

All Messages from October 2014

Rapture Dreams from Ezekiel #3

October 1, 2014



Clare: You had a third dream after that.

Ezekiel: I had an old bus dream. That's the best way I can describe it.

Clare: Like a city bus?

Ezekiel: Kind of like a renovated school bus. In fact, we traveled in this missionary bus across the states when our kids were small. So there were places to sit, and bunks and tables, also seating. So, there was a small group of us on the bus, and most of the people, including myself were kind of sickly and poor. But we were happy enough, we were on the bus, didn't know really where we were going, didn't care. All of a sudden, we noticed the bus was leaving the ground!

Clare: Wow...(laughing)

Ezekiel: Yeah, we were like, "What's up with that?" so we looked off to the side, and it was like in a jet, just going on up. We could see the ground leaving us. And I knew it was kind of a blustery day, but when we got up in the air it was really cloudy and cold outside. We were even bundled up inside of the bus.

Clare: Gee, Lord I wonder if that's a clue it's going to be a winter-time Rapture?

Ezekiel: Yeah, who knows? It's exactly what it felt like – one of those sleet/icy kind of days. So, we were banking up to the left, then veering to the right a little bit. And we looked off to the left, which at this point the bus had kind of veered going east towards southeast. We could look out the left window and we'd be looking straight East – and we see this far off light coming downward. And man, it was like the further up we went, the darker and the stormier the clouds got. Peals of thunder and lightening.

Clare: Was this during the daytime, or night?

Ezekiel: Probably early evening – in the winter it gets dark earlier, so maybe 5:00 or dusk. It got real dark and stormy but we could see that far-off light coming in. And all of a sudden out from behind this lit-up area in the clouds... The best way I can describe it was a sweeping comet like with a tail – only it wasn't a comet, it was a HUGE battle line. There was this vast, sweeping army that circled around and was coming down beyond the light and kind of off to our left – towards the southwest. But they were heading down toward the Earth.

Clare: When you say army, were they on horses, or vehicles? Or what did it look like?

Ezekiel: This thing was massive, like the Old Testament type guys... in some ways they almost looked like the Nordic type. Long hair, long beards...

Clare: Warriors!

Ezekiel: Warriors – that's exactly what they were. They were all men in warrior battle gear.

Clare: Mounted on horses or on foot.

Ezekiel: Mounted on horses, and they had all these weapons - the iron balls with the spikey things, they'd swing them around, spears, swords. It was interesting because this eerie reddish, orangish-reddish light - kind of glow began to appear off in the stormy clouds, off from this beautiful light that was coming from the back. And all these men and horses had a reddish, fiery glow to them. The whole thing just struck fear into you.

But they actually went past us and down from us, so we're ascending, and they're descending - they passed us, they just went around and below us and went straight down to the Earth at an angle. And then we noticed a large angel outside one of the windows that we could see out of at this point, out the left side of the bus. Here's this light getting closer, and there's this HUGE angel - it looked like he was just walking on air. Of course, WE were in the air, but he comes walking right around the bus and comes walking up into the bus door, literally. And I remember, he was so big he had to duck down to get in the door, to get in the bus.

Clare: Did he have wings?

Ezekiel: No, no he just had a simple white tunic and belt on, muscular, real beautiful copper-colored skin, blondish golden hair. But when he walked into the school bus, walked up the stairwell, and up to where you'd come down the center row. And I noticed back in the stairwell there were all these packages. They were just plain, white, tissue, tied with kind of a tannish off-colored string, very plain.

Clare: They were like presents?

Ezekiel: I didn't know what they were, they were just these packages. I thought maybe they were pillows or something.

Clare: Okay, about the size of a pillow.

Ezekiel: Yeah, about the size of a pillow, some kind of a duffel or something. So, he walks straight back to the middle of the bus, then he turns around and goes back towards the front. And there was a little old lady sitting in the front, front seat. He went to her first, and he got down, squatted down and looked up into her face with these big, beautiful eyes.

Clare: Awwww

Ezekiel: Kinda held her face in his hands, reassured her. Then he said, "Come on! Let's go!" And he walked her back to the middle of the bus, and a doorway - like a lot of older busses would have a doorway in the top...

Clare: A hatch?

Ezekiel: A hatch, yes, you could climb through.

Clare: Going right straight to the roof.

Ezekiel: That's exactly right. And he lifted her up through the roof and there were two other angels up on top - you could barely see. They were helping her up - they were already on top of the bus.

And it was like, “Whoa! What is THIS?” Just before he lifted her up, he said, “Wait, just a second.” And he took a couple steps back, reached down into the stairwell, got a package, brought it back and gave it to her. “Be sure and take this with you.” She said, “okay”. They lifted her up through the hatch, she had her package with her.

I didn’t know what was going on past that. Somebody else came up, and then somebody else. And he’d go to each one, reassure them, kind of welcome them and tell them, “Come on! We’re gonna go!” And these again, keep in mind, a small group – they were, all of us were at least in our 50’s or older, kind of middle aged. Maybe some of them a little younger. All poor, simple, plain, very simple, very humble souls. He’d give each one of them this plain wrapper bundle package to go up through. I thought, ‘I guess this is it – I guess we’re going up to Heaven from here.’

Well, when it was my turn, first of all, I remember as I got closer, and it was getting to be my turn, I heard this voice, I heard the Lord’s voice and I couldn’t believe it. I got goose bumps. It was so soft and sounded like a young man in his 30’s. Maybe in his early 30’s. Just a soft, masculine, kind, gentle, beautiful voice. I couldn’t even understand what He was saying exactly, but they were words of welcome to the people, some interchange going on.

