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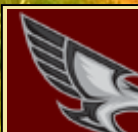
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ON THE COVER:

"...I want you to get out there and walk--better yet, run!--on the road God called you to travel. I don't want any of you sitting around on your hands. I don't want anyone strolling off, down some path that goes nowhere." (Eph.4:1b, Msg)



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A Kingdom Lifestyle



In the garden, Adam and Eve were set up in a Kingdom Lifestyle. All the elements in the garden were God's Original Intent for a Kingdom lifestyle and still are. So the garden of Eden isn't a fantasy or the impossible dream because the Kingdom didn't disappear with the break-down of the garden. Jesus told us the Kingdom is at hand and still within reach, so the garden's same elements are in our lives to the degree that our Kingdom lifestyle is developed. Look at those elements: 1) Adam and Eve met with God daily because a Kingdom lifestyle pivots on relationship with Father and His sons ("son" does not refer to gender but fully vested first-born), and relationship with one another. 2) Everything in their life reflected the design and original intent of God. Again, this is not the impossible dream because our Redeemer lives to restore essentials of His original intent to our lives whenever possible. 3) They had the peace and security of the government of God and that too is available to us. 4) God was their source of life and provision and protection and their enabling to live in their calling and purpose and fulfillment. He still is. 5) They awoke daily to God's potential to flourish. So do we. So the degree to which we walk or don't walk in these elements of God's original design reflects the measure of development of our daily Kingdom lifestyle.

Adam and Eve lived in righteousness, peace and joy which is the Kingdom of God, (Rom 14:17) and here's the really best news of the day: it's the Father's good pleasure to give us that Kingdom (Lk.12:32)! Since



it is the Father's good pleasure to GIVE us the Kingdom, He gives us Righteousness, Peace and Joy and we develop a Kingdom lifestyle by learning to walk in what He's given us. It flows like this: 1) He gives us Righteousness as a gift and then the daily Kingdom lifestyle challenge is refusing to let that righteousness be shaken or forsaken because of condemnation. If condemnation can take you to the mat, that's a signal you're looking to your own righteousness instead of the gift God gave. 2) He gives us Peace which carries exemption from emotional havoc in war. Peace is not exemption from war but from the emotional damage during war. So the daily Kingdom lifestyle challenge is to go on to sleep in the boat while the storm rages. 3) He gives us Joy by beautifully giving us so many reasons to be glad. Then the daily Kingdom lifestyle challenge is to calm down and be delighted. (Of course, that's easier sometimes than others and easier for some people than others)

Another daily Kingdom lifestyle challenge is to be aware of what Father is doing. We are sons and daughters of God living on earth in this time of history to do our Father's business. His business translates as what we SEE or PERCEIVE that He is doing or wants done. The example that Jesus gave us for a Kingdom lifestyle doesn't depend on us duplicating His exact situations or His exact miracles. The pattern He gave was doing what He saw the Father doing. That tells us the core essential here is not WHAT Jesus did but WHY He did it. Can you wrap your mind around that difference? If you don't, you could live your whole life with a sense of not measuring up because you haven't fed 5000 people with one little boy's lunch. Unless YOU see the Father wanting you to do that, don't even try it! If you live constantly focused on how you are or are not duplicating the acts of Jesus, you are not likely to even PERCEIVE what the Father is doing in any given moment!

Let me say something softly so our souls hear liberation and not accusation: a Kingdom lifestyle is not self-focused or self-absorbed. Jesus thrust us into the momentum of a Kingdom lifestyle when He taught us to pray: Father, Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven; and Father's answers to that prayer are continually incoming into earth. A Kingdom lifestyle is staying positioned to participate in that incoming process.

Seeing or perceiving and participating to develop a Kingdom lifestyle cannot be taught or explained in a cookie-cutter fashion because firstly, there's a uniqueness in how each of us see or perceive, and secondly, there are definite variations in how we participate. We are individual sons, not cookie-cutter Christians. To illustrate some of the uniquenesses

and variations in sons and daughters, I will use personal examples of how He prompts and enables us to participate with Him. Rest assured, I do not use myself as an example because I think I am an expert or something special on a stick. On the contrary, I figure if Father has the patience to work with this single-focused-Sally, He will patiently work with any of His kids until they perceive and participate with Him. (Marty and Melissa both tell me all the time that God must be rolling His eyes at me, but I don't let them bother me. ☺)

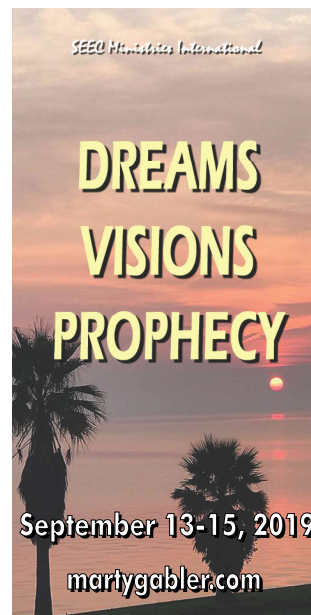
Sometimes Father gets us positioned for a mandate with a vision or dream, or with a gift of the Spirit like a prophetic word or word of knowledge. In an elders' meeting a few months ago, we were praying for our nation and I heard the Lord say that we are coming out from under the shadow of an old enemy. I knew He was speaking of our nation corporately, but I was doubly impacted as I realized He also meant personally, individually and as families we are coming out from under the shadow of an old enemy! (If that quickens your spirit now, take it!) That meant we are in a God time for release from an old dread or a long time struggle or threat or undermining saboteur. It's Father's time for relief and a God turn in our lives! He also said that old enemies are going to lose their voice. Those defeating voices that keep resounding in our heads and those voices that keep sounding out through the media in our nation are going to lose their voice. So be It! As a nation, I believe this enemy is like Legion with many gathered forces that have cast a shadow over us. However, we have come to the Kingdom for such a time as this and the Kingdom has come to us for such a time as this! This prophetic insight showed me that Father at the moment was in the process of releasing people and the nation, so I began to participate by AGREEMENT with that in prayer and by WATCHING for changes and evidence to celebrate His doings.

Other times Father positions us with something as obvious as a Cornelius at the door. A man knocked on our door one Sunday afternoon. Marty answered the door and the man introduced himself as a retired policeman from San Antonio who had moved into our neighborhood a few years earlier. He told Marty he had heard that we were ministers and waited for confirmation. When Marty answered yes, he proceeded to lay out a plan he had. He said there were several elderly and sick people in our neighborhood that could not attend church. He was concerned that his friends needed teaching and prayer and ministry but explained that he was raised Catholic and didn't know anything about the Bible. He told Marty that he would like to gather some people in the pool pavilion if Marty would come and preach to them! This was nothing we had ever seen coming, but our participation was clear and doable.

