials. Most of them received the Lord after he shared his testimony!

Church, the third day is here and the 3<sup>rd</sup> anointing is being released! Our worship, intercession, and leadership must increasingly take on governmental dimension! Rise up, oh Church of God, have done with lesser things.



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It's about time for some good news, and here it is: we are heirs of Plan A! What is Plan A? Plan A is God's original intent for you personally that is absolutely connected to His original intent for 2016 and beyond. And what is God's ORIGINAL INTENT? "The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows]". (John 10:10, Amp) Abundant life is about His original intent of bringing Heaven to earth through our living what Jesus made accessible. Here's the even better news, Plan A was NEVER aborted. It is still active and accessible!

Now that we have Plan A figured out, let's talk about Plan B. Plan B is anything that does not fit in God's original intent for you, 2016, and

beyond. There are multiple components of plan B, but I am only going to address one of them right now. This particular component is no where near God's original intent for us: Due Diligence Fear (DDF).

Due Diligence in a broad sense refers to the level of judgment, care, prudence, determination, and activity that a person would reasonably be expected to do under particular circumstances. (uslegal.com) Due Diligence Fear [DDF] (my definition): is the level of judgment, care, prudence, determination, and activity that a person puts into particular circumstances in their life based off of fear and not wisdom or God's provision. It actually feels safer to live with this fear than to rely on what God said about the situation. It feels like something I **MUST** do to survive. It feels like the wise choice.

I'm going to break it down into some real life situations so you can see just how this DDF sneaks in. Here are some examples:

- "This is **EXPECTED** in this situation, this has to happen... it's just life!"

- **AGE RELATED ISSUES/DISEASE**: by "this age \_\_\_\_" you can expect "this" to go wrong.

- **FAMILY GENETICS**: This disease is in our bloodline.

Breaking it down even more. Due Diligence Fear says:

- "It's too good to be true" it's better to err on the side of expecting nothing good to happen so that I won't be disappointed when it never does.

**DON'T LOOK AT IT - YOU'LL SPOOK IT!!!** (please tell me I'm not the only one who has thought this?!)

- "WHAT IF" this particular fear seems to keep you from getting hurt or dying. I may as well act as IF this thing could happen so I can prevent it from happening. This one's a real stinker!

DDF happens when something touches a fear buried in our subconscious, a fear never dealt with that lies dormant in the dark. Once that fear is stimulated it prompts the DDF mode to try and keep that fear from manifesting. It feels like something I **MUST DO** to survive!

One of the biggest issues with this kind of fear is thinking it is wisdom. We must see the difference between wisdom and fear, and how do we do that? By first, and foremost, understanding **GOD DOES NOT GIVE US THINGS TO FEAR!** We must learn to realize that the issue is fear, and stop concentrating on what the fear is about.

Side note regarding age: Could age related disease and dysfunction be the product of issues that are not dealt with, therefore we have allowed them to become a part of our life (through fearful agreement) to the point that they manifest? If we don't get rid of the fear, we are in agreement with it!

Could Arthritis - Heart Disease - Osteoporosis - Alzheimer's - Diabetes - Cataracts - etc. come from: bitterness, unforgiveness, stress, hatred, an orphan spirit, self-hatred, fear of abandonment, anger, rage, resentment, envy, double mindedness, doubt and unbelief, oppression, heaviness, fear of rejection, rebellion, guilt, etc.?