So then it really IS my turn, and I’m thinking, ‘Man this is IT! This is IT!!’ I just kept thinking. ‘This is IT!!’ So the angel said, ‘Are you ready? And I said, ‘Yes!’ – so he lifts me up under each arm and these two huge angels are up on top. They lift me up and you know, when you’re kinda sickly, kinda achy and in pain, it’s cold and everything...

Clare: Fibromyalgia...

Ezekiel: Yeah! And I wasn’t in pain or anything at that point. They lift me up and out and in the background, off to the sides it all looked stormy. But as soon as I turn around... Man! Here’s Jesus on a throne. I couldn’t believe it – my knees buckled, my legs gave way and I almost fell back in the hatch! One of my legs slipped, and they’re catching me, and I’m thinking, ‘Oh no, I’ve messed up, and I’ve fallen, I’m gonna go back down and they’re not going to let me go ...’

No, they picked me up and motioned to me (he’d given me one of the packages) they motioned to put my package to the right where there were these packages the other people brought. They set them down. It was almost like a simple, little Christmas-like setting. Because, here were these little plain packages off to the right, against a fir tree type of thing...there was some kind of setting there.

And here’s this throne and although He was absolutely King Jesus – stunning!! He’s sitting on this very beautiful but simple, approachable throne. It looked like a captain’s chair that you’d go up and see your Dad or Grandfather rather, or great Uncle. And yet with all the wisdom of the ages and everything else you could see in His face, and His hair seemed as white as snow.

Coming out from that was this persona was that of this beautiful Jesus with His chestnut colored hair and His youthful face. And He was so kind and so gentle and so welcoming. The throne was right in front of this hearth, almost a cozy fireplace setting, which I didn’t expect at all. Wow. It totally took my breath away, so much so that my whole being just poured out with all the strength that I had left, that I could muster. Which wasn’t anything, I was so taken by this whole thing.

Jesus! God! Jesus, My God, My Lord is right in front of me!! I remember pouring out His name from deep inside of me...JESUS!! And I woke up.

Clare: Whoo! That was quite a dream!

Ezekiel: You mentioned one other dream that I had a couple weeks ago.

Clare: Yeah – that’s right. It was very, very short but it really got your attention and it had the signature of the Holy Spirit. We both felt the anointing on it.

Ezekiel: Let me mention here that we base everything, every move we make on the Scriptures. And if the Lord doesn’t give us a second and third witness from the Scriptures, we don’t make a move. And I know that I went to the Lord prayerfully, asking Him to give some kind of rhema or rhemas, some confirming words from Scripture. I’ve had dreams that weren’t from Him, and I’ve gotten things about lying, and all kinds of yucky junk.

And then these dreams, one by one by one, I’ve gotten beautiful Scriptures about joy and Heaven and fulfillment, just the love of the Lord. And I’d just know. Sometimes it would be smack-on Scriptures of Holy Spirit, so I just knew it was from Him. Plus that deep, deep inner witness, and that strong feeling and sense that you’re so moved with that it just lasts for years. It never goes away.

Rapture Dreams from Ezekiel #4

October 1, 2014



Clare: So what happened, in your dream

Ezekiel: Well, we kiddingly call Rapture Practice. I walked out in the back on this little artificial golf strip thing that my wife got me after I was recovering from a hospital stay. It points exactly east and west. And I go out and I’m standing on this thing, looking up through these massive Cottonwood trees they have out here in New Mexico. Up through the trees and I can see the stars and the moon

and the skies– whether it’s day or night, I’m just looking East all the time.

And I kid around - I’ve got this cable out there and I run and jump and practice some flying.

In this dream, I was out there on this little golf course thing, I was looking East – and I noticed the clouds started to turn almost...like they were icing up. It was weird. They were clouds, but they looked like they were turning into this plastic cellophane crunchy folds in them, like they were icing or glazing. And all of a sudden, they were taking a shape: a long line at one end, at the far end, and then two long lines coming toward me like a long table. Then two long side tables coming toward me.

Clare: Like a u-shape banquet table?

Ezekiel: Yeah, that’s exactly - like a horseshoe from the open side. There’s the guest of honor and the Bride and Groom’s table, and then these two side tables for the guests. And you came out and you were beside me, and I said, “Look, look! There’s something...” And there were a couple other people there. We could all see that there was something in the clouds.

And we were like, “Wait a minute – You could see...Yeah, there’s someone moving there.” We could see people moving around the chairs and the table, which were becoming clearer and more distinct. Tables and plates and settings and candles and dinnerware...and it was kinda coming a little closer. And we were seeing all this stuff – and this beautiful movement going on.

All of a sudden, we could kind of feel ourselves drawn to that - maybe it was just our passion and desire. But as we were feeling that pull and draw – here came Jesus along the side, I guess to the right side. And He was just...He had on a white tunic with a reddish sash, like an over-robe. And he'd look at the table here, and walk down a little bit, talk to one of the servants, and once again – I didn't see wings, I didn't see angel's wings – these were table servers. Old time type, with tunic type things, robe type things. Simple servants. And they were checking. The table was magnificent, beautiful – satin, lacy white tablecloth, silver and gold candle and table settings. All that was rich. But the servers again just like the angels, plain white tunics and belt.

They were getting things ready and they were beginning to bring food out – and you just knew! I mean, it just dawned on me in the dream..."Wow! The Wedding Feast of the Lamb!!"

And again, boom! I woke up!

Clare: Oh no, I want to see more!!

Ezekiel: Yeah, I was ready to go and take my seat, you know. And I thought wow, that's weird that I had that dream – I don't ever think of the wedding feast or that time...

Clare: You wrote a little song after that, didn't you? High Table. Beautiful. It's just has one word, that's all the song was.

Ezekiel: I couldn't get any lyrics going it...

Clare: Oh, but it was so beautiful!

