**ADDENDUM #1 (September 25, 2022)**

**Tuesday, July 26, 2022 (Sermon #3 Addition)**

The Lord told me that (as Dennis Prager often teaches) the actions of a man as far society is concerned are all that matters. We are taught that by learning what is right, and then through self-discipline and self-control (willpower) we act according to these teachings. While this is the path for a civilized society, it is not what the redemptive work of the Cross brings about, and is not satisfactory for God. This is the entirety of Jesus teaching, and what the Sermon on the Mount really drives home. True purity – true Holiness comes from a new heart that is pure.

God’s standard is not good outward behavior. God’s standard is true inner purity. This is where the Church is gone astray. The former is works. The latter is Grace (through Faith), which is the work of God (the Holy Spirit within) alone “lest any man should boast.”

The Lord talked about the need for His people to understand the destination – the higher standard that redemption truly establishes and understand how to get there; not by teaching, but by the work of the Holy Spirit within – through surrender.

[The Lord explained that my journey has been a little different in that I learned to walk with Him first; then learned of the destination later because of the alcohol.]

*Prayer time (Sermon #2 Addition)*

*The infrastructure is in place (just like when Jesus came the first time; i.e. Roman Empire). The missionary infrastructure is in place to get the Gospel to every corner of the world. The fire only needs to be lit.*

*Reference Luke chapter 6 – the foundation –“the journey.” This journey to build the foundation takes time!*

*This is part of God’s plan to teach us redemption. If the constraint of civilization (teachings) is removed, it becomes easier to see who we really are as human beings. Then we can recognize our deep need for true redemption. (This is what happened to me – alcohol, and what is currently happening to our society – the removal of restraint).*

*NOTE: Reference Solitude Journal September 25, 2022!*

**Friday, July 29, 2022**

“I used Moses to set my people free of their bondage. Is not your ministry to be the same? To set My people free of the bondage of the (man – made) religious system that enslaves them?”

“The pathway to purity for My people begins with your purity. The pathway for an unblemished Church begins with you being unblemished. Everything The Spirit has done in your life has been to get you to where I desired, such that you may then lead My people there.”

“The Spirit gives you the desires that are in your heart. He gives you the will power to stay the course. He gives you the determination to press on.”

“The (spiritual) gifts are always a means to that end.”

*Morning prayer time*

*I felt like there was a lesson somewhere in yesterday’s encounter. This morning – one word-hunger. “You must hunger for it.” He said the key with the gifts of the Spirit is hunger.”*

*Is our hunger not a reflection of our faith?*

*Is our faith not a reflection of the work of The Spirit within?*

*Ultimately, while He gifts us, is He not also responsible for the spiritual desire we have, and for the faith to believe we can possess it?*

*Is it not “as the wind blows?” Some desire tongues. Some other gifts. This morning, I examine (quiet time), what do I(Kevin) hunger for? I believe that periodic self examination during our prayer time is very important.*

*Our cooperation with The Spirit to mature/surrender our desires plays a vital part in our Faith. He shapes us, but we must allow ourselves to be shaped!!*

**Saturday, August 27, 2022 (From the Night)**

“Do you know Jesus?”

The whole emphasis of Christianity is to know Jesus – and then help others know Jesus. We have turned “spreading the Gospel” into converting people to our way of thinking – our ideas – our doctrine. Christianity is about knowing Jesus (personally).

“My people’s hearts are far from Me.”

Why evil? Why bad? Without the bad, could we truly know good? Without evil, could we truly recognize God’s goodness? Without our own corruption by sin, can we truly recognize our need for God?

Consider the fall and my own “fall.” They had to explore their own path. I had to explore my own path – to truly find God.

Even if we could know God without evil, can we really fully appreciate Him without the presence of evil showing (revealing) us the contrast? Joy needs sorrow. Comfort needs pain. Rest needs anxiety. Peace needs conflict.

In my recent study of Church history, it seems that we have never gotten it right. We went from Jesus and Pentecost very quickly to “institutional religion” which varied by culture/region. This was very urban in the beginning – and signified by beautiful buildings. People had to come to the educated to be taught. They had to be told what to believe.

The Reformation changed this such that it reoriented the focus from educated or the elite – to the Scriptures for the common man (laity). We then shifted from institutional driven to Scripture driven relationship/doctrine.

**Where is the Holy Spirit?**

The enemy then went about systematically eliminating the Bible, which has greatly affected morality.

The Church – especially over the last thousand years -has had to decide to be steadfast (rigid) in Scripture (traditional) at the risk of being “irrelevant,” or rather to assimilate to a culture that has become increasingly secular/ humanist (in modern times), or blend with other religions in more ancient times to remain relevant.