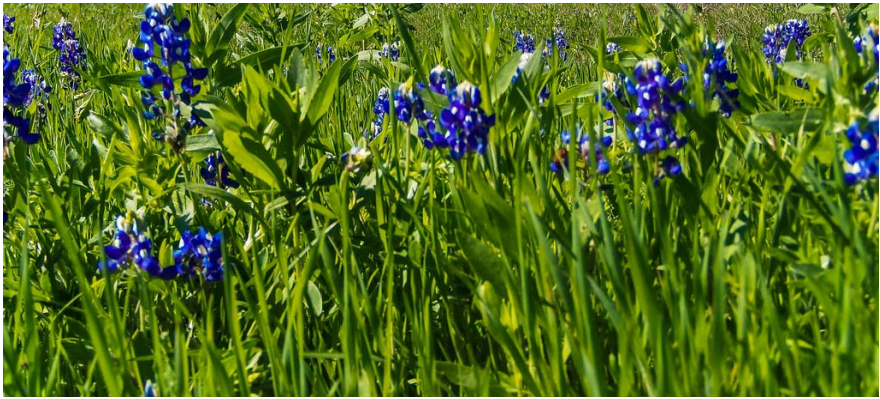
Another side note regarding family genetics. Genetics are not a definite. You are simply pre-disposed to them. It's your choice whether it becomes a part of your identity or not. (Dr. Caroline Leaf)

These things just might be the root of what we are dealing with rather than just an unlucky recipient of the after effects of free radicals, or bad blood. Also, let me say this right here, the devil can only play with what's already at play.

Back to Due Diligence Fear. How do we deal with DDF? Here are some questions to ask when fear strikes, or we aren't sure if it is fear or wisdom:

What do I need to see about this? What's at the root of this? What do I need to know about this? Is there an element of this that needs to be dealt with or stopped thru prayer, or is this connected to a root that needs to be pulled out? Is this intercession for someone else? These kind of questions get answered because they are not the questions of a victim, they are questions of an overcomer. A fear-driven question already has an answer in mind and can't hear anything but that. A wise question is open to hear truth. Here's another question to keep on hand, is this something in the atmosphere that I need to be aware of? I experienced this one recently while in worship. A headache hit me between the eyes out of nowhere. Later I came to realize it was an atmospheric war over what was going on that night. When identified the headache left immediately!

Remember: We are heirs of Plan A! God's original intent for our lifetime and beyond! We choose to live Plan B simply because we don't have a grasp on His love and true intent for us. However, just because it's not God's original intent does not mean He is not right in the midst of it. "It is because of the Lord's lovingkindness we are not consumed, because His [tender] compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great and beyond measure is Your faithfulness." Lam. 3:22-23 (AMP). Hear me



out, this verse describes where our medicines fit. It is not God's original intent for us to live with disease and on medication. Jesus finished the work so we could live an abundant life quickened by the Spirit that raised Christ from the dead (Romans 8:11).

However, because He loves us so much, plan B has God's mercy all over it, "we are not consumed - His [tender] compassions never fail - NEW EVERY MORNING - Great and beyond measure is Your faithfulness." AND because of that mercy there is ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS opportunity to live Plan A. How? By becoming aware of how plan B is in effect in your life, and by letting Him process you out of it. Sometimes our answers don't come to immediate manifestation simply to keep us from self-sabotaging the outcome. When God does a work it is complete. If we have broken places that would cause the answer we are looking for to eventually fall apart (self-sabotage), He starts repairing the broken places first. His intent is for us to be whole. When we ask, He hears. This may be why you seemingly have not received the answer you have been looking for. God is faithfully and lovingly repairing the cracks in your foundation so the answer you're waiting on completes the whole. He gives the answers to us as we process out of what is trapping us.

It's ok if it's a PROCESS because it's by His mercy we are not consumed and His mercies are new EVERY MORNING! God is so faithful to sustain us through the battle to our answers. This is the year to loose your grip on plan B and take hold, with both hands, of plan A - His ORIGINAL INTENT for your life in 2016 and beyond. This is the year to come into your inheritance as sons and daughters of the King.

(Melissa's article was taken from her message at Kingdom Congress 2016. Drop us an email to order the CD of Melissa's message or send 7.00 + 2.00 shipping/handling to PO Box 298 Coldspring, TX 77331.)



# The God Who Can! And the God Who Wants To!

That's a mouthful when you think about it. We all want God to come through for us. It's amazing what you can believe for when you're up against it, kind of like the bottom of the ninth inning down one run and 2 outs..... OK, God you're up!