Ezekiel: Just one thing "It was a high table" (singing) Then you hear these harmonies coming in...

Clare: Did you record that?

Ezekiel: No, not yet. Some things are just so precious, and just a few words you don't want to tamper or mess with it.

Clare: Well, I'm putting it on your list...please record it and I'll put it on Youtube along with this interview

Ezekiel: When the Holy Spirit gives me that, it'll be great. But in the meantime, that's exactly what it was. It was High and Lifted Up. It was a High Table. It was magnificent! And I was thinking, "Why would I have a dream like that?" 'Cause I'm not really into weddings and feasts and gold and silver... I just want to get on with business, get on into Heaven and head for the Honeymoon Shack, so to speak.

I just want to love the Lord, be in His arms, and just BE there. Get on with beautiful life with Him in Heaven. But for whatever His reasons, He brought that. And the feeling that I woke up with and that stayed with me is, "This thing's for REAL. This is the REAL DEAL. There's a real table with real settings, it's really being prepared, He's checking on the preparations – He's ready to bring us UP!!"

Clare: I just put out a message, I guess, yesterday. It was what the Lord told me during my prayer time, He came to me during my prayer time and He told me "Everything is ready and I'm at the door. But I'm waiting for the Father's word." And I kinda chided Him, 'cause I know what the Scriptures say, that He didn't know the hour and the day...that "no man knows the hour and the day" but I kinda chided Him and said, "I just can't believe that You – almighty God – don't know... anything? How can this be??"

He was very sweet with me, He said that the reason He doesn't know the hour and the day is because He is so close to His Bride, He's so attached and loves her so much and has so many expectations, that He doesn't...He can't back off from the whole picture to call the shot. And the Father is calling the shot and will tell Him when it's time. And He's relinquished His privilege of knowing the hour and the day and the time. But He's in readiness because He knows it could be at any moment.

Ezekiel: Yeah, He'd have to relinquish that because you'd think, well - He could call the shots or do anything – He's God. But If He chose to put that on hold and to...

Clare: Leave it in the hands of the Father, Who's in some ways more distant from the situation. I can understand it, totally understand.

Ezekiel: Well, I'm not sure what it all means or what the theological Scriptural implications are...all I know is, it gave me a different perspective when you brought that forward. And that is, I'm not begging and begging and begging the Lord to come back and rapture us out of here as much, because...He said it. No one knows the day and the Hour, not even the Son...only the Father.

And I'd been thinking all this time, 'Well surely by now YOU know, because you're God? But if He doesn't know, if that's still the way He said it was in the Scriptures, then it caused me to calm down a little bit, be more peaceful about it – not be tugging at His robe so much, beseeching Him...'Lord! Please, I just...!!'

But it also caused me to go to the Father all the more and tell Him, "Daddy." And that's who He is to me now. "Daddy, Please, You know I love Jesus. I need Him, I want Him so much, I've got to have Him. I can't survive without being fully united with Him. I have got to have Him completely. I've got to be with Him completely, please." I begged Him a couple weeks ago out on that little golf course run, looking up in the sky. Stayed up all night with just passionate tears...All I could say is the desire was SO STRONG to just be with Him, finally, once and for all. But it's caused me to say, "Wow! So I guess, yeah – there are souls that still need to be saved, and You gave ME more time at one time."

And the Father's heart, I'm sure, is to save as many souls as will be saved. But there will, like the Lord said, right? There'll come a time when the Father says...

Clare: Okay, well that's what I was going to share with you, is that, the Lord...last night when the Lord was talking to me about this, you could feel the anxiety in His heart over the whole situation. And basically what He was saying is that He's being ignored, His warnings are being ignored, people are still being married, given in marriage, running around shopping, buy and selling – they're still going about their business and they're not... Even though the Internet, for instance, has been flooded with all this information about dreams and visions about the Lord's returning – even though all that's going on, they're still not paying as much attention as all these gifts would warrant.

As a result of that, the Father knows what the balance is. He knows how long...just, He knows when to "push the button" so to speak. When to give the word, because He can see the balance of the ones that are trying to change and turning from sin and reforming their lives and listening to the Message – and the ones that aren't. What the Lord told me last night is simply that, it's getting to the point where not enough people were listening, and that therefore, this could happen at any time. At any moment, because there will come a moment when the Father will say, "Enough!"

Ezekiel: Yeah, that's what really caught me, my attention. That's really had an impression on me that "I won't contend with man forever."

Clare: Right. “There’s a window of grace. It’s been open a very long time, but I’ve got to bring it to a close now, we have to move on.”

Ezekiel: I got the Scriptures yesterday in my prayer time about the one who had entered into the Wedding Feast not properly dressed, and how the Master came. “My friend, how is it you came in not properly dressed?”

I know the Lord has been pointing out to me, bringing up deep in my heart and my soul and my memories things that maybe I’ve either forgotten about or I just didn’t pay that much attention to. And He’s really, really been giving me a real grace to feel contrite, to feel repentant about things that I might never, ever repented of before.

But, things seem more serious now. There’s no, “Well, that’s just a little thing. That’s just a little white lie.” Something about His presence, His majesty, His purity. His pristine integrity. In the light of that, boy you see EVERY spot and wrinkle on your wedding dress and you want it out! You don’t want to show up in front of Him with that. And I think He’s giving us an opportunity to clean house a little bit of these things.

Clare: Oh, Absolutely!

Ezekiel: Right the wrongs, say I’m sorry, ask for forgiveness... whatever we have to go back and right. Right some wrongs here.

Clare: Well, the next teaching that I’m working on is how to recognize the Bride. And the topic the Lord seems to really be stressing is humility. Of course, you know ‘cause you’ve had to go through it with me, I’m recognizing my pride more than I ever have before, and I’m more disgusted with myself than I ever have been before. And yet the Lord is encouraging me that He’s working with it.