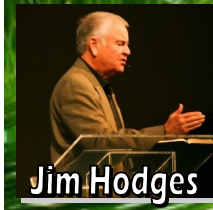
According to the way you as an individual process and function, God

knows how to make things clear to you. Then the way you participate in His Kingdom coming to earth will likely be unique, something that I nor anyone else but you would ever do. The Kingdom lifestyle bottom line, is basic obedience that facilitates God's will and influence and power and purpose coming into a life or a town or a situation or a church or a business or a family, etc. There is no way to list all the unexpected turns or varying ways that obedience may be walked out. We have a friend who took care of her household diligently for years. At the same time, she cared for many others with her gift of hospitality and ran her own business. I'm sure she did not foresee her part in the Kingdom of God on earth would also include raising and sowing into the lives of three small step-grandchildren even after she transitioned into widowhood. Her story is a vivid example of the unpredictable uniquenesses of living a Kingdom lifestyle and seeing the will of God done on earth as in heaven. There is literally nothing like it and nothing with more God-infused fulfillment.

(You are invited to attend the DREAMS VISIONS PROPHECY CONFERENCE where Kathy will be teaching, interacting and answering questions to help us understand dreams and their value for our lives and nation today. DVP2019 will be September 13-15, 2019 at Grace International Willis, TX. All info is at the Dreams Visions Prophecy tab on our blog page martygabler.com)



Covenantal Connections



A crucial emphasis for coming days is walking together in covenant. Many cultures have a strong understanding of covenant, but generally in the western world, we don't have a good grasp on covenant. An apostle from Africa told me, "In America, you think *me*. In Africa, you think *we*." The mind set has to be shifted out of an extreme individualism. You and I have individual status with God covenantally, but while we embrace our *individuality* we must be set free from our *individualism*. The theme of our individualism in America and even in our churches is, *it is all about me*. However, it is all about Him and us.

We have to overcome a cultural challenge that has crept into the Church that wars against relationships. When John described the spirit of antichrist, it was not only the spirit that denies the incarnation of the Son of God but that also denies the relationship between God the Father and God the Son. This spirit of antichrist is at work in the Church, trying to keep people in the Church from relating with one another. We have to recognize that we are in a battle to keep our relationships and covenants in tact under our supreme relationship which is with Jesus Christ. So, let's break down some theological and biblical elements of covenant relationships.



THEOLOGIC ELEMENTS of COVENANT

The relationship in the Godhead is a model for our covenant relationships. Father, Son and Holy Ghost do not exist in isolation but in alliance. They cooperate in all that they do. For example, in creation, the Father planned, the Son administered, the Spirit executed. In redemption, the Father sent the Son, the Son accomplished the work of redemption and the Spirit applies redemption to us. This covenantal alliance is a dynamic of God and the mystery of any successful relationship. That is why the Church has to model successful relationships, walking in covenant relationships for a world that is in conflict, turmoil, terrorism and war so they can see a model of a peaceful society. Since we are in His image, we are supposed to cooperate with each other and form alliances, like marriage, business, team ministries, etc. These are all alliances that speak of covenantal root or definition.

The place we mess up in looking at the Godhead as our model is that we forget that the Godhead has both unity and diversity. Our unity will not come through uniformity and sameness but rather through understanding the unity we see in the image of God includes diversity. God is one and God is three, so God has diversity within Himself. If the Godhead has diversity, then we ought to embrace diversity, (i.e., embrace basic diversity as between a man and a woman and the diversity of ethnicity, etc.). Consider the diversity in five-fold ministry. All are from Christ yet are five different perspectives. The story of the Good Shepherd seeking the lost sheep can be used to illustrate those different perspectives: The pastor is carrying the sheep, picking off flees and ticks and brush from its wool. The prophet says, "What are you doing out there?" The teacher says, "I'll give you eighteen steps of how you got there and nineteen steps to get back." The evangelist says, "Did you witness while you were out there?" The apostle says, "Hey, you have been holding up the rest of us from going forward." That is diversity and thank God for the differences. Miraculously, covenantal relationships bring the differences together and unify the diversity to make a powerful expression of the multifaceted attributes of our eternal God.

BIBLICAL ELEMENTS of COVENANT

Let's consider some apostolic observations and experiences concerning covenant ministry relationships.

1) Synergy

Synergy is essential. We get the word *synergy* from the word Paul used as *fellow workers*, which comes from two Greek words meaning *with*

energy. So, synergy is what is produced when we flow together covenantantly in relationship. We see more produced together than if we are alone. You cannot get synergy by yourself. Paul in 1Corinthians 3, talked about his ministry and about Apollos' and Peter's ministry there in Corinth. The Corinthian church, instead of accepting the synergy of those giftings, divided over their preferences. If I had to speculate about this, I think that happened because either the people were immature or perhaps somehow Apollos and Peter and Paul did not completely connect in a covenantal way as a model for the church. (Five-fold leaders need to model synergy among themselves for an example to the Church.) Romans 16 shows us that synergy embraces both local leaders and trans-local apostolic teams in teaching. Paul named several such as Priscilla and Aquila and Andronicus and Junia and others, calling them *fellow workers*. The synergy of covenantal relationships produces more comprehensive and effectual ministry. Of course, there must be some level of trust for such relationships to form and maximize the Lord's ministry among us. We trust God and must learn to trust one another. Those who stay in isolation because they cannot trust will minimize their gift and calling.

2) Balance of Relationship and Mission

Another consideration is the importance of the balance between relationship and mission. In balance, relationship and mission are a tandem team, but if we get too focused on one or the other, things do not run smoothly. For example, Paul was focused on the mission in Acts 15, and he did not consider John Mark ready to be part of it. However, Barnabas was more relational and focused on the connection with John Mark, so that caused Barnabas and Paul to separate. The mission and relationship was not in balance to keep the synergy they previously had. As the Body of Christ we have, at times, been so focused on relationships that we were like "bless me" groups that forget to engage in the message of the Kingdom and have no vision or mission. However, we must also guard against pursuing vision and mission to the point of leaving too little time to maintain and strengthen our covenantal relationships. We need to be long and strong in both mission and relationship.

It is a privilege to be called to walk in covenant with God and with one another. Many look for ministry in assignments, but God would have us look for our alignments. Out of your alignments will come your best assignments. May God grace us with clarity to solidify covenant alignments, for we secure our future by walking in covenant.

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Every truth is not of the same value. “Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and everything else will be added” is primary truth which is the most valuable truth.

1) Israel did not bring forth the fruits of the Kingdom and the Kingdom was taken away from this covenant people not bearing the fruit of the Kingdom. You cannot lose your salvation but you can lose the Kingdom. In Galatians 5, the difference is plain between the fruit of Spirit and the works of the flesh and that the flesh cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. If there is going to be Kingdom power and demonstration, there has to be fruit of the Spirit.

