

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

The Lord talked to me about the importance of keeping focused and maximizing our ministry each day-each moment. He said it is an outflow from what He has been teaching me regarding eliminating speculation and growing in trust for Him. When we spend our time looking forward, we find ourselves living *through* moments to get to another moment. We must recognize the importance of the moments we are living *through*. The spiritual work and impact is in the day to day. He said the life-changing impact is made on the Monday (ordinary day) following the Sunday (day of great inspiration). It is in the on-on-one encounters or the small group settings that lives are changed long term. It is the seeking of Him on the workdays following an encounter with God on the Sunday. We must understand this such that we don't find ourselves looking past the spiritual workdays in order to get to the next great encounter with Him.

Thursday, May 2, 2019

The Lord talked to me about "spiritual relaxation" as discussed by Chambers in his writing from today. This relaxation, especially after a spiritual victory brings danger of the highest order. The Lord has just recently brought me out of this very thing. He told me that He was able to do this because of my solitude time with Him. Once again He told me it is my anchor (to Him). He reminded me that when we enter a new plateau spiritually it is no time to relax, but rather it is a time to recommit to embracing spiritual growth. It is not a time for reflection, but is a time for a whole new realm of learning. We must always be on alert against spiritual relaxation.

Friday, May 3, 2019

When The Lord provides us discernment about others, or about things such as His Church, it should drive us to compassion. It is His Heart forming in us and is directly related to having the Mind of Christ. Part of this compassion is a "hand-up" solution to the problem He shares through His Spirit. It should not lead us to be critical, but desire to help. Jesus Christ is always the solution to every human condition. This is why the Gospel is the good news.

When The Lord shares His heart with us, there is always a solution which when coupled with compassion leads us to be inclined to share.

Saturday, May 4, 2019

In the night, The Lord led me to think about a church completely immersed in His will. Following up from the night's revelation, The Lord said:

- It is God's will to protect us
- It is God's will to bless us
- It is God's will to pour Himself out upon us

We must understand that it is also God's will that we be sanctified.

It is God's will that we learn to walk in His will.

He told me that we are going to see what the world looks like when His people walk in His will.

Sunday, May 5, 2019

The Lord talked to me about death of self reliance. We must come to *complete* reliance on Him-this means every facet of our lives. He said this is the apex of the journey of discipleship-it is journey toward complete Oneness with Him. Complete and utter reliance on Him means we are responsible for nothing. We are only tasked with being obedient and letting Him have His way with us and in us.

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

The Lord told me that when we put ourselves completely in His Hands, we can trust that everything that happens to us will result in a demonstration of His love for us. This is truly an incredible thing. It is not circumstances that give us peace, joy, or hope. It is faith in who He is and how much He loves and cares for us that brings these things. Through trust, we can experience peace, joy and hope no matter what our circumstances may be. This is not a casual trust, though. This trust must be absolute. The reality is that He alone is trustworthy.

Yet, we battle for this peace. The Lord said we battle because man's nature and our flesh is at enmity with God. When we desire to trust God more, it is our own nature that is our greatest enemy. To achieve the bliss God desires us to have requires constant war against our flesh. The bliss that results is not because our circumstances suddenly become trial free, but rather it is because we believe that He is completely trustworthy. It is our faith in Him that brings us the bliss. (Scripture Ref: Job 13:15)

Friday, May10, 2019

The Lord talked to me about hearing His voice. He explained to me that it must be central to everything that I teach. There is nothing more important than the understanding that for a child of God to engage in a walk of discipleship, we must hear the voice of our Lord. It is something we must pursue at all cost.

The Lord said obedience is directly related to hearing Him, since we cannot be obedient to Him lest we hear His direction. He told me that He not only made this promise to me some time back, but it is a Scriptural promise (John 10:27-28). (perhaps even link this to "depart from me, for I never knew you").

This understanding is crucial to every disciple. If we hear Him once in a while, we must seek to hear Him more. If we hear Him once a month, we must seek more. If we hear Him a thousand times a day, we must seek more.

Saturday, May 11, 2019

The Lord talked about love. The Holy Spirit pours the love of God into our hearts (Romans 5:5). "The greatest of these is love." Love for The Lord-Love for others. The Lord said, "How can they love without obtaining the love from The Spirit?" This love is what Jesus references in Luke 14, beginning in verse 25.

This love must then be put into practice through the discipline that Peter talks about in 2 Peter chapter 1.

In His lengthy talk to me this morning, The Lord also tied in The Spirit's work as referenced in Hebrews, chapter 9.

Love is the apex of The Spirit's work in us, but the growth of this love and the other spiritual attributes requires our discipline and attentiveness to Him.

Monday, May 13, 2019

Conscience is the ability within man that attaches itself to the highest standard known, and then acts to remind us continuously of the demands of that standard-the eye of the soul (Chambers). This is how The Holy Spirit rules in our lives as we cooperate with Him such that God's commands are actually given to the life of His Son in us and consequently to our nature.

For us to walk in the will of God, two things must happen:

- We must understand His will
- We must be obedient to that which we understand

This is how we live in perfect harmony with God. The life of The Son of God in us is His Spirit. We walk in oneness with Jesus through obedience His Spirit within us. Through sensitivity to His Spirit we discern His will in all matters.

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 (From Solitude May 13)

The Lord told me there are two distinct ways to live a Christian life that we see in the Church today. One is based on a moral standard developed within us based on what we have learned, how we have been raised, how our character has been developed within our culture, etc. The second is in direct communication with and guidance from The Lord. No matter how close these appear to be in display of action, they are diametrically opposed. Most of the American Church falls into the first category. Jesus lived His life on earth not to a moral standard, but in accordance with His Father's will.