I think the Bride is not going to be perfect until He perfects her. But if she’s made the commitment to be perfect and is on the way – I think He receives that as the finished product, so to speak, ‘cause He knows He’s going to finish her off.

Ezekiel: Right. We can’t do it on our own, but I think that He wants us to have a heart to be right before Him.

Clare: Well, thank you for sharing all this. Maybe sometime we’ll be able to share our testimony. We’ve both had beautiful conversion experiences over 30 years ago, and at some point we’ll share those too.

Ezekiel: Yeah, kinda slammed us into each other a few years after that. That’s a whole other story.

Clare: I just want to thank you Youtube family for tuning in and if you like this, leave us a little thumbs up if you like, or leave a comment.

After the Rapture Letter for the Left Behind

October 3, 2014



I’m so sorry. I just wish I could have told you. I just wish you could have known somehow. I wish you had listened. I wish you

could have cared. I wish you could have known! I'm so, so, so sorry. But we had to go.

I wish we could have seen you more, have been with you more, given you more. And now you have to face the most horrible, terrible times that have ever come upon this Earth very soon. You didn't believe us...really.

But now it's happened, and everything else IS coming. Just like the Scriptures say. The Bible IS TRUE. Never doubt it again. There is one way still to escape the worst. Turn to Jesus NOW. While you can. It seems to make no sense, but the things of God really do, because His mind is so much higher than yours. You can't do this anymore on your own.

Only HE knows everything. Only He can save you. He made you. He made you because He loved you. He's the only one that ever can or ever will love you completely and perfectly. He knows everything that is really good for you, and everything that's going to hurt you. And He knows what will surely kill you.

All He wants is for you to be happy, to be protected, to be FREE. Truly free, to become so completely happy and fulfilled. It's all been prepared for you. He's been waiting, waiting to help you. To keep you from being trapped in the most terrifying place of horror and never-ending torture: Hell.

Yes, Hell is REAL.

God did not set it up for you. YOU were not made to go there EVER.

You were made for a place where you'll never be hurting or lonely, tired or hungry, with absolutely no such thing as pain. Only to be more happy and forever young and free, than even you could ever imagine. FOREVER.

It's your choice. It's all in your hands now. To live – or to die. To suffer forever worse and worse – or to be guaranteed to be so awesomely happy, loved and protected forever.

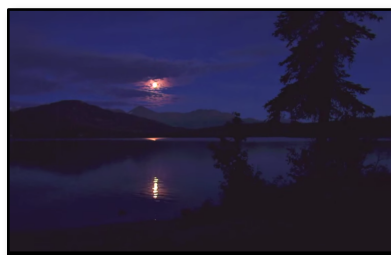
This is all we can ask you now: please tell Jesus you're sorry and ask Him to come and take over your life now. Give it to Him. He will RUN to save you.

Clare and Ezekiel du Bois

October 3, 2014

Rapture Bride of Christ waiting for the Rapture

October 5



Holy oil, it is burning in the lamp waiting for You,
And the trees give forth their fruit in due season.
And the nard gives forth her fragrance, quietly waits for You.
And the song of the dove can be heard in our land.

Waiting for You, waiting for You, waiting for You, waiting for You.
Waiting for You, waiting for You, waiting for You, waiting for You.
Waiting for You, waiting for You, waiting for You.

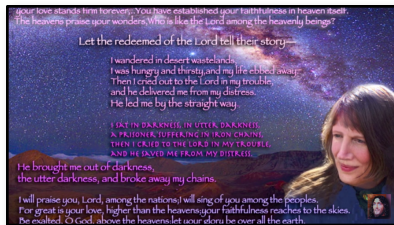
Still the oil, it is burning in the lamp waiting for You,
And Your trees give forth their fruit in due season.

Waiting for You, waiting for You, waiting for You, waiting for You.
Waiting for You, waiting for You, waiting for You, waiting for You.
Waiting for You, waiting for You, waiting for You.

Conversion to Christ Testimony (Clare)

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October 6, 2014



Ezekiel: Hello! Welcome to Heaven Talk; dreams, visions, comment and discussion on all things Heaven. I'm Ezekiel, speaking to you from the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains here in Taos. Beautiful fall coming on into October as we speak. Tonight we're going to be speaking with Clare du Bois about some of her background, namely her testimony. Welcome to the program, Miss Clare!

Clare: Thank you.

Ezekiel: Just kind of getting started, I know that folks have heard of us already on some dreams about Heaven and particularly rapture dreams and things like that. Kind of got to thinking, well, where did all this come from? How did all this start in the first place? And we don't get to hear much testimony like the good old testimony services we used to have once upon a time. I just thought that might be a good place to let folks get to know us a little better. What about your background?

Clare: Well, you know, I'll make it short, the part that isn't so interesting really. I was born in Chicago and lived in the city, basically all my life, except for summers that were spent on a lake in Wisconsin. My mother was a single mother and I was what they called in those days a latch-key kid. Where if she'd be at work, I'd come home and unlock the door and just be home by myself basically. No brothers and sisters and no father so it was kind of a lonely life.

Ezekiel: Did you have any spiritual upbringing at all?

Clare: Well, my mother was kind of a Congregationalist but it was more like the Easter parade and Sunday hats and very fashionable and superficial. She was a makeup artist and so everything in our lives revolved around fashion.

Ezekiel: Got you.