2) Pro 23:23 — *Buy truth, and do not sell it, Get wisdom and instruction and understanding.* Redemption and salvation and the new birth do not cost you but truth does. Part of the cost of truth is your life and lifestyle because we have to give up “religious” traditions when truth reveals a better way. The cost of truth may be relationships, because some people will walk with you only until a new truth requires changes. We are blessed with progressive revelation, but sometimes when you grasp new revelation, some of your friends don’t want to go with you. Truth is not a destination but a journey. We never arrive. There is a continual unfolding of revelation. The Ephesians church had a high level of understanding but Paul prayed for them that they would have an increasing revelation of Jesus Christ, for Jesus is so multi-faceted we can never come to a full revelation in this life.



3) All truth is not of the same value. Some truths have a higher good than other truths. Truth is like a puzzle that creates the image of Christ. People tend to take one piece and make that “the” truth instead of “a” truth. Denominations have been built on “a” truth as though it were “the” truth and caused some people to believe they *had arrived*. This is one of the paths to spiritual pride. On the contrary, when God leads us in a genuine journey into more truth, it will produce great humility rather than pride.

In the Kingdom of God, we cannot allow two things to rule our life. We cannot be double-minded with divided loyalty. Mat 6:24 — *"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.* If I receive Jesus to go to heaven when I die but do not surrender my life to God, then I will surrender my life somewhere else and make something else a primary in my life. It is even possible to surrender your life to a religious institution that becomes primary. Just asking for forgiveness of sins is not Christianity and it is not conversion. It takes surrender of your life to the government of Christ. In the garden, man was tempted to come out from under God's order. Jesus, through His death, burial and resurrection restored that order to man. God did not offer forgiveness of sin just so man would go to heaven when he dies. He forgives our sins so that we are no longer self-serving in a life centered on self. God was man's focus in the garden until he came out from under the order of God and became self-focused. A renewed mind is off of self and back to the Lord. 2Co 5:14 — *For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; 2Co 5:15 — and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.* The more we serve ourselves, the more we dislike ourselves. That's why we have all these books on self-esteem, self-love, etc. The only way we can properly love ourselves is if we are in proper order in the Kingdom. Loving ourselves out of Kingdom order will bring us back to self-focus. Mat 6:24 — *"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.*

If we lose the power source, the Kingdom of God or rule of God, then a different kind of light comes in. When the Church lost the Kingdom, a different gospel began to come in that was getting sins forgiven so you can go to heaven. Along with this, then self-focused, self-serving man created a world system to meet man's needs apart from God, instead of seeking first God and a right relationship with Him so that needs are automatically met. Need should not become primary in our life. **What you make primary will govern your life.** Mat 6:21 —

for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Mat 6:22 — *"The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light.* Mat 6:23 — *"But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!"* In other words, if your eye is good it is on the Lordship of Christ as primary, but if we have taken a secondary truth and tried to make it primary, great is the darkness. When God came to His covenant people, they had the Word of God but they had made secondary things primary, and Jesus said that He had come to a people in darkness. If we don't have the right primary, the light in us can be dark. Unfortunately, the Church is full of darkness because of what has become primary. When church or ministry or work or family is primary, darkness comes in. If the Kingdom is primary, light will come in.

Mat 22:36 — *"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And He said to him, " 'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' "This is the great and foremost commandment."* It is possible to love God with your mind instead of your heart. If that is the case, you will find an intellectual church. Or, if you love God with your emotions instead of your own heart, you will find an emotional church. In my experience, growing up in the church, the problem is that being emotionally stirred about God on Sunday may not last until Monday morning. If you serve God with your will instead of your heart, you will find a "doing" church, and your security becomes your "doings."

Mat 22:39 — *"The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'* God is the only one we can love completely because He is the only one who is complete, but we can love others redemptively like God loves us. That means as God loves us, He is redeeming us. He brings changes that are needed instead of us having to try to control the changes. If we love others redemptively, we believe people can change where necessary, and when we love God foremost, we trust Him to take care of those changes. The place to start is to love ourselves redemptively, so that our will and emotions work with God, expecting change and deciding to change. When we, like God, love ourselves and others redemptively, there is grace to be happy although we, nor others, are perfect.

The truth is that being in the Kingdom of God is our security because then our hearts cannot be shaken. The kingdom in our hearts comes from seeking the Kingdom of God and His righteousness first and foremost while confident all else will be added. This confidence comes from recognizing primary, valuable truth.

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THE POWER OF ACCUSATION

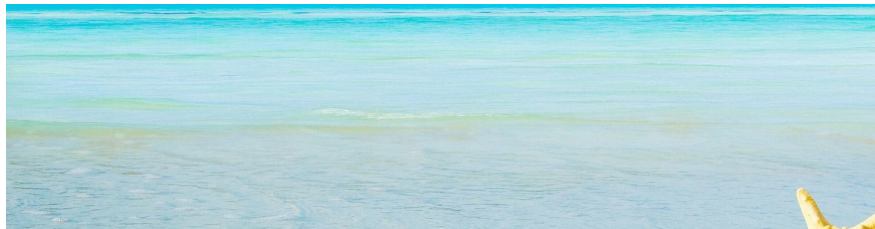


I recently heard a message that shook me to my core. It was one of those messages that you just know God is putting His finger on something in your life and giving you the opportunity to deal with some things and walk over a threshold into the next season. This message was about the power of accusation. I suspect that accusation is what has taken out some people before their time. And I know it is something we deal with personally and in our churches.

Let me start here: Revelation 12:10-12,17 — 10 *And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.* 11 *And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.* 12 *Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.*

17 *And the dragon was wroth with the woman (symbolic of the church) , and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.*

I want to hone in on these sections of the scriptures:



-for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

-Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

-and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

This is talking about us. The accuser of the brethren accuses us day and night, and because of his anger he continues to accuse and make war against us in this way. But the devil has been defeated so how can accusation be an issue? It's about agreement. For accusation to become an issue he needs agreement from those that have more power than he does. So he is looking for Christians who will verbally agree with the accusations he is hurling. He can accuse all day and all night by himself, or even with the agreement of an unbeliever but when he can get a Christian to agree with his accusation against someone and speak it out of their mouth that is where the power comes from.

This is where the power of accusation comes from: Proverbs 18:21 "*Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.*" Proverbs 11:9 "*An hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his neighbor*" Prov. 15:4 (MSG) "*Kind words heal and help; cutting words wound and maim.*" It is the epitome of "using your powers for good and not evil". There is power in our words because God intended it that way so we can make a difference when we speak. The problem is that we tend to forget that it goes both ways.

Here's what accusation does: It builds up the power of a demonic force through agreement. Our enemy is looking for those that carry power in their words to agree with his wrath and build a demonic force against an individual, a family, a church. Here's what accusation can cause: sickness, burdens, bondage, complacency, ineffectiveness, a sudden halt to progress, to name a few. Unless it's dealt with you will go no further or possibly get worse!

So, what does accusation sound like? Literal accusation is a claim that someone has done something wrong or illegal. Criticism is an opinion or judgment of what is wrong or bad about somebody. Slander is saying something false or malicious that damages somebody's reputation; it is also gossip or rumors. It is even words spoken out of skepticism, bitterness, resentment or offense.