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

The Lord told me that when The Spirit of God falls upon man, it does not matter how high the moral standard is, he will recognize that he is out of alignment with God's standard. In reading Hebrews, chapter 10, this is what He revealed regarding the law. It is not good conduct in God's eyes, but rather alignment with God through Jesus Christ that man needs (unity, oneness, harmony). This is done only through The Holy Spirit.

The law demonstrates this need to us, and clutters our conscience with the inability to achieve this harmony on our own.

When a man is awakened by The Lord through The Holy Spirit, he may begin this journey of a harmonious relationship with God through obedience. The Lord told me there are many who will engage in this walk with Him. They must be taught-they must be led.

Thursday, May 16, 2019

The Lord talked to me about provision today. He asked me a number of questions that I think are basically rhetorical in nature. How many Christians truly understand that God is their source of provision? How many have experienced Him teaching them what their true needs are, and then experienced Him supplying those needs? He told me this is critical to our growth spiritually. The love of money is the root to ALL evil. He told me the love of money may be seen in many forms to many degrees. It must be dealt with in the life of a child of God. In our culture, this is often optional. When The Spirit of God begins to teach us this lesson, we can remove ourselves from the teaching as soon as it becomes uncomfortable by re-engineering our circumstances. Essentially, we remove ourselves from the Hand of the Potter.

We seek comfort. We seek security. If we are honest, we seek these things through the world-through money or monetary things. This does not align with the teachings of Jesus. He is our security. He is our provision-not the world or worldly things.

For the maturing of our faith, we must allow The Holy Spirit to work in this area without our interference if we truly desire to grow spiritually. Rather than interfere, we must cooperate with Him. If we are striving for comfort and security in this life, is this not the love of money in a disguised form? If we believe that God alone is our provision, why is this necessary?

Friday, May 17, 2019

(Follow up to yesterday): Here is a problem we face in our spiritual walk. We do not orchestrate our walk with The Spirit. It is all Him, and it is about submission. When we choose to take ourselves out of the Potter's Hands in a particular area of instruction, I believe He does not proceed into another area. Chambers states "the first habit to develop is the habit of recognizing God's provision for us." If this is true-this is our first test (which also has a tie to our tendency toward love of money), we cannot progress in our spiritual walk if we eliminate or bypass this test. Perhaps this is one reason why The Holy Spirit has such limited influence in the western church (namely America). Does it not boil down to a form of love of money?

Saturday, May 18, 2019 (from May 17 Solitude)

The Lord said my mission (and concurrently the mission of the Church) is to set aside my own interests-my own safety, security, and comfort-for the sake of the Gospel. He did the work for redemption through His substitutionary atonement. He set the example of setting aside His glory for the sake of humanity. The mission of the Church is to follow the same example and set ourselves and our interests aside for the sake of the Gospel-to take up our cross and follow Him.

Monday, May 20, 2019

The Lord talked about history in the Church-specifically the American Church. He said that throughout much of history, the Church has not been led by The Holy Spirit. Culture, and specifically our nation may have looked different than it does now because of a couple of reasons. First, the culture overall throughout most of our history has been led by Judeo-Christian values as its moral compass. This does not necessarily mean the Church was largely surrendered to The Holy Spirit. However, the Church led the culture and the Church used the Bible as its moral compass. The second aspect is very important. The Lord said we must understand that evil within our culture has ramped up its warfare from a spiritual standpoint. This is why The Holy Spirit becomes even more important because in the culture of evil that we face today, man's strength is insufficient to hold ground without being surrendered to The Spirit. This is true individually and corporately. It is not sufficient to live like Jesus. In order to fight this battle, we must let Jesus live through us.

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

The Lord explained to me a fundamental problem in the Church is that over the years, man has established "reasonable limits" to attach to the teachings of Jesus. He specifically discussed Matthew 33- "seek first the Kingdom." We determine for ourselves how much we seek or how long it should take, etc. What it really comes to mean to us is based on the depth of our interpretation and what seems reasonable.

The reality is that there is no limit. We must seek the Kingdom until the Kingdom reigns completely within us. It is not a mindset, but a real Kingdom in which Jesus Christ is King. The Kingdom of Heaven here on earth is the realm of The Holy Spirit.

His righteousness is to be formed in us. God's righteousness is Jesus manifested. His righteousness became flesh, and His righteousness is to be formed in us.

This seeking first the Kingdom is not establishing a frame of mind, but is the core to a journey of discipleship in allowing The Holy Spirit to form Jesus in us as we continually surrender.

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

The Lord talked to me about Oneness with Him, and the necessary Trust we must have in Him. Oneness with God should be seen as the climax of our journey. Trust in Him is a vital component to this unity. These are to be constantly growing together. Our Oneness with Him is ever evolving (deepening), and therefore our Trust in Him should be continuously growing. This Trust is strengthened and proven through trials.

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

The Lord talked to me about how the Church over the years has made discipleship shallow. We have simplified everything. We have created shortcuts for the relationship with Him. We have made the Gospel to have no depth. This is why the power has been largely removed from the church. This does not mean that God does not do powerful things, but our lives individually do not reflect this power throughout most if not all of the Church.

We have made things shallow. We have made them easy. We have made the route to a relationship easy. We have reduced "in Jesus name" to words we say rather than His character and

nature being displayed through us. We have taken the power because we have not been willing to pay the price that is necessary with an understanding that there is no shortcut. For the Church to convey the power that God desires, we must have those within the church that are willing to pay the price.