Clare: So, there wasn't really any spiritual upbringing. In high school I started asking some serious questions, I think I was about thirteen or so and I got real disillusioned with the whole Easter bonnet parade down Michigan Avenue. And I thought, 'Wow, this is really hypocritical, this is ridiculous. You know, this is supposed to be about something important and instead it's about a fashion parade.' So, I got real disillusioned and turned away from that. Lived in a Jewish neighborhood, so we didn't really have Christians around that could witness to me so I guess I kind of drifted along and became an agnostic. I didn't know if God existed or didn't exist.

Ezekiel: How old were you about this time?

Clare: Oh, thirteen, fourteen.

Ezekiel: Wow that's pretty mature for a young girl to start thinking at that age. You know, the Lord's hand was probably on you even then, drawing you in I'm sure in different ways.

Clare: Yeah, actually I do remember as a little girl – well, not little girl – twelve years old, having a little churchy looking altar in the corner of my room and I used to kneel and kind of talk to God, you know, thinking maybe God did exist.

Ezekiel: Wow!

Clare: And that was – I guess that was grace back then and I just didn't really pursue it or recognize it at the time. But um...

Ezekiel: That's amazing, the innocence of a child, being open when no one had even told you much.

Clare: Right. Well, I think that again was the Holy Spirit. I got to a point when I was about eighteen, nineteen, twenty, where I really was disillusioned with the whole idea of religion. But then I became basically an atheist for a very short amount of time. Then I got introduced – somehow I started taking an interest in spiritual things and supernatural things and I thought, 'There's got to be more to this life than fashion and taking care of your body and careers – there's got to be something beyond that.' I remember I asked my mother about death once and she said, 'Well, you just die and you go back into the ground and that's the end' and I was so grieved by that. It just felt wrong. Really, deeply wrong. Somehow something just wasn't right about that.

And so anyway, I ended up when I was in my early twenties being a nature photographer. Now, that was during the 60's when the hippie movement was going on. I hated Chicago and Illinois and I moved to San Francisco and started studying photography – nature photography because I loved nature. I started going out on shoots and bringing back material and started going to see ad agencies and getting jobs and pretty soon I had a good career in photography. I was being nationally published in nature magazines and camera magazines and so on. But I remember one day, when I was on assignment for – I guess it was Boise Cascade – I was in Maryland in the Pocono Mountains and I woke up one morning. I

had everything going for me: I had airplanes, airboats, horses, whatever I needed for my assignments but I felt so empty inside. I thought, 'Wow, I'm living my dream, this is what I've always wanted.' But I was sitting there photographing dew drops on a spider web in the morning and it just hit me that my life was so empty.

A little bit of background on that. I had been kind of on the outskirts of the New Age and the counterculture. Never was a hippie. Never got into that kind of immorality and what have you but I was very definitely countercultural. I started getting into the occult because I saw that that was supernatural. Everyone was doing yoga and songs were being written about Eastern Mysticism and these things, really - they spoke to my mind. They brought something alive inside of me. You know, the possibility of the supernatural.

Ezekiel: What was your interest in people at the time? I mean, did you have any interest in other people or were you kind of self-seeking or...

Clare: I had a very lonely and difficult childhood. I think abandonment was probably the type of abuse that I went through and I wanted to help other people that were hurting. That was really important to me, so I started taking up the study of astrology because I figured well, if I can cast charts for people, I can see what's going on in their life and how to help them. But that didn't quite get it and I'll explain to you why in a minute. I was also reading tarot cards, I was doing Native American medicine ways and the Peyote Church and Scientology, Buddhism. I mean, I went through everything...

Ezekiel: The whole gamut, huh?

Clare: ...looking for the truth. The thing that I liked the most out of any of those things was the I Ching because of the wisdom of those eastern books. The Bible was the last thing on my mind. I thought, 'Christians have their heads stuck in the sand. This is where it's at...'

Ezekiel: (Laughs)

Clare: ...this is so where it's at. So, I went on this wild-goose chase, you know, trying all these different things. I finally ended up one day – well looking back on my life it was like I was... I lived in New York City and San Francisco both with my photography career, and I don't know if you've ever been to New York City and if you've ever gone down a blind alley. That's like these towering buildings and you walk down this alley and it's like a dead end with another towering building and it's all trashed out and dark... and that's what my life felt like. And that's what was at the end of all these different spiritual disciplines that I got involved in. It was just a trashed out dark dead end. That's the only way I can explain...

Ezekiel: Didn't really come up with the answers you were looking for.

Clare: Not at all. I was looking for the truth.

Ezekiel: Um-hum.

Clare: I remember kneeling down one night when I moved to Phoenix, lived in Phoenix, given up my photography career in pursuit of spiritual things. I got down on my knees and cried out to the heavens, "God please, I want to make a difference, is anybody up there? Whoever, you know, whoever is in charge of this mess down here, show me the truth and help me make a difference in people's lives,

please!” I think I was probably about twenty seven when that happened. I went to Ecuador for a while, looking for – sent there by a trance medium – looking for some medicinal plant that didn’t exist.
(Laughs)

Ezekiel: (Laughs)

Clare: He was actually trying to hook me up with an old friend of his down there who was looking for a wife. (Laughs)

Ezekiel: (Laughs) Spiritual...

Clare: I figured it out when I got down there. “Oh, *that’s* what you were doing when you told me this lie...” So that was another dark, blind alley.

Ezekiel: Rabbit trail.

Clare: Oh man. It was terrible really. I was so confused.

Ezekiel: Well you mentioned at some point you had a dream that made a real difference or it began to open some...

Clare: Well, yeah, I was reading the tarot cards and my life was so dark and miserable but this card, this ace of cups, which I equate with the Holy Spirit in my own mind, you know, at that time I didn’t know who the Holy Spirit was. It was some kind of good spirit.

Ezekiel: That’s like a chalice, wine cup thing?

Clare: It’s a chalice with a dove descending into it and...

Ezekiel: Wow.