Here's how this works: It's repetition that builds a force against someone. It is when the issue is rehearsed and it's rehearsed with multiple people, when there is continual mouthing of accusations day after day, week after week. When it's shared and rehearsed with others it builds a force. Some things said might be true, but words compound the issue if they are not dealt with. Again, this is the epitome of using your powers for good and not evil. Our words are intended to



make a difference and we tend to forget that it goes both ways.

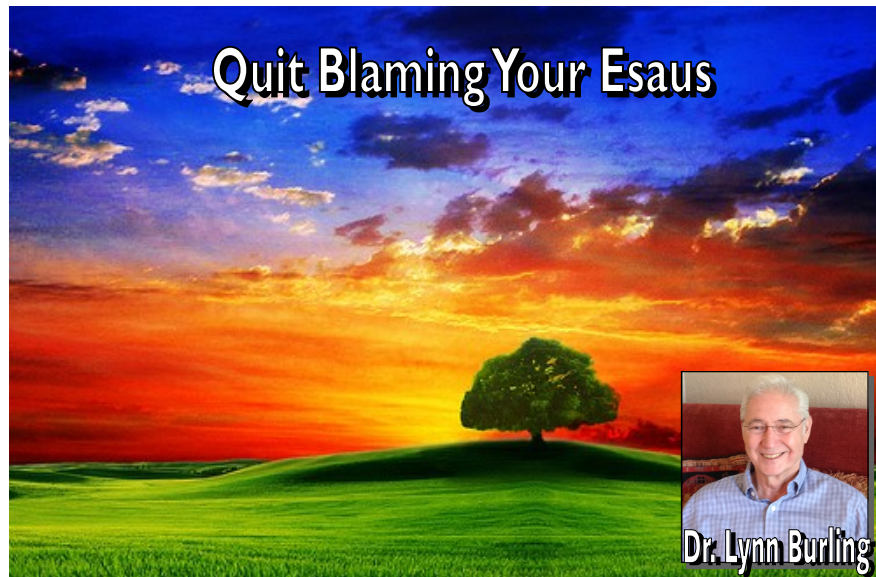
What's the antidote? The opposite of accusation is intercession. The enemy accuses (Revelation 12:10) and Jesus intercedes (Romans 8:34). Instead of accusing, criticizing, gossiping and leaving it there it needs to be turned into intercession. Now, in the south we like to put "bless their heart" at the end of a good ol' accusation... THIS IS NOT INTERCESSION. Perhaps an example of intercession would look something like this, "Open their eyes Lord, Your grace is sufficient for this issue."

How do you deal with it if you feel like this is a force against you? The message I heard offered 4 steps to deal with the power of accusation. (Important note: This force was built using words so you will need to use words to break it.)

1. Forgive and bless. Things won't change if you don't forgive. Wash your accuser with blessing. "I'm asking you to bless them, their family. May your mercy come on them." Forgiveness and blessing are foundational for victory.
2. Realize and confess you do the same thing. If you don't confess you won't have the authority to break it over yourself. Simply ask for forgiveness then break your words off of people. Don't worry about going down the list of everyone you know to break words off of them. The Holy Spirit will bring faces before you if there are specific things you need to break. Also, it would do good for all of us to realize we have accused ourselves of all sorts of things. I feel it's important to break those words we've spoken over ourselves!
3. Be grateful. Gratitude is important because it is the opposite of resentment. Begin to think of the things you can give thanks for and let it out of your mouth.
4. Break those words off of your life. This is a curse (witchcraft) sent against you (Galatians 5:19-20). You have to break it.

We are at a threshold of phenomenal breakthrough and I believe this is one big nasty force that is trying to keep us out of the next season. It can't. It is not as powerful as the original intent of God. So, if you don't break through you just keep working at it! Be vigilant and keep working at it until you have victory because victory is God's original intent for you.

Editor's note: There are currently 3 broadcasts on Facebook on this subject if you would like to look into this further: Marty Gabler's Facebook posted May 7th which is a Beside Still Waters episode, and on Grace International Church's Facebook (Willis, TX), May 5th - Sunday morning service and May 8th - Access Grace: Dealing with Accusation. The full message is on Marty Gabler's YouTube Channel (That message was given at NextLevel Christian Church and published 5-24-19). Melissa has given this message at Grace International Church Willis, TX, Next Level Christian Church Eagle Lake, TX and will be giving it at Victory Gospel Church Coldspring, TX 6-16-19.



Jacob was always grabbing someone else's heel, someone else's good fortune to get to the top. Now Esau might be evil and Esau might be wrong and Esau might even be worldly but when you finish facing your fears about your Esaus, you're going to understand that he's not-the-problem. Our Esaus are "other people," other circumstances, or another person. Everybody's got an Esau in their past somewhere and the last thing we hear before we left is Esau saying, "*I'm going to kill you!*" I heard a preacher say, "We've all been to hell and back the last couple of years, but after you've been to hell, and back what's five more yards?". There will always be an Esau but don't let him determine what you think and do! He'll try to make you ineffective. He can be a Judas or an Ananias and Sapphira or an Alexander the Coppersmith.

Now, Running From an Angry Laban

Gen. 31:41-42 ESV "*These twenty years I have been in your house. I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock, and you have changed my wages ten times. 42 If the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac, had not been on my side, surely now you would have sent me away empty-handed. God saw my affliction and the labor of my hands and rebuked you last night.*" Jacob is returning in strength and power and blessing but the crossing of the "t's" and God's dotting of the "i's," still remain. Now everything is settled with



Laban and the 20 years with him, one down and one to go! Gen. 32:1 “And Jacob went on his way and the angels of God met him.” That’s a pretty good SIGN that God’s got this. Gen. 32:11 “Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: ***For I fear him, lest he come and smite me.***” He’s just like us! He’s had angel confirmation but he’s still afraid.

“A River Called Jabbok”

Jabbok is mentioned seven times in God’s book. Six Times, it’s referred to as all that approached it or “Came *unto* it”. The Bible says, “*They came unto it*” referring to different peoples and tribes. Six times out of seven that the river Jabbok is mentioned, they only came “*unto the river*” but one time the Bible said, “*They*” [Jacob and his family] ***passed over it.*** It’s one thing to “*come unto*”, it’s another thing to “*pass over.*” (Gen. 32:23) “*Jacob arose up that night and took his two wives, two women servants and his eleven sons and passed over the ford Jabbok.*”

Jacob had run for his life from Esau unto Laban and his relatives, and for years worked for Laban as hire for his two wives. Now the time has come for Jacob to leave Laban and flee and come and face his brother Esau. The point of demarcation is the Jabbok River.

