

### **Monday, April 1, 2019**

The Lord talked to me again today about interceding for others. He told me that how we sincerely interact with others is a measuring stick of our true relationship with Him. He loves His Church. He loves His people. As He grows in us, we will love others. We will take time for them. We will listen to them. We will connect to them and their needs.

The Lord said our interactions with others is a two-way work. As we have time for others, it is serving them. In addition, the fact that we sincerely care enough to take time for them is validating our relationship with Him. He cares, so as He grows in us, we care.

The Lord pointed out another aspect. He said one thing He has made clear to me is that man cannot determine the spiritual condition of another. In relation to this, those we interact with are not based on our choosing. These encounters are appointed by God, not based on any of our own methods of assessment. It is The Lord's heart that we follow, not our own interests. He desires to work, listen, love, through us.

### **Tuesday, April 2, 2019**

The Lord said, " You have been crucified with Christ. It is not longer you that lives, but Christ in you. Nevertheless, press on such that you never lose that which you have attained. Your message to others is that God's purpose for them is the same-Christ in me. Let your passion and your devotion to me continue to grow."

### **Wednesday, April 3, 2019**

The Lord said the walk in The Spirit is a walk of transformation. It is a walk toward Jesus and His likeness. He told me that this is the journey I have walked for more than 5 1/2 years. He said I must be confident in this in order that I can lead others on the journey. I must know that the journey I have traveled has been led by The Spirit, and I must know that I continue day by day to follow The Spirit as He leads me to Jesus. I must know that if others follow the example I set, The Spirit will lead them to Jesus as well.

I may not be confident along the path, but as long as I maintain obedience to The Spirit, I have confidence in where the path leads, and that those that follow will arrive at the same destination, even though the path will be different.

### **Thursday, April 4, 2019**

The Lord talked to me this morning about His sovereignty. He said, all of creation is under His authority. Man is the exception (because He allows man to have free will). God is glorified when man, created in the image of God, with a completely free will, chooses to make God sovereign in his life. God never imposes His will on man. Yet, when we die to our natural self, God becomes completely sovereign in us through the domain of His Spirit. This is the Kingdom of Heaven-here on earth.

It is not as if God is not authoritative over mankind. He chooses to let us chose to make Him our God. This brings glory to Him.

We must understand and remember:

- God always rules independently of man
- God sometimes rules through man
- It is God's desire to rule within man

### **Friday, April 5, 2019**

The Lord told me that as we continue on this journey, the deep things of God are revealed to us more and more by The Holy Spirit. Our eyes are continually opened to see deeper things. He said

these are the things that Paul often referred to as mysteries. They are secrets that He brings to us through revelation as we grow.

The Lord said there is a two-fold responsibility that comes from this receiving these things. We are to share the revelation as we teach others, and we are to teach others to pursue the revelation on their own. This is the journey of discipleship.

#### Morning Revelation

The Cross provides access for every human being into the presence of God. Beginning at the moment the Gospel takes hold and provides for our Salvation, and continuing for eternity.

#### **Saturday, April 6, 2019**

The Lord talked to me about our depth of understanding. He said many things exceed our ability to comprehend. For example, Heaven is far greater than we can comprehend. Hell is far worse than we can comprehend, and the Cross is far deeper than we comprehend.

We are flawed vessels that become instruments for the Kingdom of Heaven. The Lord said that even when we die to ourselves, we are still flawed. However, death to our flesh makes us fully useable for the Kingdom. The more flesh that remains active in us (in control), the less useable we are as instruments. It does not prevent Him from using us, but we are less useful.

As we seek Jesus, our desire to become more useful grows. Because of this desire, as we are obedient to The Holy Spirit, our usefulness to God grows. This increasing depth of maturity is the work of the Cross.

#### **Sunday, April 7, 2019**

The Lord talked to me about excitement today. He said pursuit of excitement is killing the Church. There is little waiting, which is indicative of little obedience. Typically, we move from the excitement of salvation to whatever we can find in the church activities that will provide the next excitement. This is even accentuated through church policies to get "plugged in." This pursuit of excitement does not provide (or possibly even allow for) Regeneration. It feeds the flesh, which beginning at the moment of salvation is to begin its death.

The Gospel is Redemption to Regeneration. For a Christian walk of discipleship, they are inseparable. There is a continuous link that develops under the direction of The Holy Spirit. The irony is that He provides the excitement, but it is a spiritual excitement rather than fleshly. The Lord said excitement comes through a walk of discipleship, but it is not to be pursued.