Did you ever think what a confidence builder He can be when you



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consider His achievements for you in your past! *"I can do exceedingly abundantly ABOVE ALL you can ask or think."* You nor I nor the enemy can create a scenario that our Lord doesn't have the answer for. David asked God, *"Shall we go up to war against the Philistines?"* The Lord speaks "specific instructions, *"not until you hear the sound of marching in the top of the mulberry trees, then circle around them."* That means, "I've gone before you to insure the victory".

Sometimes when God wants to go before us (to guarantee our success), we have to wait on Him. God never does the impossible in "common ways." The same God who could take ONE MAN and give him children as the sand on the seashore is that same God Who can take what you don't have or what little you do have and create something good or even multiply it! The key is to start with the source and not the situation.

Remembering what He has done is a reminder He can-and-will.

We must also consider "I've got history with him, we go way back." We've gotten really very good at enumerating our problems and almost actually convince God that our situation or circumstances are such as He's never encountered before in human history. It's as if we're trying to preclude His ability by forgetting what we should be remembering. By doing so, we are telling Him, I'm sorry you can't help me this time, but thanks for trying! Tell that to Nebuchadnezzar after being relegated to eating grass like an ox for 7 years and God restored him. Tell that to Jonah who prayed INSIDE a fish and God heard him. Tell that to Hezekiah whose city was sealed off by 185,000, yes 185,000 troops and the angel of the Lord struck them ALL DEAD. Tell that to Joshua who, while fighting the Amorites, needed more daylight to finish the job and he commanded the sun to stand still. Tell that to the widow woman gathering a few sticks to cook a last meal for her and her son and the prophet targeted her out of all the land to multiply her meal and oil. Tell that to the father of the daughter who was sick unto death and the word came that she indeed DID die and was told to not trouble the master Jesus and believed the 2 personal words of Jesus to "Fear Not" and received his loved one back to life. Tell that to mistreated and misunderstood Joseph separated from his family by jealousy and hatred, sold into slavery, accused of rape and served a prison sentence until God promoted him to second position in the most powerful nation on earth at that time. Tell that to Daniel and the 3 Hebrews who would not go along or compromise their faith and rescued the lot of them in an impossible situation and, finally, tell that to the blind man who was queried by the religious leaders as to the facts of his blindness and when confronted with agreeing to believe in Jesus (whom he had not met until about 10 minutes later), said "One sure thing I know, I was blind but now I see!"

God has purposely put himself in position for the responsibility of your promotion and your well-being and is well equipped to handle it. Since God is sensitive to those who know and love Him, He ALLOWS our needs and prayers to move Him. Habakkuk 3:2 (NET), *"LORD, I have heard the report of what you did; I am awed, LORD, by what you accomplished. In our time repeat those deeds; in our time reveal them again."* He's the God who can and the God who wants to! It is one of Our God's passions to show Himself and make Himself available on behalf of believers. That is His historic "trademark." He has the power to change things for us, or replace them for something better, but the fact is, He also just wants to "*favor*" us, just because it pleases Him to grant favor to His children magnanimously. Most people only believe faith pleases

Him. Yes, that part is true, but when a believer is on "record" with God, He contemplates *"our next need with His next move."* Let's look at Isa.61:2, as Jesus quotes it in Luke 4:18, (Amp), *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,"* He then proceeds to tell about the gospel to be preached and healings that will follow. Note verse 19, *"To proclaim the accepted and acceptable year of the Lord [the day when salvation AND the free favors of God profusely abound]"* Wow! They started and released a free flow of "Profuse Abundance" without measure. Definition of *Profusely*: spending or giving freely in large amounts often, **repeat often**, in excess.