Clare: ... it’s overflowing kind of and I kept turning this card up as an end card in my tarot card reading. And then one night I had a dream and in this dream I was walking down a dark city street in Chicago with these towering apartment buildings, you know, poodle poop in the grass... I mean, just really the worst kind of place you’d want to be, especially for someone who loved nature. I was walking down the street and it was dark and this was right after a betrayal with a trance medium who I was going to their trance things with – she was supposedly talking with outer space people, right?

Ezekiel: Oh yeah...

Clare: ...and something happened and I was betrayed in this situation and I was heartbroken. Well, in this dream I was – I had just had that experience. But in the dream, I was walking down this dark street and all of a sudden I was transported onto a brilliant, brilliant white beach somewhere in the Bahamas or whatever. And in my dream it was – light was blinding. The light was so blinding, it was like light at noon day you know, on these white sands and everything was sparkling and beautiful and pure and I woke up. I thought, ‘What’s this dream about?’ It was powerful and I knew that it had a significance, because in my conscience I could feel something: “Pay attention to this dream, it has meaning.”

Ezekiel: Okay.

Clare: Right about after that, I had pyramids and pyramid energy and all this other stuff. Anyway, I was sitting under my pyramid one night meditating, and all of a sudden – it was dark with my eyes closed, it was like black but all of a sudden, the blackness was split by a ray of light descending from above.

Ezekiel: This was in a dream?

Clare: No, this was an actual experience. This was...

Ezekiel: Wow!

Clare: ...and out of this ray of light descended a dove that was on fire like lightening. Just on fire.

Ezekiel: Wow!

Clare: It descended and it came down to rest in my body, and when it did that, my body just went into this incredible ecstasy... and all of a sudden, I knew that I was a sinner. Now, in the New Age movement there is no such thing as sin. You just make mistakes...

Ezekiel: Yeah, yeah.

Clare: ...you know, sin is not in the equation at all. But I knew I was a sinner and I knew I'd started seeing all the things that I had done that were sins. But I felt... simultaneous with that, was the awareness of tremendous love. Just a Love that I'd never experienced in my life. Ever. Just this transforming love. It gripped me totally. So, I was so gripped by this love there was not a chance for me to feel bad, because looking at my sins, it was like - I guess now it was, being a Christian, I'd understand that was conviction. I was convicted by my sins but I was so inebriated and flooded with love that I couldn't feel bad.

Ezekiel: That's amazing.

Clare: Yeah, it was – this went on for forty-five minutes without stop. I was paralyzed. I could not move and my husband at the time looked across the pyramid at me and he said, "Your body is glowing." He saw...

Ezekiel: He saw this light...

Clare: ...this light coming off my body. And I said – without even giving it a thought – I said, "I'm having a visitation from the Holy Spirit." I didn't know who the Holy Spirit was. The Holy Spirit spoke through me, because I didn't know who He was. But I remember praying a prayer that I'd never heard before and I found out later what it was. The prayer said, Have mercy on me, oh God, according to your love; your unfailing love and your great compassion. Please, blot out my sins. Wash away all my guilt. I see how guilty I am. Psalm 51: 1-3.

Ezekiel: Psalm 51.

Clare: Yeah!

Ezekiel: Wow!

Clare: Cleanse me from my sin for I know my transgressions. Wash me and I'll be whiter than snow. And this one line was just really – my whole being was just riveted on it – Do not cast me away from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Please don't ever let me be separated from you. Don't ever let me be separated from you. And that was my cry. Tears were running down my cheeks and I didn't say those words, I didn't say them with my mouth because, again, the only time I spoke was to my husband at that time and telling him what I was experiencing because he didn't know. And when it was over with, I just collapsed. I was just wrung out.

Ezekiel: Gosh!

Clare: The next morning...

Ezekiel: It was a Paul getting knocked off his horse kind of thing.

Clare: Yeah, yeah very much so.

Ezekiel: A bombshell.

Clare: Very much so. That night – it was a Saturday night – I got up Sunday morning and I felt like, I need to go to church. We didn't have a car, so I had to go to someplace in walking distance. The only church in walking distance was a Catholic church. So, I went to the Catholic Church and everyone was going up to receive communion. I didn't know how to receive communion. I just went up with...

Ezekiel: (Laughs) Just get in line!

Clare: But something, you know, didn't connect with me in that church and I started asking God to show me where I could go to church. Because the experience that I had had was so incredible, I was expecting like trumpets blasting, you know, a fan fair and just this incredible experience. I was looking for that in the church.

Ezekiel: Well, you had mentioned earlier too – excuse me for interrupting you but – that you knew somehow that you had to get a Bible and that you needed to...

Clare: I knew I was a sinner. I knew that I was sorry for my sins. I knew that I was forgiven. I knew that God loved me and I knew I had to get a Bible.

Ezekiel: And conform your life...

Clare: Yeah, yeah, conform my life to the Scriptures.

Ezekiel: Yeah, yeah.

Clare: That was the conviction. Absolutely. I mean, my whole life just changed overnight and I thought well, what about all my occult things and my medicine ways and my crystal ball which I looked into and I saw these demons, these monkeys with pointed ears and I thought, 'This is gross!' and I put that thing in the trash. Oh my gosh! I put it in the trash but I didn't know what to do with – see, I had been training to be a trance medium and I was taught that you had spirit guides and they were your friends and they helped you.

Ezekiel: Hmm

Clare: I didn't want to discard my friends. I didn't know how they fit in the scheme of things.

Ezekiel: Wow.

Clare: So, I went to a Bible study...

Ezekiel: You were a real believer in this stuff, huh?

Clare: Well, I had a relationship with these spirits.

Ezekiel: Wow. Wow.