Fast forward to that night after *passing over* to vs. 24. “*And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.*” Now I don’t know about you but when you wrestle with someone you pick up their scent. If you wrestle with the Devil—it comes out of your mouth, it comes out in your walk, we get critical and judgmental about our brother but when we wrestle with God, we pick up *His* scent and He eliminates the enemy’s scent in us! In spite of Esau waiting for him, he has to cross over. In spite of the Labans in your past and the bad memories and what appeared to be past failures, there’s a time you can’t just “***come unto***” any longer - you’ve got to pass over.

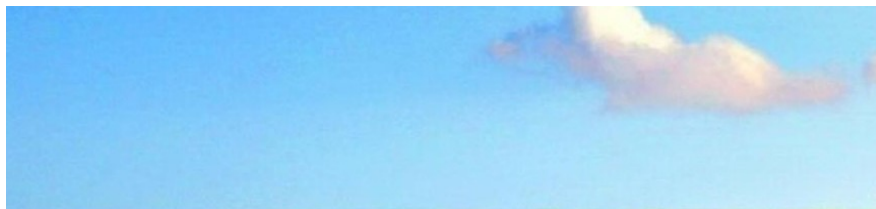
When “the angel” wrestled with Jacob, he left a permanent mark in his life. A mark so everyone can see there is a difference and even Jacob can be reminded as well. The name “Jabbok” literally means “a pouring out, an emptying” and it is located between the Dead Sea and the Sea of Galilee. Halfway between death and life, you make up your mind whether you’re going to cross it or not! ***He crossed it moving forward in the direction of his living future, not his dead past!***

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So much of our life is looking for the next big thing. We live in a culture that is constantly looking for the latest greatest instant microwaveable set-it-and-forget-it remedies including exercise in a pill, energy in a bottle, and wisdom at your fingertips. Long gone are the days of delayed gratification and its a cinch by the inch mentality. It's all or nothing, its now or never. But there is a virtue that comes with playing long ball with our lives and looking to the end from the beginning. We can find so many things that God is doing along the way. As we consistently follow the Lord and walk in His way, He is ever revealing Himself to us as we are being conformed into His image. I thank God for the mountain top experiences. I thank God for those special intimate times of experiencing His presence. I believe that more of these times are available to us as we just simply walk with Him in the way of the Kingdom. Let's look at how God encounters the men on the road to Emmaus and see how Jesus loves to come along side of us while we go.

This was Sunday afternoon after a whirlwind weekend. Jesus had just arrived in Jerusalem a week ago to cheers and shouts of "Hosanna". The triumphal entry seems like ancient history in light of how the week ended:



the last supper, prayer in the garden, religious trial, taken before Pilate, beaten and scourged, crucified, and now the stories and rumors of His resurrection. What to think? How to process all these things? The emotional rollercoaster must have been mind-bending. Here, two disciples are on their way to Emmaus. Luke 24:15 says, “as they communed and reasoned” that Jesus drew near and went with them. Verse 16 says, “their eyes were holden that they should not know Him.” Our assumption is that God kept them from recognizing Jesus, which very well may be the case even though the scripture is not specific. I want to offer another possibility, and that is trauma can also cause this kind of blindness. People who have been through traumatic experiences many times will block out things in their memory. A study was done on holocaust survivors and they were asked to draw a picture of the camp they were held in. Remarkably, many of them drew a picture without the smokestacks that were used to incinerate their friends and family. Even though the smokestacks were prominently visible at those camps, they represented such pain that the survivors didn’t include them in their pictures. So too, trauma can cause a loss of seeing what is really in front of us. It can become something like, “I saw Jesus go into the tomb, so he must be dead”.

I believe that Jesus comes close when we talk about Him. When we are talking about how good He is and what He’s done in our lives, He loves to come close and be a part of those conversations. A group of young adults at our church were at the lake one night sitting in a gazebo. They began to converse about the presence of God and how Jesus wants to encounter us. As they spoke, the presence of God came into the gazebo so powerfully and tangibly that no one could say a word or even look up. He was there in the midst of them. He makes this promise “for where there are two or three gathered in my name, I am there in the midst of them”. He loves to join along with us as we talk about Him.

Jesus then joins the conversation and asks, “What are you talking about?”. (Luke 24:17-19). The shock of someone not knowing what had just transpired made them almost indignant in their answer. Jesus asks, “What things?”. Cleopas then begins to recite what he knows about the events. There is a big difference between knowing what happened in our life and understanding how and why things happened. Most of the time we get bogged down in what is going on in our lives. We can only see over the dashboard of our vehicle and what is immediately in front of us. Human nature is incredibly short-sighted. It takes a conscious effort to look down the road a bit and consult a map to make sure we are still on the right road.

Jesus asks us questions that allow us to process what is in our hearts. As we speak from a vulnerable place, we can then realize what we really understand and believe. I love how Jesus, in John 6, asks Phillip, “Where can we buy bread that these can eat?” The next scripture states that He said this to test Phillip for He knew what He would do. In Matthew 16 Jesus asked, “Who do men say that I am?” followed by “Who do *you* say that I am?” Jesus was not having an identity crisis at that moment. He was allowing the disciples to work out what was in their hearts and to give an honest assessment of their belief system as well as articulate what they know beyond religious jargon and the “Christianese” that we all tend to retreat to.

After the men told Jesus all that they understood, Jesus tells them how foolish they are and slow to believe the word of God. And then, Jesus gives them a Bible study from Moses through all the prophets explaining how these things that they just experienced were to be so. Vs. 27 says, “He expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.” The word expounded means to unfold, explain, interpret, and translate. It’s like the GPS we have in our phones. There is an arrow that shows exactly where we are, but you can open up the screen to see the big picture. This way you not only see the road you’re on, but how it relates to all the highways and streets you’re traveling. Keep making the picture larger and you see the county and state you’re driving in. Keep unfolding and you can see where you are in the country and the world. Jesus was literally showing the disciples where they were in light of all history. From the beginning, this was the plan for the Son of God. Let’s embrace every moment that the Holy Spirit wants to bring the Kingdom perspective to us.

In Mark 6:48, “He came walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them.” He was focused on the Father’s mission. Not until the disciples cried out to Him did He respond and come near. In Luke 24:28-29, “And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further. But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.” As they approach their destination, Jesus plays coy and acts as if He’s going on further. The disciples constrained Him. One of the root words of constrained is “to seize”. They compelled Him to stay with them. There was a level of desperation with the disciples that we need in our lives—a hunger and desire so great that we would not only ask, seek and knock, but also cry out, compel, seize and hold onto Jesus. As they sat at the table for a meal, and Jesus took bread, blessed it and broke it, in that moment their eyes were opened to who He

was. There is something that happens when you remember and rehearse a covenant act in the midst of fellowship.