Let me make this crystal clear as to God's intentions. Now go back to Isaiah 61:3 again in the Amplified, *"To give them beauty INSTEAD of ashes, the oil of joy INSTEAD of mourning, the garment of praise INSTEAD of a heavy, burdened, and failing spirit-".* Saint of God, INSTEAD of what we think we need or want, He is light years ahead in His plans for us. I'm so sure He can and He wants to, that He's "REPLACED" things for us and in us INSTEAD! Too many can only conceive of God giving them *what they deserve*, but the God of Grace INSTEAD gives us *what He desires*. How much more does your Heavenly Father KNOW how to give good gifts to His children? Your comebacks can be greater than your setbacks.

Luke 11:11 (Esv) says, *"..if a son asks for a fish will He INSTEAD of a fish give him a serpent?"* My point is, that NOW that The Acceptable Year of The Lord came with Christ's advent, it has never left, and the Father is taking every advantage to celebrate and exercise his fatherhood to "ratchet up" his favor. *RATCHET definition: "cause something to rise as a step in what is perceived as a steady and irreversible process."* C'mon now, are you getting the picture here? God is not the switch and change artist for bad, He is always *for* us! INSTEAD, not just for our good, but simply because it's acceptable for God to manifest himself, because that's His advertised Nature and Character. His ways were previewed when, after the death of Abel, Adam knew his wife again and she bore a son and called his name Seth, for she said [get ready], *"God has appointed for me another offspring INSTEAD of Abel"*. Then Isaac was chosen as the godly seed INSTEAD of Ishmael. Jacob received the birthright INSTEAD of Esau and, following in the same footsteps, Jacob later SWITCHED hands and laid his right hand of blessing (double portion) on Ephraim INSTEAD of Manasseh's head, the so called "natural choice."

Let's fast forward to Golgotha outside of Jerusalem where the Great Switch was performed once again, this time by God the Father re-emphasizing that Acceptable Year of The Lord. There on the cross IN-

STEAD of you and me was Jesus. Remembering eternity past this was planned to exactly coincide with (yes, I say it again) "The Acceptable Year of The Lord" where once again we didn't get "what we deserved" but "what He desired." The benevolent, bountiful, munificent, openhanded, charitable, beneficent God once again "for all time" as His Son hung on the cross, switched hands to bless us and bring us into the family INSTEAD of the alternative we deserved. He has always been "The God who can" and "The God who wants to" and He's continually manifesting this by replacing in us His great Grace instead.

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I was driving to the church during the SEEC Ministries Kingdom Congress the first week in March and it was foggy. Now, in South East Texas, fog is not rare but not necessarily the norm either. As I headed to the church the Lord spoke to me and said, "I'm clearing the fog of fear." The fog of fear? I've never heard that phrase before. And as I began to venture into the concept of fog as fear, things began to open up in my understanding of what God wants to do in us to bring clarity, and thus, empower us by defining



what limits us from fully embracing our assignments.

What is fog? Fog is a thick cloud of tiny water droplets suspended in the atmosphere at or near the earth's surface that obscures or restricts visibility. It is water so finely dispersed that it literally affects light and sound. One cubic mile of fog (that's a mile wide, a mile deep, and a mile high) has 56,000 gallons of water in it. Now, that may seem like a lot, but when you break it down and do the math, you find out that it really isn't. Our church building is 150' x 80' x 14' which equals 16,800 cubic feet, so it would take roughly eight ounces of water to fill our building with fog. Just a little bit of water can fill your whole building with fog. So too, a little bit of fear can fill your whole life. Here are some of the affects that fog has on us in the natural that we can relate to in the spirit.

### **Limited Visibility**

The first thing that we immediately realize with fog is our limited visibility. It is very unsettling not being able to see clearly and that makes us unsure of ourselves and how we relate to our environment. This brings out all the insecurities that lay just below the surface in our lives. Studies have shown that people tend to drive faster in the fog than slower. This almost seems counterintuitive, but the lack of landmarks gives us a false sense of speed and timing. So too does the fog of fear affect the timing in our lives. Fear more than other emotions will push or paralyze us in our decision making process. The reaction to fear is either fight or flight, move or stop, left or right. Fear demands an immediate reaction instead of a measured response. This is why in limited visibility we must return to the Word of God for our path. "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." Ps 119:105.

