Monday, January 7, 2019

I again apologize that I have not been posting as frequently as in the past. I have expressed before that for some time it seems that much of what The Lord has been speaking to me has been of a personal nature, and I have not felt led to post near as many things for the public. Today, I believe The Lord essentially gave me the culmination of the last two to three years of my journey. At the risk of being overly dramatic, I want to state up front that today's post may well be the most important word to The Lord's Church that I have ever written. I expect you will be taken with the simplicity of the message, and I plead with you not to dismiss today's writing due to its simplicity.

I often speak of an overall concern in today's Western Church with depth of our faith, depth of discipleship, watered down Gospel, etc. Today, The Lord talked to me about *intimacy*. In summary, this is the focus of His 2020 Vision, which is the foundation of the ministry that He has laid out for us. This began in 2016, shortly after our meetings at Silver Heights Camp. Intimacy with mankind is His focus for His Church.

The Lord reminded me that very early on He told me that "His people's hearts are far from Him." He has reminded me a number of times along the way. Today, He told me that this coming move of God is to reconcile this. This is Revival. This is the revelation and realization that an Awakening brings. His Spirit descends on mankind in a supernatural manner and opens our eyes to an understanding of just how far from God we have drifted-collectively and individually. In His mercy, He provides revelation to us how far away from God we truly are.

We are here for His pleasure. Our intimacy with Him is pleasing to Him. We must understand that our only means of intimacy with God is through walking in His light as directed moment by moment by The Holy Spirit.

When The Lord spoke to His disciples in John, chapter 16, verse 7 He told them "it is better for you that I go." We understand this to be the outpouring of The Holy Spirit which occurred at Pentecost. We seek this same power and manifestation today. However, I believe we miss the point that while the disciples experienced great intimacy with The Lord during His earthly ministry, due to the cross they were going to experience far greater intimacy upon receiving the indwelling of The Holy Spirit that resulted from the Cross. The power that came from Pentecost was meant to be a catalyst for intimacy with Him.

God created man for intimacy. Everything that happens in this creation is meant to bring us into intimacy with Him. The fullness of the Gospel provides for and accomplishes intimacy with God through the work of The Holy Spirit working the Cross throughout our being. This is His desire. This is His purpose.

Our purpose and very existence is to find intimacy with God, and is only possible through Jesus Christ by the working of The Holy Spirit within us.

The entirety of Scripture is to help us understand and seek intimacy with Him. Reference: Revelation: "I stand at the door and knock."

John, Chapter 17

Old Testament references: "I will be their God and they will be my people" Song of Songs in its entirety

As stated at the beginning, I ask you not to dismiss this in its simplicity, but rather to earnestly pursue The Lord's guidance as you ponder two questions:

- 1.) Do I truly feel intimacy with Jesus Christ my Lord?
- 2.) Am I growing in this intimacy?

This is the work of The Holy Spirit. If the answer to either question is no, The Holy Spirit is not reigning in your life!

It is my belief that this is all that matters.

As we are on the cusp of perhaps the greatest awakening in history, we must not allow our focus to drift to the things God does or is going to do. We must not focus on the supernatural power that He is going to display in order to get our attention. We must ensure that we focus on greater intimacy with Him, and set our hearts and will to give up everything in pursuit of this intimacy. Once again, nothing else matters.

It is time we became a Church whose hearts are not far from God.

Monday, January, 28, 2019

I feel led to provide an update regarding some things The Lord is leading. I have many things from my solitude that I want to post over the next several weeks. The theme from Him has been quite simple-Surrender, Surrender, Surrender!

In addition, we are beginning to plan to resume our trips this summer. In the next few days, we will be adding a contribution page to offer the opportunity for our readers to partner with us. We don't undertake this lightly. We have pursued The Lord's direction on this matter for at least two years now. He authorized this some time ago, but just to be sure, we continued to wait. We ask that you seek God's guidance as to whether or not to support us and share in our travel expenses. Basically, we are looking for seventy seven (77) people who are willing to contribute \$50.00 per month as possible.

Financial requests are not something we will undertake on a regular basis, and will never be taken lightly or without intensive pursuit of The Lord's direction.

This will be a secure Contribution Page that can be accessed through a donation button on the Home Page. Thank you.

Additional writing from February 13, 2019

The Lord led me to review my writings, and I felt this may be helpful as well.

The Lord talked to me about Chambers writing today. He said this is the essence of our spiritual walk. We want to hear from God, and we want Him to hear us. How much are we willing to pursue this? How hard do we seek to hear Him? Do we truly seek His Face? On this journey, there are times when we don't hear clearly, or even at all. Do we still seek? Do we seek harder, or do we give up? The Lord said it does not make sense to us that God wants us to serve Him, but we can't discern His leading. It is not meant to make sense. God's ways are not our ways. We are called to remain faithful and keep seeking. We must-by Faith-know that He is there.

This is being faithful in the small things, and then at a point in time, we receive the blessing of greater understanding, greater sensitivity, greater discernment. But we must remain faithful. We must be tested.