The disciples then left in that “same hour” to go back to Jerusalem, find the others and make this declaration, “The Lord is risen indeed!” The importance and impact of encounters should have a significant effect on our outlook on life and insight into what God is and can do. The disciples’ immediate return just emphasizes the indelible mark left on these men. Vs.35 says “And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.” So much of what Jesus wants to reveal to us is “in the way” of our journey. It is not just on retreats, camps, conferences, seminars, schools, rallies or any other event, but I believe that He wants to unfold the big picture to us as we go about our everyday lives. As we talk about Him, He likes to draw near and join into the conversation. He reveals Himself to us in the breaking of bread. Koinonia is a place of deeper relationship that allows for true intimacy. With all the obligations and busyness that we have in our lives, let us never forget to converse about Jesus and allow Him to reveal Himself to us in the way. Encounters come as we go about our daily travels. Expect God moments all along the way.

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While attending a leadership meeting in Marietta, Ohio I received three insights from, of all places — the 2019 National Football League draft! For those who may not be familiar with the draft, let me provide a brief overview.

Thirty-two teams makeup the NFL, and every late April, each team selects the best of the best college football players, or in some cases, the exceptional athletes who elect to forgo their senior college year and offer themselves as potential NFL draftees. Typically, the draft is held over three consecutive days and is the culmination of many years of athletes' dedication, discipline and extremely hard work. For the NFL teams, many months are spent watching, interviewing and thoroughly researching athletes' abilities, personalities and important intangibles.

For 2019, the actual draft selection process began on the evening of April 25th while we were gathered in Ohio. I saw three things from the draft, which have since become a personal filter through how I process the Church, and more specifically, the Ekklesia. If you're not a football fan

and are still reading, please don't abandon ship as these three things may just help in our efforts to disciple nations. So... here we go!

FUTURE

Millions of dollars and countless hours invested by highly educated and skilled people go into the draft for one reason: to win the future! Each team's staff wants to select a few players who will not simply play on their team, but will help their team win in the upcoming season and beyond. Student athletes who were recently sitting in their college classrooms get drafted and signed to contracts and become millionaires for one primary motivation — to win.

As I mused over this, I was immediately taken to the Church and how there seems to be a tendency to only discuss the future through an end-times lens. While we rejoice in what God has done and are passionate about what we see Him doing in the present, it seems we are deficient regarding the future. In the NFL, all eyes are on the future, while in the Church, all eyes are either on the past or staring into the present. In the NFL, they play to win, while in the Church, we are content to simply suit up, trot onto the field and enjoy a nice game. Jesus was, is and forever will be one who conquers to win the future!

OFFENSE

Let's be honest, this word can be taken in one or two ways. The first definition in Merriam-Webster is the predominant usage in the Church. It mentions the act of stumbling or something that outrages the moral or physical senses. So many precious resources of time, energy and mental space are consumed within the Church around the idea of offending, not offending or being offended. This article has zero to do with that definition. The usage I want to mention is the act of attacking.

Back to the NFL for a moment...

Each year, the sports community is focused on who will be selected as the No. 1 draft pick. That player is often the highest paid rookie and carries the prestige throughout his life of having been the No. 1 pick (a quarterback from Oklahoma was selected this year). Of the first 10 players chosen, three are offensive and seven play defense. I began to process this through the lens of the Church and was stunned to realize that, like the 2019 NFL draft, we prioritize playing defense and not offense! I'll concede the importance of a strong defense in sports and the military; however, in the Kingdom our primary mode should be to live on the offense.

Why has the Church, conservative circles and many on the political right become so content to defend things we cherish as opposed to attacking and destroying with a strong offense? Bear with me a moment as I note how I see millions of dollars spent annually to "defend" our values, yet having it reset each year for a new roll out of our latest defensive game plan designed to hopefully slow down our opponents' offensive schemes. How has this chronic cycle become normal and acceptable? I simply can't be okay with the idea of Jesus playing on defense!

STRATEGY

Recently, it was my privilege to meet with three leaders in Virginia for over six hours. A theme of our conversation revolved around thinking strategically, and a former United States Congressman from Virginia relayed the following account. Several years back, he assembled the smartest democratic, republican and independent thinkers in D.C. and asked what they thought was the No. 1 concern in terms of our national defense. All of them said over the past four or five presidential administrations, the No. 1 concern was a lack of strategic thinking! He went on to lay out three models of leadership used by the anti-faith and the faith communities. By the way, his conclusion is the anti-faith group has out-funded and out-thought us in the faith community.

Let's take a momentary break and let me say I would apologize for the seemingly blunt nature of this article, but it wouldn't be sincere. And back to the line of scrimmage we go...

One model the faith and anti-faith camps use is the task-force model where you gather a few people in a room and task them with developing a solution to deal with an issue. This model is slow and yields marginal results. The consensus model gathers groups in a room and each one lays out their strategies on the table where a vote is taken on what idea will be adopted, and out of the room the group goes. Both camps use this model, which yields limited fruit. The final model is where an atmosphere (or culture) of strategic thinking is encouraged, fostered and celebrated. The reality is the anti-faith camps use this while the faith camp does not. My friends, it sure seems that our infatuation with the past, our default for playing defense and our stagnant thinking models have become evidence for how not to shape culture and disciple nations!

We've all given and received numerous prophetic words, and for that, I am grateful. For me, my sense is these three words — future, offense, strategy — are much like a filter through which sermons, prophetic words, leadership discussions, individual conversations and my own thoughts must pass through to separate the wheat from the tares.

Father, I'm grateful for each one reading this article. I pray for each of us, Your Ekklesia, and that we would be renewed in our minds and thought processes. Holy Spirit, teach us how to focus on the future so your Kingdom conquers all its enemies. Train us — even those of us who have lived in certain life cycles for decades playing on defense and calling it victorious. May we be like you, Lord, and think strategically in every sphere of our lives, families and work.

Remember: Future, offense and strategy are the keys to shaping culture and discipling nations!

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I love the prophetic. The prophetic is an amazing gift God has given His Church. While it stirs a cry for balance, structure, Holiness and order to come back to the House of the Lord, it also carries power, presence, passion, hope and vision to change individual lives. It is such an amazing thing that God would have chosen to work through mankind and allow us to be His mouthpiece. He could use a donkey to prophesy if He wanted to, yet He has chosen to work through mankind.

Let's talk about HOW TO and HOW NOT TO handle a prophetic word you receive. I will start by saying many people deal with the frustration of not seeing their prophetic words come to pass in the time span they think it should. I recently heard someone make a comment about a prophetic word being a false word because it had not come to pass. I understood their heart was not evil, but frustration had moved in and they wanted change NOW! I understood also that they lacked an understanding of how to handle frustration and how to wait and trust God. So from that standpoint, please allow me to give some definitions of false prophecy, inaccurate prophecy and the timing of a prophetic word so that we don't miss God. We all desire to see God fulfill His word over our lives.

True and false prophets are defined by their character and the spirit of wisdom and the fruit of the Spirit in their lives, ministry and MOTIVES. "Missing it" a few times in prophecy does not make a false prophet. No mortal prophet is infallible. So, what does the Word say about the heart of a false prophet? Balaam is a good example. Balaam refused to prophesy



anything except what God had given him, yet His heart was ambitious for fame, fortune and prestige. His life was out of order enough that Jesus judged him to be a false prophet (Rev 2:14, 2 Peter 2:15,16 and Jude 11).