You cannot shine your bright lights against fog, it will just create a wall of white that is seemingly blinding. It is only when we humbly shine a low light toward the road we travel that we can be assured of a firm footing, for we know that "the footsteps of a righteous man are ordered of God." Ps 37:23. Admiral Bird in his exploration of the South Pole was caught away from his shelter in a white-out. If he could not find his way back to his shelter certain death was inevitable. He took the pole he walked with and tied his colorful scarf to it. He placed it in the snow as a reference point and began to circle it looking for his shelter, each time going further out from the pole, yet being careful to keep an eye on the pole. On the fourth try, he found his shelter, saving his life. So too, do we have an "anchor of the soul". The Book of Hebrews says that we can, in hard times, look to keep our bearing about us. The Word of God, Jesus

Christ, keeps us on the path always.

### **Spatial Disorientation**

I was on a trip to Tampa with Pastor Don Pope and as we were descending there was fog. I could feel the plane slowing, I could feel us getting lower, I could hear the flaps moving, I could hear the landing gear open up, but I could not see the ground. It was bumpy and rough which did not help with my confidence in what was happening. It was very unsettling looking out the window into the never ending whiteness of the fog bank until finally, we burst through the bottom right on top of the runway. It was amazing that, without the use of sight, the pilots were able to bring us to our desired destination. To be instrument certified, you must learn to trust your control panel more than what you are seeing or feeling in the moment. Many young and inexperienced pilots will fly into a cloud and instead of trusting their instruments, they will make small adjustments to "feel" right. In their minds, a little adjustment here and there will suffice their need for comfort until they are in a place that meets their senses' demands. You would be amazed how many young pilots come out of a cloud completely upside down because they did not trust their instruments, but trusted their feelings. To get your instrument certification as a pilot, you are taught to fly by what you see on your control panel, not what you see out your windshield. "When our heart is overwhelmed, lead me to the rock..." Ps 61:2. If you are having problems getting oriented with your direction, go back to the last word the Lord spoke to you and reorient yourself to His course again. Trust your instruments and tools in front of you.

### **Misinterpreted Messages**

When the news from the Battle of Waterloo came by ship back to England, a fog bank rolled in during the message. The only part that was seen to be transmitted by lights was "Wellington defeated." The dismay and emotions ran through the streets of London like wildfire. Peoples' hearts were broken and overwhelmed with the "how" and "why" questions. It wasn't until later that the full message was seen, "Wellington defeated the enemy." Many times fear will cause us to misinterpret a message because we can only hear through our filters. We develop fear filters as family traits that become a part of our lives we no longer question their existence or influence. We cannot see clearly through our lifelong biases and predisposed ability to prognosticate the outcome without God's involvement. We very quickly move from considering the direction that God wants for us to considering the vessel He wants to us to be: "You want to use me for WHAT?" All the fears of inadequacies and self-image



taint the dream and vision God has for us. Fear muddies the messages from the Lord. Fear of “what if”, fear of man, fear of failure, fear of pain, fear of rejection, fear of the unknown, all of these play a part in our ability to hear God and act on what He is saying. If we understand this, we can be courageous in our decisions and act with faith and confidence in our Maker. Fear will say, “Delay is denial” but nothing can be farther from the truth.

### **WHAT IS THE KEY?**

I believe that the Lord is saying that the key to dealing with the fog of fear in our lives is forgiveness. Our unconscious hurts have led us to a place where wounds and experiences now speak louder than the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness in Aramaic doesn't just mean to forget, release, or pardon, it means to “untie.” When we forgive someone we untie them from the bondage we hold them under whether they know it or not. No matter how we got fear in our lives, one of the keys to dealing with it is forgiveness. Many of us don't even know we carry such an offense or wound, yet we deal with a continuing cycle of fearful decisions that has run a course of frustration, disappointment, and disillusionment. I pray you take the time and allow the Holy Spirit to put His finger on whatever He wants to bring to your attention and that you “untie”, as I have done, whomever you have in the dungeon of offense. This will take real courage to face the limiting influences that we have allowed in our lives. Today is the day for courageous sons and daughters. I leave you with a quote from a Medal of Honor recipient, ***“Courage is not the absence of fear, but the realization that there are more important things in life than fear.”***