**Solitude**

The Lord talked about knowing God. We must come to know God for any of this to make sense. If we don’t know Him (personally) everything in our belief system is subject to attack and distraction. However, as we know Him – more and more – the things we know – we truly know – and the things we don’t know, we are able to accept: Because He is God and we know HIM.

**Wednesday, August 31, 2022**

**Quiet time**

Even at this stage; after all of this time on the journey, while I have great insight into God; His ways; His plans (only because He has shared them), God’s ways are still not my ways (man’s ways). When He acts, He asks me to trust Him – completely.

This even creates another frustration that I must deal with – the probability that it will always be this way.

In the midst of these times, I always debate (foolishly) that maybe it would be easier if I just take control and do things my way (as crazy as this sounds).

**Solitude**

“Focus issue – circumstances and cares of this world are the problem-we are to live a life – hidden with Christ in God.” (Colossians 3:3) the Lord told me to press on – that I may see “rivers of living water flow through me.” Become that vessel. He told me I have no idea the real magnitude of that – of what is coming in that regard. He said I will have more clarity.

*Morning Revelation*

*From yesterday, very important philosophical question(s) arise(s) in me (mainly during the night).*

*The question(s) has its roots in two fundamental realities. God’s sovereignty; and my struggle to understand it, and my battle to trust Him completely.*

*It is interesting that this battle is coming to me (again) at this stage. I have often called it a journey of trust. At times ( at least for me), everything seems to be about my struggle to trust the Lord in all things.*

*So often, especially in relation to trials, I just don’t understand why God does what he does. Partial help? Delayed help? Incomplete? Temporary? But I know He doesn’t have to do it this way – so it must be for a lesson; But the lesson is not usually immediately recognizable? Why?*

*Is it the enemy? Is it because of the spiritual battle? Is it presumptuous of me to even assume myself a target of the enemy? Maybe it would be easier if I just relented so the enemy would leave me alone? Maybe (at times) I even wish God would leave me alone? Perhaps , it could be considered bad luck in circumstances, but as God is sovereign, I simply don’t believe in luck – but is this even true? Are these things because I am on the journey, and God is working; or does God do these things to all? Does the enemy essentially leave us alone if we are not seeking God? In the midst of all of these questions, I know in my heart that I must simply trust God and press on. Even one last question – why do I have- at this stage- so many questions?*

**Thursday, September 1, 2022**

The Lord said, “the fire is coming.” He said this three times.

\*\*\*\*\*Holiness\*\*\*\* “Inside and outside”

“it is the will of God to make My people Holy. You must remember this in your interaction with people. If they are not becoming Holy, it is to their own detriment. They are holding up the process.”

Unblemished Church.

*Quiet time*

*The new start of the Church is coming (restart) (second coming?)*

*Chambers writes: “do I believe I need to be holy? God has only one intended destiny for mankind – holiness. He created us to be holy. Holiness is not simply what God has given me, but what God has given me that is being exhibited in my life.”*

*We must become Holy to enter the presence of our Father (John 17).*

**Saturday, September 3, 2022**

**From the night**

A great deal of discussion lately on trust. (Reference Charles Martin book: What If It’s True? Chapter 9).

During the night I reviewed in my mind my “crises of faith” – times when I was at crossroads over the years. There have been more than I thought; probably at least a dozen. Counting minor ones, probably several more.

As I contemplated, it seems that two very important points came to mind; I believe brought forth by the Spirit. It occurred to me that every time (to the best of my remembrance), I decided to trust the Lord, within a relatively short period of time, the healing began – peace began to establish itself over the wound, hurt, anxiety, fear, etc.

The second thing that came to mind was that trust, was (is) a decision. The Lord will let us struggle in the mire as long as we choose. Peace will not come until we decide to trust Him, and He will not force it – ever.

The other thing was that in most cases, even though the struggle was deep, for me it was not a lengthy period. I knew I had to trust Him, and I knew I could because of the alcoholism. He had already taught me that I must not wallow in despair or discouragement in order to keep alcohol at bay, and He had already proven Himself powerful over my strongest enemy. These factors expedited my struggle – again – not that this decision was ever easy.

Our Faith is strengthened through tears. Our Faith is built on trust. If we don’t trust the Lord, we cannot have Faith that pleases Him. Trust does not come easy, and it has many facets. The Lord is not looking for casual or shallow trust, but rather He is looking for absolute – genuine trust. He will orchestrates circumstances to allow us to choose to make this so.

The other interesting aspect of these events was the timing. They were highly concentrated between 2015 (fall) and the end of 2017. A few occurred after, and just this week was the most recent – although it was probably the first since 2019

I noticed a shift from personal issues to issues in our Nation. The trials related to our nation (as a focus for me personally) began in 2020 which was interesting, and the shift in focus seems to have begun in 2018 (fall); with perhaps a slight overlap. I find this fascinating relating to the five – five – five – (five) scenario the Lord has shared with me.