Balaam lusted for power and possessions. He was blinded by the lust of riches, power and promotion. Ok! Well that is scary. So what is false? Something false is something not true, incorrect, wrong, lying, not real. It comes from a Latin root which means "to deceive" which implies a wrong motive, an intent to mislead. If someone is prophesying for the purpose of selfish manipulation, or to control others according to their own will rather than God's will, this is sin and can even be labeled witchcraft. The key word in all of this is the motive of the heart. We can look at that list and say, "I would never intentionally deceive or lie or do something wrong," but the motives of our heart can be for promotion or gain or fleshly desires. The term "inaccurate word" is defined as not accurate, not exact or correct. It implies nothing about the motive or intent of the person. So, I believe it is safe to say a false prophet is one with wrong motives and intent, one whose character is wrong.

A true prophet is one called by God to stand in the office of a Prophet. They have submitted body, soul and spirit to the Lord. They are ones whose heart and motives are aligned with God and pleasing him more than man. They are ones who have allowed, and continue to allow, God to place them on the potter's wheel and they remain there in His hands through the process. This I believe is a lifelong process of God healing, changing and opening their eyes to see what they could not see yesterday. It is a process of Him revealing their true identity in Him, so that when they speak they are not motivated by any fleshly gain. The true prophet speaks out of obedience and love for God.

There is also the timing of the Lord. Over the years, I have heard people say things like, "Oh I know that person. They gave a word three months ago and it didn't come to pass. They gave a false prophesy." Then they proceed to put that person down as one to not be trusted. Because of space and time, I cannot go into all the teaching on this, but let me simply say, please do not be so fast to judge a word from the Lord as coming from a false prophet.

Can a TRUE prophet, one whose heart is submitted to the Lord in obedience to Him and His word, release an inaccurate word? The answer is yes. However, before we jump to saying that a prophet has released an inaccurate word or false word, let's look at the timing of the Lord. There are several keys to seeing the fulfillment of a prophetic word. Many times it is not the fact that the Lord failed or that the person who gave the word

failed, but rather the person who heard it failed to understand, interpret, believe, obey, respond or wait upon or act upon the word. We have a responsibility to respond appropriately to the word for it to come to pass.

Bill Hamon tells the story of people who received prophetic words from prophets that never came to pass. He said this about that, “People with wrong motivation and improper principles will never fulfill their prophecies, even if they were spoken by a mature, major prophet under the direct influence of the Holy Spirit. The soil of their soul is shallow and hard, and the deeper soil of their soul is filled with weed seeds of unrighteous practices. This type of people will never become productive and profitable to the church until they allow God to break up their shallow ground and pull the weeds of unChristlikeness out of their lives.”

God hates false, selfish manipulation of His people for personal gain, whether it is in a Christian businessman, prophet or pastor. Many times, we receive a word and think it should come to pass the next day. Months pass and we don’t see anything happening so we believe the prophet was false, but the reality is that we have missed the timing of the Lord. Some of the greatest failures of the greatest figures of the Bible resulted from their impatience with God.

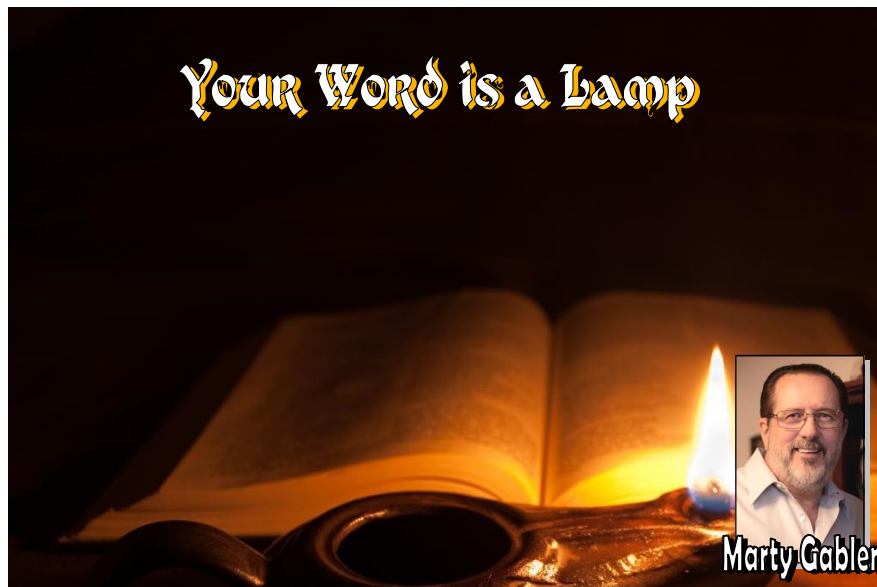
Abraham thought he was running out of time and tried to help God fulfill His word, the result was an Ishmael (Gen 16). He produced something in the flesh that opposed the fruit of the true prophetic promise. Saul is another who got tired of waiting on God and was impatient and it cost him his anointing. God has a time table for everything. Sometimes because we want something so badly or, even worse, we think we deserve something, we try to push it through NOW with our prayer or faith. Simply said, God has a time and season for everything, and He will not move outside of that regardless of how badly we want it or think we deserve it. Gal 4:4 tells us “when the fullness of time had come God sent forth His son”. God has a lot to say about time in scriptures: 1Tim 2:6, due time, Rom 5:6 fullness of time, Eph 1:10 Acts 1:7,8 Gal 6:9.

We can look at King Saul when he received a prophecy from Samuel. Samuel said “NOW” Saul’s kingdom would not continue. If we had heard that prophecy we would have expected it to come to pass immediately but in God’s time “NOW” was thirty-eight years later, (1Sam 13:1-4). Again, in 1Sam 15:28. Samuel told Saul that “this Day” God had torn his Kingdom from him. “This Day” was 24 years later when the kingdom was transferred to David. So, what am I saying in all this? We can trust God with our lives our future and with the words He has released in our lives. He knows His timetable and what needs to be in place for the fullness of time for everything to happen. They all require faith, trust and obedience.

May our response moving forward be “Lord Jesus what do I need to do so that I find myself fully prepared and equipped to walk in the word you have spoken over my life and so that my heart might be pure before you and mankind?