#### **Monday, April 8, 2019**

The Lord told me today is Day One for His Church. I experienced Day One in 2013, and then The Lord subsequently took me through a five year journey that His Church embarks on today. He told me today is my Day One to lead His Church.

This morning, The Holy Spirit gave me something to share tonight as we gather.

Over the last few days, He has led me to Josiah. The Book of Law was discovered during the temple work that Josiah had initiated. The reading of this Book led to Revival for Israel-perhaps the greatest they ever experienced. We must rediscover God's Word in the Church. In fact, there are two things that have become increasingly diminished. As stated, God's Word is one. The second is relationship with and guidance by The Holy Spirit. These two things are going to change over the next years.

We are going to see a mighty work of The Lord, but we must understand that there is something required of us. This is something we must seek from Him personally.

I encourage everyone to begin spending more time in the Bible, with an intention on seeking The Spirit's guidance. Perhaps begin with the story of Josiah in 2 Kings, and then read Jesus' Words in John beginning with chapter 13.

Oswald Chambers' "utmost" has this to say about The Holy Spirit today.

"as you have given Him authority over all flesh that He should give eternal life to as many as you have given Him (John 17:2). The term *Holy Spirit* is actually another name for the experience of eternal life working in human beings here and now. The Holy Spirit is the deity of God who continues to apply the power of the atonement of the Cross of Christ to our lives. Thank God for the glorious and majestic truth that His Spirit can work the very nature of Jesus into us, if we will only obey Him."

### **Tuesday, April 9, 2019**

The Lord told me I must confidently convey my relationship with Him such that it plants a seed of belief in others. Chamber's writing today speaks of "seeing Jesus" as an individual experience. As we know, we serve an invisible God Who conveys Himself to us spiritually. When He has shown Himself to us, we have no doubts during the experience (although doubt may come later). I believe many, if not most Christians yearn for The Lord to reveal Himself in an unmistakable manner. For this reason, The Lord said it is important that we share our experience confidently when He does. For those that are hopeful of this experience, it plants a seed of belief. The degree of belief (or unbelief) varies between individuals, but the seed will bloom when The Lord reveals Himself to them personally.

It remains the responsibility of each Christian to remain steadfast in seeking Jesus. One cannot bring the experience to another-it comes directly from The Lord Himself.

From personal experience, I must convey that when the experience comes, it is well worth the wait.

### **Wednesday, April 10, 2019**

The Lord essentially laid out a three step process that His people need to undergo toward discipleship.

(1) They must understand the cost-which is completely giving up the world and all rights to ourselves. (2) We must come into agreement with Him that it is our desire to do whatever it takes to move in this direction and STAND BY THIS COMMITMENT NO MATTER WHAT COMES OUR WAY. (3) We must work in cooperation with The Holy Spirit toward the death of the entirety of our nature. We must allow Him to search us to the depths of our soul, and through obedience we must allow Him to take the cross deeper and deeper toward our death.

It is important that we understand the two facets of this death. First The Spirit will eliminate what we think of as sin which is essentially immorality in thought and deed. Next is even more difficult. We must understand that man has a "good" nature which is still of the flesh-of the sinful nature, part of self, and at odds with-as an enemy of God.. We must recognize that this "good nature" must also die. As stated earlier, we must invite/allow The Spirit of God to search us and do battle with this dual nature. We must allow this through cooperation with our spirit and through our own will to put the entirety of our flesh to death through constant submission. This is part of the depth of the cross applied to each Christian. The result: "Christ in me." (Ref: Galatians 2:20)

### **Thursday, April 11, 2019**

Jesus Christ is the First-fruits. He was the Nature and Divinity of God lived out in human flesh. Because of Jesus life, death, and resurrection, He made it possible for the Nature of God to be lived out in all human beings (those that make Him their Lord). His Holiness is in me. It is not about what I do, but what He does. He accomplishes this through agreement, cooperation, and obedience to Him by the guidance of His Spirit.

The Lord said Holiness is not only imparted to us because of Him, but is also generated in us as He grows in us. Imparted Holiness is how God sees us because of Jesus. He doesn't see us as Holy because of who we are, but only because of Who Jesus is. The generated Holiness is what comes from the inside out and is displayed through our actions. The Holy Spirit goes about teaching us to act outwardly as God sees us. . We begin to act Holy outwardly because Jesus is growing in us..