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Like so many others, I've found myself being directed back to Genesis and the creation narrative. It is here that we find God's original intent for His creation. *Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."* (Genesis 1:26-28 NKJV)

You may be asking yourself the same question I had to ask myself. If I've been created in the image of God and born again, why do I see so little resemblance to the Creator? You can look at any of my biological sons and see some physical or maybe even some character similarities to me. If I bear the image of God, then I should look like Him.

In order to answer that question, let's flip it over. What is your image of God? What does He look like to you? Our perception of God can be shaped by how we were parented, our religious training, our relationships, and even by our life experiences. As a young impressionable child, I can remember hearing sayings like, "God's gonna get you for that," "God helps those who help themselves," and "Death comes in threes." As well-



meaning as they were, these sayings were based on somebody else's image of God and subsequently passed down to the next generation. These become thoughts that grow like trees in our brains and become established patterns of thinking. They shape who we become.

One of the most quoted verses in the New Testament is Romans 8:28 – *“And we know all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”* It's a great promise indeed, and I've clung to it many times. But what about verse 29 that follows? *“For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.”*

So, if we're not to be conformed to this world, then what are we to be conformed to? We are to be conformed to the image of His Son – Jesus! The image that was originally stamped on mankind has been restored through Jesus. This is a promise for us not only someday in the sweet by-and-by, but here and now. It happens by letting His thoughts become our thoughts. *“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways” says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.*” (Isaiah 55:8-9) Changes started happening in my mind when I stopped seeing this scripture as a *limitation* and began seeing it as an *invitation*. The Creator of the universe invites us into His mind!

When Jesus began His earthly ministry, His first message was, *“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”* (Matthew 5:17 NKJV) Repent. That's a word that can conjure up a variety of thoughts or pictures ranging from a man on a street corner holding a sign that says, “Repent, The End Is Near” to someone crying their eyes out at the altar. The Greek word is *metanoeo*, which actually means to change your mind. Jesus was saying, “Change your mind, the kingdom of heaven is right here in front of you, within your grasp!”

God came to earth in the form of this man called Jesus and showed us what He looks like and what He thinks about us. He invites us to follow Him. In doing so, our thinking changes. I encourage you to read the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) and compare your current way of thinking to His. You might be surprised at the beauty of this Kingdom and be changed!

When you change your mind and begin to think like Jesus, It's like having bad vision and then getting glasses for the first time. Things you couldn't see before, you can now see, and things that were blurry have

become clear. I'm seeing more clearly now. Can you?

How do we begin this process of changing our mind?

1. Set aside a little time each day where you meet with God, preferably in the morning (Think about it this way, a musician doesn't wait until after the concert to tune his instrument, does he?). Thank Him, praise Him, and worship Him. (Psalm 100:4)
2. Ask Holy Spirit to show you a prevalent thought you are having that contradicts His truth. For example: "I'm afraid I'll fail." Then write down your thoughts about it.
3. Ask Holy Spirit to reveal to you His thoughts about it. For example: *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."* (Joshua 1:8) Write it down in your journal.
4. Have a plan of attack. 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 says, *"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ."* We must recognize those thoughts that are opposed to the truth of God's word. When we catch them and bring them into the light, then we can begin the process of destroying them and replacing them with healthy thoughts.
5. Begin a 21-day brain detox. It takes 21 days to break down a toxic thought and build a new one. Begin each day using the method above, and multiple times each day meditate on the truth He reveals to you.

I highly recommend Dr. Caroline Leaf's book, "Switch On Your Brain." In her book, she reveals the science behind it and gives you a five-step process to detox your brain.