Lord may you take the coal from the alter and put it to my lips so that what flows through these lips comes from a pure heart, pure motive and in your timing. Amen.“

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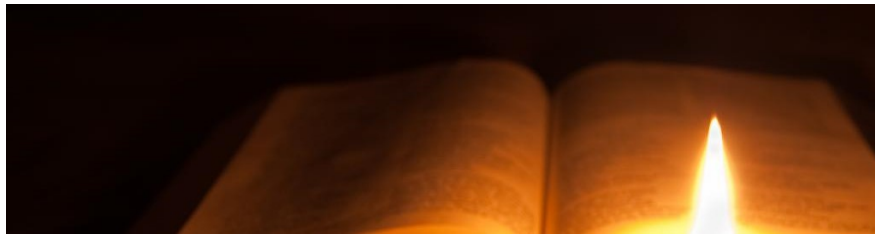
As I was praying I had a vision of a beam of light that seemed to be shining out of heaven. I had been praying for three people who were dealing with three different matters in their lives. As I prayed for each of them, I prayed one way and then, feeling like I had not “gotten the job done”, I prayed yet another way for each of them. Finally, I just stopped and asked the Lord, “How do I pray for these people?”. Holy Spirit then spoke to my heart Ps.119:105 — *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.* It was at that point I saw the beam of light. The beam was shining out of heaven right to the back of a person’s head. They were in a kneeling position with their hands folded in prayer. The Holy Spirit spoke to my heart again that I should pray that these persons would allow the truth of God’s Word to shine into their respective situations like a lamp to their feet and a light to their path so they could see how they had neglected or moved away from or misapplied His Word.



All of my life I have simply thought of that scripture as something general in the way of the Word of God sort of lighting up my path as I go through life. It was therefore apparent to me that I should have a certain amount of knowledge about the Bible and God's principles that I could sort of apply here and there as needed. Yet, that initial consideration of having knowledge of some of God's wisdom is not quite enough. Have you ever had anyone ask you why you didn't do such and such at a certain time when it would have benefited you? One time I was outside in the dark and tripped over a root and hurt myself. While telling the story and hoping for a little pity from the listener (because I was injured), they stopped me and asked me why I hadn't carried a flashlight outside with me. My immediate response was, "I guess I just got out of the habit of taking a flashlight with me." My life experience shows that it is possible to get out of the habit of doing something that is beneficial. David had a great habit that was quite beneficial and that is most beneficial for us today. He declared, *I have hidden Your Word in my heart, so that I might not sin against You.* (Ps.119:11, NKJV) The lack of benefit comes in when we forget the Word or layer concerns over it or layer doubt over it or just simply neglect it. At that point, we are not standing on it, applying it or acting in its wisdom, rather we are caught up with and focused on whatever we have allowed to become layered over it.

When we look closely at Ps.119:105 we notice that there are two labels, or descriptions, for the Word of God. They are not just two words to sort of emphasize the subject. They are two definite descriptions meant for two definite applications. The FIRST DESCRIPTION is "your Word is a LAMP to my feet". The Word of God is compared to a lamp and is given for application to "my feet". That description makes it specific and narrows it down to something personal. It may be possible that Father is speaking to me about something that He is not speaking to someone else about. It may be OK for someone else to walk a certain path or do certain things that it is not OK for me to walk or do. Perhaps we would spend less time in frustration or laboring under a sense of lack of fulfillment if we spent more time viewing what God's Word and will are trying to show us for *our* feet. The Word of God has something to say to us personally. Holy Father wants to put that narrow beam of light right on *our* feet.

We have actually been commanded by our Lord to "observe, guard, watch" His precepts "much, exceedingly, greatly" (Ps.119:4). Do we really "keep His precepts diligently" or are they just a last-resort kind of consideration? David, throughout his writings, shows his belief that the Word of God is supposed to be the first and continual resort above anything else. "Oh, that my ways were directed and established to observe



Your statutes [*hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying them*]!” (Ps.119:5, Amp) What he is praying there is, “Oh God, I would that all of my ways, everything I do, the way I go about things, the way I think, the way I begin my day and go about my day is simply to observe your statutes.” Observing and applying Yahweh’s statutes was David’s goal for getting up each morning and his intent throughout the day and his measure of the day when he laid down his head at night (the theme of Psalm 119). We should give no place for any departure from such habits.

The SECOND DESCRIPTION of the Word of God in Ps.119:105 is “...a LIGHT to my path”. That is the light that shines somewhat broader and shines on down the way so that we can see where we are headed and how we need to adjust our walk in order to stay on the path. The lamp shining on and around my feet enables me to see the present position of my feet and the direction they are heading and the light shining on my path enables me to know whether I am on course. The position of my feet and the direction they are pointing may be pleasing to my preferences but the light on my path brings a necessary comparison that may be telling me my preferences need to be adjusted to fit the path.

Holy Spirit is continually convicting and showing us Yahweh’s truths and principles and drawing us to them and to their life-giving, redemptive consequences. Yet, the enemy of our soul, the enemy of the purposes of God is striving so that circumstances (and their fallout) will mount up and layer over the Word of God that is in us. However, Holy Spirit’s ministry of shining that Light Beam into the midst of our thinking and considerations will open our eyes so that we may gain the victory of overcoming, and even ruling in, the circumstances that were intended to defeat us. The sufficient and effective Word of God is continually a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

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May 19 * Coldspring, TX
Victory Gospel Church
Pastor Carolyn Aycock
10:30am & 6:00pm
Info: 936-653-4509
victorygospel@peoplepc.com

May 26 * Cedar Park, TX
Dickinson House Church
Info: Don Dickinson
512-775-2105
5:30 pm

June 1
Marty & Kathy's 46th
Wedding Anniversary

June 13 * Coldspring, TX
Terrace Bible Study 5:30pm

June 16 * Coldspring , TX
Melissa Speaking at
Victory Gospel Church
Pastor Carolyn Aycock
10:30am
Info: 936-653-4509
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July 28 * Konowa, OK
Ministry assignment with
Apostle Jim Hodges


July 29 * Konowa, OK
Ministry assignment

July 30 * Konowa, OK
Ministry assignment

September 13 * Willis, TX
DREAMS VISIONS PROPHECY
Grace International Church
Pastors Joe & Virgie Bogue
7:00P.m. NO FEE
Team Gabler—Marty, Kathy, Melissa
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September 14 * Willis, TX
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9:30a.m.—1:00p.m.

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10:00a.m.

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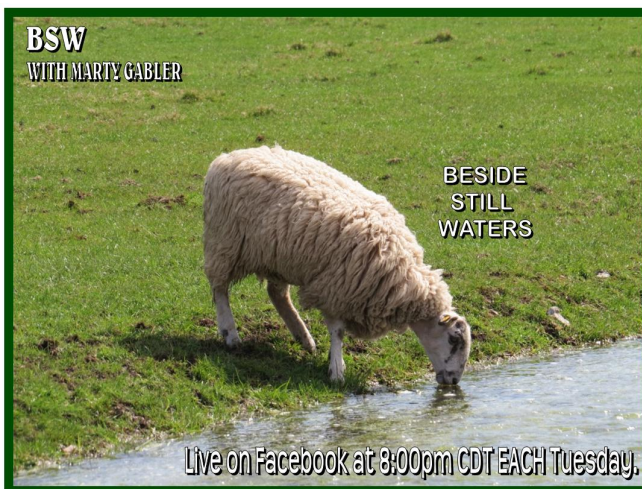
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