I want to include Chambers devotion from today:

*(Scripture Reference: Romans 6:5). Co-Resurrection. The proof that I have experienced crucifixion with Jesus is that I have a definite likeness to Him. The Spirit of Jesus entering me rearranges my personal life before God. The resurrection of Jesus has given Him the authority to give the life of God to me, and the experiences of my life must now be built on the foundation of His life. I can have the resurrection life of Jesus here and now, and it will exhibit itself through holiness.*

*The idea all through the apostle Paul's writings is that after the decision to be identified with Jesus in His death has been made, the resurrection life of Jesus penetrates every bit of my human nature. It takes the omnipotence of God-His complete and effective divinity-to live the life of the Son of God in human flesh. The Holy Spirit cannot be accepted as a guest in merely one room of the house-He invades all of it. And once I decide that my "old man" (that is my heredity of sin) should be identified with the death of Jesus, The Holy Spirit invades me. He takes charge of everything. My part is to walk in the light and to obey all that He reveals to me. Once I have made the important decision about sin, it is easy to "reckon" that I am actually "dead indeed to sin" because I find the life of Jesus in me all the time (Romans 6:11). Just as there is only one kind of humanity, there is only one kind of holiness-the holiness of Jesus. And it is His holiness that has been given to me. God puts the holiness of His Son into me, and I belong to a new spiritual order.*

### **Friday, April 12, 2019**

The Lord has been emphasizing the need for us to understand the "good" side of human nature. He said we must come into agreement that the desire from within us to do good must die with the flesh. The only true good in us is that which is driven by The Spirit. He said we often come into agreement with The Holy Spirit regarding sin and our sinful nature, but we must make the same decision regarding the entirety of our nature. There is a part of our nature that is driven to do what we see as good. It is important that we see this is still at odds with God. As His Nature forms in us, we begin to understand this more and more, but we must come into agreement with Him that it must die.

### **Saturday, April 13, 2019**

The Lord talked to me about the burden that He places on us. He has given me a burden for His Church, and then He has gone about teaching me that it is not my burden to bear. He will do something similar with all of us. The burden will come in relation to His call on our life. He has taught me that it is my responsibility to join Him in the burden-literally cast it upon Him. I have learned that we are then to come alongside Him in bearing this responsibility that He has placed on us with the understanding that He alone can take the responsibility, but we are invited to join Him. I encourage each reader to reflect on this with His guidance. Has He placed a burden upon you? How are you handling it? I believe if it is truly a purpose set forth to you from The Lord, it will be more than you can bear alone. If He has placed nothing upon you, I would encourage the first order of business to be time with Him to find out why!

### **Sunday, April 14, 2019**

It is through faithfulness and obedience that we receive the blessings of God. All of the following are decisions we make. He teaches, we learn. He leads, we follow. He asks, we respond. (Obviously, this is not an exhaustive list-only provided as example).

The irony of the journey is that as we travel with Him, our idea of blessing undergoes transformation. The blessing we hoped to receive at the beginning slowly becomes something else by the work of The Spirit within us. He makes this transformation happen (much without our notice) as we concentrate on being faithful.

### **Monday, April 15, 2019**

The Lord told me that a major problem that people must face is the misconception that they are right with Him. He told me that many people erroneously think they are where they need to be in the relationship to Him. Part of the problem is that this line of thought hinders a desire to give the relationship proper evaluation. A key by-product of actually being in right relationship with Jesus is

the continuous growing desire for more of Him. There is this almost indescribable feeling that you are where He wants you, but you yearn for more. This is contentment without being satisfied. When we think we are right with Him, but not in intimacy, we are mired in complacency. Complacency is not accompanied by hunger.

The Holy Spirit will never let us get complacent because there is always more of God. He will always be leading us to growth, and will always create in us a desire for more-to go deeper. If we don't have this hunger, we are not where we need to be.

### **Tuesday, April 16, 2019**

The Lord encouraged me today, but didn't really give me anything to post. he told me to look back through my journal. I came across something from February that I have not posted previously. It seemed to have His Finger on it.