Finally, we must remember that this is a *process*. I know some of us don't like that word, but there is no quick fix. It is a journey and I'm finding that journey much more enjoyable now that I'm wearing these new glasses!

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## The Voice of God and the Opinions of Men



Living in a time of spiritual and political shift is precipitating an increasing desire for prophetic clarity among many in the body of Christ and in the nation. If you reduce this discussion down to the bottom line, here it is: Either we hear and embrace the voice of God or we proceed without it and find ourselves depending upon the opinions of men.

Since the opinions of men are varied and diverse, we end up with confusion. The paramount issue, it seems to me, is to discover and discern what the Lord God is saying and then seek the implementation of that Word. The season we are in now is being used of the Lord to press us to know Him more and to hear His voice more clearly.

For many followers of Christ worldwide, there are two primary ways the word of the Lord comes to us:

1) The first is through Scripture, i.e., the written Word (*graphe* in the Greek NT). Here we find written eternal truths, eternal principles, and wise instructions for living a life that glorifies our Creator-Redeemer God and blesses people. All Scripture, from Genesis through the book of Revelation, points to Christ, the Living Word (*Logos* in the Greek NT).

2) The second main way the word of the Lord comes to us is through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, i.e., when a word is released that directly impacts us at the moment of hearing it (*Rhema* in the Greek NT). The Lord can also give us a rhema word through visions, dreams, angelic visitations, etc.

However, all of these must not be disconnected from the written Word and Living Word. In other words, the Spirit and the Bible are in accord and agreement. For example, if I am given a rhema word, that word must align with Scripture, the written Word, and express the Lord Jesus, the Living Word.

As the sheep of His pasture, we learn to know the voice of our Shepherd. As part of a Living Church, we are spiritually connected to the Ascension Gifts of Christ (Ephesians 4:11), including the ministry office of the prophet. Our God is a speaking God: He speaks to us directly; He speaks to us through Scripture; He speaks to us through the prophets and other leaders; and He speaks to us through fellow believers in Christ.

God seems to talk a lot. After all, He is called the WORD! However, when there are times we are not hearing Him well, He wants us to seek Him all the more!

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It is very important to understand the concept and position of “son” in the Bible. It is not just another topic for a Bible study or something to cover in a Sunday School class before the end of the year. It is a must for the people of God to realize their sonship through Jesus Christ. We cannot understand and operate in the inheritance we have in Christ if we do not understand our sonship.

A very basic matter to understand at the outset is that “son” in the Bible is not about gender. It is about position in Christ and His Kingdom purposes. A person who has been cleansed by the blood of Jesus is brought into the family of God as a son to receive inheritance and authority and function in the Father’s household. In the time period that the Bible was written, inheritance, authority and territory were distributed within families. Inheritance and authority were given to “sons”.

In the Bible, families are where rights, privileges and inheritances are distributed. The first-born son receives the double portion and inherits his father’s authority. Scripture shows us that Jesus is the “first born among many brethren”. (Rom.8:29) In God the Father’s family, all the sons have the inheritance of eldest sons. Gal.4:5— “so that He might redeem *and* liberate those who were under the Law, that we [who believe] might be adopted as **sons** [as God’s children with **ALL RIGHTS** as fully grown members of a family]. (Amp—Bible Gateway) In the New English Translation it says, “so that we may be adopted as sons **with FULL RIGHTS**.”

In Galatians the word “adopted” does refer to the privilege of being adopted by a father into his family and becoming a family member, but it also refers to the inheritance we have been adopted to receive. Eph.1:18 and Col.1:12 both speak of the richness of the inheritance we have been given by our Father. Our beneficent heavenly Father has a rich inheritance for His sons. He wants all His sons to receive the rich inheritance He has adopted them to function in. A long time ago, there was a position in the kingdom waiting for the king’s son to be born into. When royal advisors heard that the queen was expecting, they did not run around in a frenzy trying to come up with something for the anticipated new royal family member to do. The king had inheritance and positions for all the sons his queen could give him. The king was concerned about the business of his kingdom and he wanted only his sons ruling with him in that kingdom to assure that his desires would be instituted in generations to come. In the Kingdom of God there is inheritance and position waiting for the sons of the King to step into, embrace and function in.