Clare: You know, I wanted to help people by having supernatural knowledge and I thought that these were God's helpers.

Ezekiel: Oh, okay.

Clare: Like angels. You know. So, I finally found a church. I walked in there and this band was playing, choir was singing and I could feel the Spirit real strong and it was like what I had experienced that Saturday night, May the 5th. So, I ended up going to a women's Bible study there and the leader of the Bible study was kind of a straight-laced young woman you know, kind of tiny, petite, pretty. And we were talking about meditation one day and she said, "Meditation is evil, it's bad." And I thought, 'No it's not!'

Ezekiel: Hmm.

Clare: "I thought, 'That can't be right,' so I argued with her. Well, that night I went home. I had a dream and in this dream I was in a dark cave and all the other people that were in the class with me were also in this cave and we were like, believers. And we were sleeping in this cave and Jesus came into the cave with a bowl of porridge and He said, "*To whom I give this to eat, has the truth.*" And He gave it to everyone there in the room but ...and walked out.

Ezekiel: Wow.

Clare: That was a very humbling experience because I kind of looked down on Christians. I thought there were – you know...

Ezekiel: Didn't quite...

Clare: They had their head in the sand.

Ezekiel: Yeah, wow! Well, did you fit into the church at that point? Did you feel like this was a place for you?

Clare: For a time I did. It was a Spirit-filled church and I got into the prayer meetings and the healing services. We saw miracles. We saw healings. I felt a relationship with the Lord.

Ezekiel: You dropped the meditation, obviously, right?

Clare: Well, not only did I drop the meditation, but one day I was praying alone in my living room when the kids were asleep and the Lord brought to mind the seventy sons of Jezebel.

Ezekiel: Hmm.

Clare: And there on the spot He delivered me of – He had me make a list of the things that I had been involved in that were spiritually adulterous...or any other kind of sin. And right there on the spot I renounced those things. And I remember, He touched my – I could see Him in the spirit - and He touched my forehead and He put a mark on my forehead. I don't know what it was, but I think I was being sealed.

Ezekiel: Wow.

Clare: Because that's in the Scriptures, you know.

Ezekiel: Um hum. You mentioned something about a wall and or a television set. It's like, you had some pretty wild manifestations. The Lord individually, singularly coming right to you. Not an Evangelist on the screen. Not an altar call in the church. Just one-on-one. What's some of these – I'm not going to give it away! You tell about the wall and the T.V.

Clare: (Laughs) Okay, I was lying down – well, there were two incidents that happened actually in this one spot. It was like a little den and I was lying down on the couch and my husband was sitting next to me and all of a sudden – there was paneling at the end of the room and all of a sudden the paneling turned into a gigantic wave and wall of demons and they started to come out of the wall and fall on me.

Ezekiel: Oh, my gosh!

Clare: I was petrified. All I could say to my husband at the time was, "I'm under attack! I'm under attack!" and I could hardly get those words out and he prayed in the name of Jesus and the minute he used the name of Jesus, the demons fled.

Ezekiel: Well, we can get into this a little more. So, he kind of followed your conversion or what? Or he was already a believer?

Clare: I think it's kind of like the seeds sown along the rocky path. Matthew 13:4

Ezekiel: Hmm.

Clare: We both had conversion experiences. My conversion experience was outrageous and it had to be because my pride was outrageous. The Lord had to get to me in a way that I couldn't dismiss it and I couldn't write it off to anything. He had to touch me. I mean, I've heard of miracles with the Muslim people like this.

Ezekiel: Yeah, yeah.

Clare: You know, it has to be done supernaturally because the people are so convinced that they're right...that nothing else will work.

Ezekiel: Right, right.

Clare: With him, he responded to the Lord but he really was very much into the world and wanted to lead a worldly life. And I had told him before we got married, I said, "One thing you need to know about me is that my life is about following the truth and I won't let anything hold me back from the truth." And eventually that ended up being what separated us...

Ezekiel: Oh wow.

Clare: ...because he wanted the world and I couldn't do it.

Ezekiel: But at this point, he at least knew to use the name of Jesus.

Clare: He had an experience with the Lord in church. He felt the Lord's love. He gave his life to the Lord. But again, when persecution and situations came up, it didn't hold; it didn't last.

Ezekiel: Yeah. Well, thank the Lord we never know what the end story is and...you know, the seed planted that he'll finish the good work the Lord's begun. so either he came back along the way or will be. I'm sure we'll all get a few surprises.

So, about the television.

Clare: Yeah. I had mentioned that to you. The television was something else again. I had a lot of questions about these spirit guides. I tend to be a loyal person and it bothered me that other people were saying that these were demons and I didn't want to just cast these entities off...unless I knew the truth, right?

Ezekiel: Um-hum.

Clare: So, I was beseeching the Lord, "Please show me what role do they serve in my life. Are they of the devil or are they your helpers?" which is what I had thought they were. So one day, laying on the same couch, watching Star Trek, Captain Kirk – they landed on this planet. Captain Kirk went into this mine or this cave, he went deep down into it and when he got in there he saw his first love. The first woman he had ever fallen in love with, she was there inside the cave. He came out absolutely bedazzled and just totally head over heels in love with her. And he told Spock about it, so Spock went in to the mine shaft and a few minutes later Spock comes out and says, "My first love was there".

Ezekiel: Ah.

Clare: And he was, you know, head over heels in love with her and he wanted to, you know, they both wanted to stay there to do whatever... But I realized at that point, "How could this be that his... you know, that the same woman was...?"

Ezekiel: One way to one and one to the other.

Clare: Yeah, so, my mind was coming to a realization, “Oh my gosh, these demons are playing...” And before I could get the word charades to come together in my mind, it was like the television set blew up!

