

Wednesday
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As I was organizing my thoughts for the word that was initially to be this week's "word of the week", I was stopped by the Lord. I then saw an image in my mind of a sign that said "Please use other door". I then saw an image of people entering through an exit and exiting through an entrance door. I asked the Lord if this meant He wanted me to break down the word "exit". I heard in my heart that He wanted me to explain "Please use other door".

I often see people going into a store through the exit and/or leaving the store through the entrance. I become frustrated when I see this because the sign clearly says "do not enter". It is specifically laid out as to which door to come in and which door to go out. However, we do not follow these signs because it is seemingly an inconvenience. Sometimes it is because we had to park far away from the store and it's like it is such a hassle for us to take a few extra steps to go in through the proper door. The other scenario is we have been at the store for so long and there are too many people with their grocery carts at the exit that we can't be patient enough so we leave through the entrance door. How about this one? Have you ever been in such a rush to get your shopping done or eat that you go to the wrong door and continue to try to open it and you don't know why it isn't opening? Then you finally (after exerting more energy than you ever had to) notice the sign that says "please use other door". You go to the other door and it opens immediately. I have done that one. I have found that when I am in a rush or want something so desperately (like food) I don't pay attention to the sign (or even see it at all) on the door telling me exactly how to get to where I need and want to be.

These examples hold true when it comes to our relationship with the Lord. We have the instructions; the signs on the doors are clearly marked. However, we have a hard time seeing them because we are in a rush or want things our way. The Lord is calling us to re-set our thinking in this season. The door signs have always been there whether we see them or not. He has constantly (for ages past) told us "please use other door", "do not enter-exit only", and even "entrance only-do not exit". We miss these warnings often because we are looking to enter the store to get what we want as quickly as possible without regard to the process and care of others. I know this is true for me and I am in a season of being corrected by the Lord. It is not easy nor is it fun but I love the Lord for His correction. Without His correction or His intervention in correcting my sight, I would not be able to grow in my relationship with Him and would have no way of helping others to seek and find Him. What is He showing you that has you exerting more energy than necessary because you are ignoring or can't see the sign posted?

Bible Verses:

- **Revelation 3:19-22** - As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. 21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. 22 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.""
- **Matthew 7:13-14** - "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.
- **Proverbs 15:31-33** - The ear that hears the rebukes of life Will abide among the wise. 32 He who disdains instruction despises his own soul, But he who heeds rebuke gets understanding. 33 The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom, And before honor is humility.
- **2 Timothy 3:16-17** - All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man

of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- **Matthew 11:27-30** - All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. 28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

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