Sons of the Kingdom are useful, applicable to circumstances, dependable, helpful because they are the embodiment of the Kingdom of God wherever they are. Sons are the embodiment of God’s government, authority, power, sovereign action and they act redemptively, exhibiting the character of their King. Jesus was the embodiment of the Kingdom of God when He was on earth. Wherever Jesus was, that is where the government and authority of God was. Jesus had governmental authority over demons,



nature and disease because He operated from the position of Son.

Sons of the Kingdom become the answer to the groaning of creation which we read about in the book of Romans (8:19,22). In the original language, groaning creation is pictured in such a way that it is expectantly stretching the neck to glimpse that which is beyond itself and beyond its present plight. That which creation is stretching its neck to see, or *those* who it is stretching its neck to see, are their hope of lifting them out of their plight.

Sons of the Kingdom contradict impossibility and become groan-stoppers wherever they are. During the Gulf War (Aug.1990-Feb.1991) I read about an interesting incident which happened to a sergeant who was a son of the Kingdom. He and his men were awaiting orders at a designated position. While they were at this position, they were guarding some supplies. An Arab rode up on a camel and when he climbed down, he presented the men with a small bundle. He was apparently quite desperate. It was obvious that he was pleading with the American soldiers but they were unable to understand the source of his desperation because the man only spoke Arabic. From a distance, the sergeant was sitting in a jeep watching the proceedings as the man fell to the ground and began drawing in the sand in an effort to communicate. Something in the sergeant's heart was stirred as he observed the Arab's frantic efforts. He walked over to where the commotion was and asked what was going on. The men showed him the bundle which contained an infant. The sergeant then asked the Arab what he needed. The Arab responded with great relief that, finally, someone could understand him. He told the sergeant that the baby was in desperate need of milk. It just so happened that there was a large stack of milk in cases which the soldiers were guarding. The sergeant gave his men orders to load as much milk as possible on the man's camel. After the Arab had left, the soldiers approached the sergeant in amazement. One soldier spoke up and said, "Sir, none of us knew that you spoke Arabic." The sergeant replied, "I don't speak a word of Arabic." With inquisitive looks, his men protested, "But, sir, we all heard you just speak Arabic to that man." The sergeant heard himself speaking English and heard the Arab replying in English, yet they were both speaking Arabic. I wonder which operation of the Holy Spirit that was. Perhaps it was the compassionate heart of Jesus enabling two men to communicate who, otherwise, had no logical way of communicating. So, was it the gift of tongues or interpretation or was it mercy or the word of knowledge or the word of wisdom or perhaps some other? The end result was that a person who has experienced the power of the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues was able to communicate with a man who spoke a language which he did not understand. Why would we want to limit this Limitless God Jehovah which we serve?

The King is on His heavenly throne but His sons, who are endued with His authority and enablements, are in the middle of the fracas bringing His light and demonstrating His power and government over the causes of groaning wherever they encounter them.

(This article was taken from Marty's message at KEC2016. CD is available.)

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We also serve on presbyteries, councils and prayer groups during the week that we don't post. Thank you for your prayers as we travel.— Marty & Kathy

### April 2 \* Iraan, TX

Iraan Community Church

SEEC InterAct

"Sons of the Kingdom"

9:00a.m.—1:00p.m.

### April 3 \* Iraan, TX

Iraan Community Church

Pastors James & Michelle Kent

10:30a.m.

### April 10 \* Willis, TX

Night of Worship

with Nathan Isaacs

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### April 22 \* McGregor, TX

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### April 23 \* McGregor, TX

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### May 11 \* Seguin, TX

New Life Fellowship — 7pm

Kathy and Melissa speaking

at Ladies Meeting

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### May 13-14

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