### **February 21, 2019**

Scripture reference: Galatians 5, 6

In the Spirit, we rise above the Law which is basically the first commandment becoming alive and fulfilled in us. Our love for God actually becomes a reflection of His love for us. It is not human love. It is His love for us being reflected back to Him through us as we become a surrendered vessel. This happens as we die to ourselves, which Paul talks of in Chapter 6. We die to the world, and the world dies to us. Both are nailed to the Cross which is done by sharing in the affliction of the Cross of Christ which is brought about by the persecution of the Cross. It is brought on by the world which is the realm of Satan and darkness. It includes any attack on us by the world or the world systems which God will allow and then use to make the world dead to us. (of no consequence). The world crucified our Lord. God will allow the world to crucify us-our flesh-such that we continue to live, but as a living sacrifice in a world that has no authority over us and no value because it has died to us. We are lifted above the world-above the law which governs the world, and into a spiritual plateau that is all about love, devotion and intimacy with Jesus, and our Father through Him. Through this unity with Him, He then works back through us to impact (and Redeem) those in the very world that is dead to us.

The Old Covenant vs. the New Covenant. The Old applies to the world-the New is spiritual-you must be born again. the New Covenant came through the cross of Jesus Christ which also crucifies our flesh.

### **Wednesday, April 17, 2019**

The Lord gave me some words this morning about emotions. We must understand that our emotion is part of our flesh. As such, our human emotion must die. God must teach us not to be driven by emotion, but rather be led through our spirit subduing our will (the very essence of discipline). Sometimes we relate this emotion to the fire we feel. This gets tricky because the fire is often started (if it is really spiritual fire) by The Holy Spirit. Sometimes we feel this fire, and sometimes we don't feel it as strong. For true spiritual growth, it cannot be human fire driven by emotion. We must seek His fire, but we must be driven by discipline to keep our will and our emotions in submission and stay the course He has directed whether we feel the fire or not. This is faithfulness.

### **Friday, April 19, 2019**

The Lord told me something this morning that I don't remember Him saying before. He encouraged me to examine my faith, examine my journey and the direction I've taken. He told me that He has built my faith block by block, piece by piece, step by step, and it can withstand examination and testing. It can and will hold up to honest and sincere scrutiny. He told me not to try to tear it down with overwhelming negativity, but to give it a thorough examination. He has not asked me to walk blindly-just obediently. This does not mean I am always to know where He is leading, but it is not disobedient to evaluate the direction I have gone and subsequent direction I am heading.

### **Saturday, April 20, 2019**



The Lord told me something about His Church today that He instructed me to post. He told me that when He pours out His Spirit, three distinct groups will be distinguished within the Church. First, those who do not belong will be revealed., The reasons for their self inclusion within the group of believers varies, but they do not belong to Him and this will be revealed. The second group is those that vary widely in commitment, hunger, interest, desire to seek and follow Him, etc. The third group is the Army of God, or the Remnant. This group will be committed to seeking Him. They will have a desire to be led by The Holy Spirit on a journey of complete surrender and leaving this world behind to follow Jesus.

### **Sunday, April 21, 2019**

The Lord talked to me about having peace in the midst of the vision and expectations He has created in me. He gave me a tripod of structure that provides the stability. First, I must trust Him completely. Trust is the mature application of my faith. Second, I must trust in my relationship to Him. This is what He summarized so wonderfully for me yesterday regarding my solitude with Him. It anchors our relationship and my direction on the ever narrowing path. The third leg is often the one that seems to disrupt peace for me. I must trust that the vision and even the expectations that stem from the vision are in His Hands-not mine. I must trust Him to fulfill the vision. The peace comes from belief and trust in Him to fulfill that which He has given me as a vision. He wants me to be childlike in my trust. Childlike is unquestioning. It is not immature as one might speculate. Immaturity is selfish in nature. Childlike is simply trusting the One to provide, and understanding that He knows best.

The Lord said I can be faithful without having peace, but He wants me to have peace. The three legs perfectly balanced will provide this.

### **Tuesday, April 23, 2019**

The Lord told me that He has brought me to this place of surrender, but now the fight has shifted. Based on my preconceived ideas of how things would unfold, there is inevitable disappointment when my preconceived ideas do not match God's plans. The battle then shifts from giving Him control to letting Him maintain control.

The Lord told me that I am stronger now than I have ever been in my life (in the things that matter most-spiritually, mentally, discipline, etc.). I have more to offer than ever before because He has made it so. However, the choice is mine as to what to do with what He has given and taught me. Do I use it under my control in accordance with my preconceived ideas, or do I continue in surrender and give it back to Him? He is using me as an example. In His Church, preconceived ideas are often the enemy of obedience.