*Later Revelation*

*Very early in our journey, The Spirit will begin – as a priority – to teach us the meaning and fullness of God’s sovereignty. We must reconcile our views of God with the view of God through Job. Tthis is very important, as we view God personally, and view our own journey.*

**Thursday, September 8, 2022**

**From the night**

It came to me as clear as day that our problem as Christians is the world. As I have done some recent research regarding Church history, I believe our struggle has always been with the world.

We are to be in the world, but not of the world. We must dwell in it, but have absolutely no attachment to the world. This presents great difficulties. In the centuries after Jesus, we simply have not solved this problem.

How do we dwell in the world, using its resources, enjoying its comforts, receiving the blessings of God that are presented in the physical world, and yet maintain that we have absolutely no attachment to the world?

We must begin with this as our basis: Is this truly what the Lord desires of us? I don’t think there is any question what Scripture presents to us.

There are two Kingdoms. We cannot belong to both. One is the world. One is the Kingdom of Heaven – here on earth. While Jesus has authority over both (over all things in fact), He exercises His rule in the Kingdom of Heaven. (This is God’s plan and His choice).

Scripture presents some very difficult truths that we must consider personally. The summary of the Scriptures is this: We cannot dwell in both kingdoms. If we have attachment to the world, and are not willing to break that attachment (to allow The Spirit to break that attachment), then we cannot dwell in the Kingdom of Heaven

The Kingdom of Heaven is the realm of the Holy Spirit’s activity within.

The world is the kingdom of darkness. If we are children of the world, wehare children of darkness. If we live in attachment to the world as our choice, we walk in darkness.

Children of the light are those that walk in the light of the Holy Spirit’s guidance and walk toward complete surrender.

We are to influence the world but not be of the world. We really have no idea the extent of the impact of this influence in the affairs of the world, but we know that the influence is to be spiritual. We have not yet seen the influence and of an unblemished Church.

From the very beginning, we have distorted the true mission of Christianity, the Church and the Gospel

The Gospel is about a personal relationship with Jesus. The Church has seemingly always sought to dictate terms, doctrine, lifestyle, agenda, etc., to the masses.

Jesus died such that each person – through the indwelling of The Holy Spirit – has direct access to God, His teaching, everything about Himself.

I have long thought that theCchurch has lost touch with the Holy Spirit, but the reality may be that the Church has sought to replace the Holy Spirit. This is the very Church that the Holy Spirit built.

Before you cast this aside as ludicrous, consider that the very creation of God, crucified God.

*Quiet time*

*The Holy Spirit wants to direct us personally. He wants to teach us Scripture. He wants to reveal God to us and help us know God. The Church is the masses – not the leadership (only). The job of Church leadership – in any capacity – is to teach the people this and to shepherd them in this direction. They should mentor this, but only first after this reality becoming true in their lives!!*

*Back to “influence” of culture mentioned previously. This is one of the things that makes America so unique. There is separation of Church and state in that there is to be no state-sponsored religion. However, with the Constitution, and namely the balance of power within government that the Constitution establishes, the influence of Christianity – and mainly the character, morality and ethics it produces will have great impact on the culture – its governance, entertainment, all facets.*

*Two problems have really impacted this influence in the last 50 years. First, Christians have allow morality to fall from objective truth and be politicized (i.e. abortion). Second, the Church has become very secularized. (Reference Chambers September 8)*

**Solitude**

The Lord told me that the revelations I received this morning – beginning very early – are very important. He told me He will let me know what to do with them – how to convey them.

He told me to begin – as time permits – looking at the sermons He has given me.

**Wednesday, September 21, 2022**

The Lord told me that He has made me into my utmost for His highest; “my best for our Father.” He told me this is the example – for His people (He reference Joshua); to lead His people where He wants them to go.

He referred to Chambers, and my quiet time notes.

“Many are called, few are chosen,” – because few choose to follow absolutely.

The Lord talked about surrender and obedience. Obedience equals surrender. This is how we follow.

*From the night/quiet time*

*“An unblemished Church. A Church without spot, stain or wrinkle.” God wants the absolute best for us, but to have our best, we must be at our best which is only through oneness with Him. Oneness with our Father is only possible through Holiness (a product of sanctification), and Holiness is only through Jesus. This is not simply being under the cover of Jesus – this does give us salvation, but not oneness.*

*Jesus (nature) being formed within us gives us Holiness – His Holiness and oneness.*

*[This is cleansed (Salvation) and Beautified (Sanctified)].*