

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.
For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.
1 John 4:18

Being “perfected” in love is translated in the Greek as *teleioo* and it means to be made perfect, complete, whole, to add what is wanting- in order to render full, to consecrate, to be satisfied.

We all know the acronym for Fear is: False Evidence Appearing Real.

The question posed to last night's group (as well as myself):

What is false in our lives that is posing evidence as to appearing real?

What counterfeit has been delivered that you have mistakenly received to be God's best masterpiece for you and it's actually a Satanic imposed hologram? (What I am referencing is a projected image but isn't the real and actual thing as the enemy works deceptively in the area of perception.)

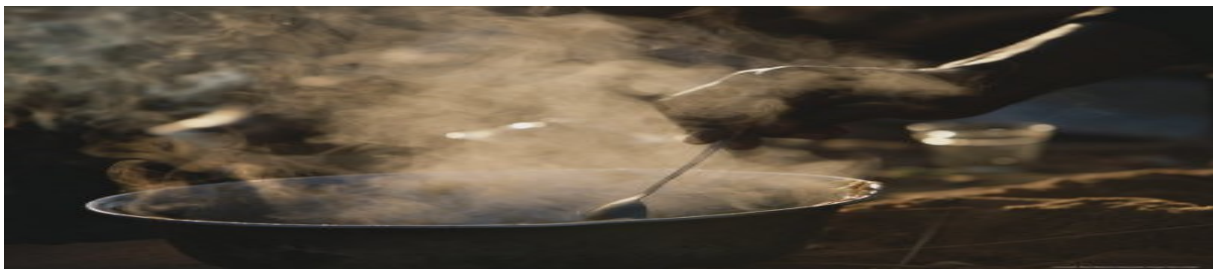
I truly believe in my heart we cannot fully make quality Kingdom decisions- healthy decisions for our lives UNTIL this “perfected in Him” takes place.

It is out of THIS place; we see through His eyes of what His plans, purposes, and intentions are for our lives.

So many times we run to and fro trying to make this relationship work, try this career change, geographical changes, and continue trying to “add to” our lives external components that only internal components can administer to.

When we are perfected in God's love- we understand the price that was paid for us. The ransom for humanity came at a high cost because God saw us as quality; a prized possession worth paying the price of Heaven's most valuable asset. His Son, Jesus Christ, paid the ultimate price for you and I.

The stakes are too high my friend to forfeit what we can have now, in lieu of what He has or may be attempting to get and bring into our lives.





I was reminded last night of how Esau forfeited his birthright for a pot of stew.

In Genesis 25: 29-34 Scripture says when Esau came in from the field he was *weary* and said to Jacob, “Please feed me a pot of stew for I am weary” ...

Jacob said, “Sell me your birthright as it is this day”.

So the transaction took place.

Esau’s appetite was so much greater to him in that moment than his inherited birthright was.

We all have appetites in life and I am not only referring to our physical hunger for food but our appetites for other pleasures which God wants us to have; but we have to play by the rules if we want His best in our lives.

What appetite is in your life that has become so large it has clouded your view of what God desires and wills for your life?

Is there an appetite for success, fame, fortune, titles, relationship, status change, for promotion, elevation, ambitions that are way out of control to the point they are driving you; which is contrary to being led by the Spirit of God?

Do you have appetites for much food, drugs, alcohol, sexual encounters outside of God’s intentions and boundaries, pornography, gambling, or gossiping?

(Proverbs 18:8 says the words of a gossip goes down as a sweet morsel), etc.

Notice the word in that Scripture regarding Esau that it says he was “weary”.

Apart from simply meaning to be worn down, tired, and sluggish, the Etymology Dictionary defines “weary” as being “intoxicated”. There is more inebriation in our lives than we think giving momentary highs and fixes that never truly satisfy long term. Only God can do that.

What is it that you crave more than the presence of God?



We have to see ourselves through the eyes of our King. If we see ourselves as others have said, or what we even think (often lowly) about ourselves; and without the proper perspective we will cave to “weariness” and to our appetites for momentary pleasures and if left unchecked and un-repented of; we will forfeit our inheritance here in the earth, as well as eternally, for that momentary pleasure.

In closing, I would like to add one more thing that came to me while writing this; In Scripture many died, were filled with sorrow, lost Kingdoms, power, leadership, loved ones, etc. and all because of these four words, “He thought to himself....”
What are you thinking to yourself today... ??

We are not to be led by our thoughts, our intentions, our will, or even our heart; we are to be led by the Spirit of God in us. As we are led out of that place; our thoughts, intentions, our will, and heart will follow suit.

We cannot compromise any longer in our lives.

Let your yes be yes and your no be no. There are no gray areas with God. There are no excuses with God; and where there are appetites and strong emotions involved; a caution flag should go up causing you to stop, pause, reflect, see if it lines up with God’s word, pray, and then wait for God’s answer before proceeding.