Even surrendering to the point of Jesus having complete control is not enough. I must be a living sacrifice. I must live a life maintaining the surrender. I must press on such that I don't lose that which has been attained. I must continue growing in trust. In daily application this simply means knowing that God is in control even when it does not look like it based on what I see, and continuing in obedience.

### **Wednesday, April 24, 2019**

There came upon my heart this morning a desire for better understanding of what we are to teach as compared to allowing people to learning directly from The Holy Spirit. This is what The Lord subsequently summarized at the end of my solitude time with Him. He told me that the primary way we lead and teach is by example. We live the message we are to deliver. Then, as disciples, we teach others to be disciples. He said we teach them the same way He teaches us, and this is through love.

The Lord told me that an interesting phenomena occurs within others (just as it has within me). Over time, as they grow in understanding The Spirit, and as Jesus forms in them, the human teacher has less influence and The Lord has more influence. They become disciples following Him directly, and in turn begin leading others accordingly.

It is a beautiful picture of the Church.

#### **Thursday, April 25, 2019**

I want to share something from yesterday that just kind of came to me out of the blue. I often talk of being faithful in the little things. I believe The Spirit works so prominently in teaching us in the seemingly insignificant matters of daily life. We often think of being faithful to The Lord in the small things with our sights set on the bigger things that will come as a result of this faithfulness.

However, I believe The Lord is actually pleased just through the faithfulness we exhibit in these little things. We are always dreaming of something bigger, but the Kingdom work is in that which is right in front of us. I am really trying to apply this mindset personally.

#### **Friday, April 26, 2019**

I want to post something from the Lord a couple of days ago. He talked to me about a coming shift in His Church. When we look, we see a broad range of commitment to Jesus and to following Him. After His Awakening, we will still see the same, but the entirety of His Church will shift toward Truth. As this happens, the gap to those that do not belong to Him will grow wider. Even many that attend church today will seemingly shift to the left as a result because they are not really His. It then becomes our duty to share the Gospel with all that do not make the shift, but after the Church is awakened, Truth is to be shared in all of its fullness.

#### **Saturday, April 27, 2019**

We often make decisions based on what is best for ourselves or even our families. Something to consider-how often do I make decisions based on what is best for God and His Kingdom? Even more difficult (and likely more rare) how often do I solicit God in these decisions **and** how often do I discern His guidance through His Spirit and respond obediently?

#### **Sunday, April 28, 2019**

Much of what The Lord has been sharing these last few days has been geared directly to me. It has been targeted at deeper surrender. Today, He told me to quit thinking and analyzing so much. I must abandon myself and my thoughts and questions in order to deepen my trust in Him. He wants me to become more "simple." Trust and abandonment go hand in hand. Deeper level of trust leads to greater Oneness with Him.

#### **Monday, April 29, 2019**

The Lord continued to talk to me about walking one day at a time with Him. He told me the key to opening all that He has for me is letting Him have my expectations. I must let go of my expectations and understand that they are fulfilled through Him, and they are under His authority.

He gave me this a couple of days ago, but it seems to be appropriate with today's message. The Lord told me that the "good" is often the enemy of the "best" for us. He will not allow that for me. His aim for us is the highest aspiration possible toward God's purposes.

#### **Tuesday, April 30, 2019**

Morning Revelation-Entering His Rest. Jesus is our rest! He determines when we enter His rest. He is formed in us through a journey of surrender. Me in Him, Him in me (ref John chapter 14, 17). It is through belief in Him and trust in Him that we enter our rest (Promised Land). I believe this is the third stage of our journey.

The first stage is the "honeymoon stage." God reveals Himself mighty to us. He seems to make things easier for us. He is showing us His goodness. The second stage is about surrender/sanctification/transformation. We must maintain obedience (that we learned in the first stage) as things become increasingly difficult. The third stage is entering His rest. Things are neither mostly easy (or good) or mostly difficult. We simply understand that all things are in His Hands. He leads-we follow. He plans, He directs, He steers-we follow. We understand that all things are under His authority, and whatever happens we accept His sovereignty and embrace the reality that He is our God. We trust Him-come what may.

We must understand that obedience and faithfulness must be maintained throughout. If we lose the direction of His Spirit and quit "hearing His voice," we stop growing. Our journey of discipleship is put on hold until we rectify this situation with The Holy Spirit. He must be unquenched, ungrieved and having free reign in our lives for our growth to continue.