Ezekiel: Whoa! (Laughs).

Clare: Right there in the room! It just blew up!

Ezekiel: Wow! (Laughs) You had some pretty dramatic actors to your play there...

Clare: Oh my gosh.

Ezekiel: ...right off the bat.

Clare: Well it was like the cognition, the recognition was coming out of the television set to my brain and my brain was going to the story. And when they were about to touch - and when they *did* touch the television set blew up.

Ezekiel: (Laughs) Wow!

Clare: That was my answer.

Ezekiel: It’s interesting that these things (the demons), you know, play on... they know the things that I might like or not like...

Clare: Right.

Ezekiel: ...and I certainly had my years of not knowing the Lord. They’re not stupid, I mean, these were angels at one point.

Clare: They play on your vanity. They flatter you, and they take on the appearance of whatever will make the most inroads with you.

Ezekiel: Push your hot buttons.

Clare: Right.

Ezekiel: Yeah. Wow. Well, you mentioned you kind of started in the one church, you went to a few different churches. You had some different experiences in the Christian community. How did that go?

Clare: When I came to the Lord, I was really on the counterculture – was very – I liked whole foods and was a nature loving kind of person. And this whole lifestyle at the church was much more – was not as natural. It was much more culturally American middle class. And I tried to dress the part and to act the part and to be the part and to fit in with the church because I felt this goes... you know, I need to learn to be more manageable and more docile.

Ezekiel: Be a woman of the Word. (Laughs)

Clare: Oh boy. But you know, no matter how you try to cram your feet into the wrong fitting shoe, your feet still hurt and...something was not right about my walk. I could feel it in my heart. I remember one particular incident when Richard Wurmbbrand's Voice of the Martyrs (he founded Voice of the Martyrs) came to our church and was speaking on a Wednesday night. And of course, he was sitting down because the communists had beat the bottoms of his feet.

Ezekiel: Oh my gosh!

Clare: Bludgeoned him! He was sitting on a stool on the center of the stage and I was sitting to the far right in the auditorium in the front row. And he was talking about the price that we have to pay to follow Christ and that so many people don't want to pay the price...and he turned his head and he looked right at me and he said, "What's your price?"

Ezekiel: You're kidding!

Clare: No! He looked right at me and he said, "What's your price?"

Ezekiel: Boy, he called the question out.

Clare: Oh boy. And I felt that like a dagger going into my heart, because I knew there was something artificial about my walk. I knew I was missing something very deep. I mean, the conversion experiences that I had I think called for much more – much more from me than what I was giving it.

Ezekiel: I heard someone say once, "I'm a fool for Jesus, whose fool are you?"

Clare: Yeah.

Ezekiel: Well, with that kind of conviction, it kind of brings to my mind part of my early conversion and one of the first things I wanted to do once the Lord got a hold of me, very much in a radical way like yourself, we'll talk about my testimony as well, I'm sure coming up soon but one of the things I wanted to do like a lot of us was jump up and sell everything and run to the missions, right?

Clare: Right.

Ezekiel: And you had kind of an experience like that, didn't you?

Clare: Well, there was a night there was an altar call on a Wednesday night in this church and I really felt compelled to go to the front of the church and give my entire life to the Lord in such a way that He would be leading it and I felt the call to missions. My husband – I don't know if he really felt that call or not but he was kind of – oh what's the word – going along for the ride.

Ezekiel: Coattails type of thing.

Clare: Right. Right. He was a somewhat of an adventuresome person, you know, and he hadn't really formed an opinion of what he wanted to do with his life. So, after that happened there was a lot of talk about YWAM and about Holland, going to YWAM and getting trained for the missions. My husband had just graduated from University or whatever it was, I can't remember exactly what happened. But he had

just gotten some kind of a thing at the University of Arizona and his father bought him a brand new Ford station wagon for us, for the family, for the kids. I'd never had a new car in my life.

Ezekiel: Pretty nice of him!

Clare: My mother had, but I never had a new car in my life. We took it camping and we did different things with it. We wanted to get support from the church to go to Holland and the church would not support us. They were supporting a young girl who had a career in – secretarial kind of career to go out there and help.

Ezekiel: Yeah.

Clare: But I wanted something radical. I had a dream about being in Holland and about witnessing to a homosexual that was in this room with me, to someone who's gay and witnessing to them and telling them about the love of Jesus. And it was a real powerful dream and left a sweet impression. So, there was a draw in my heart to go to YWAM for training but it would have cost us \$5,000.00 and we didn't have that kind of money. But if we had sold that station wagon we would have had \$5,000.00 and we could have gone.

Ezekiel: Brand new station wagon.

Clare: Brand new and it would have totally alienated his family if we did and...

Ezekiel: Oh boy.

Clare: ...they'd be disgusted, you know. So, we thought about it, we prayed about it and I couldn't come to a decision and he couldn't come to a decision so we decided not to sell it and not to go to Holland.

Ezekiel: Save face with the family and friends...

Clare: Yup.

Ezekiel: ...a real pull there. That's a tough one.

Clare: And right after that, right after the door closed on that opportunity, I had a dream. And in that dream, I was on a ship and I was going below deck into this kind of large room. The captain of the ship was standing down against a table there and he called out to me and he said, "He called." I knew right away it was Jesus. He said, "He called but you missed the call; He'll call again" and I woke up. And I realized that that tall, handsome, blond-haired, blue-eyed man in the captain's uniform – white uniform was the Holy Spirit.

Ezekiel: Oh wow!

Clare: And that Jesus had called and I...

Ezekiel: And you missed the call.

Clare: ...and I missed the call.

Ezekiel: But He'd call again.

Clare: Right.

Ezekiel: Wow. Well, did He? (Laughs)

Clare: Yeah, well, I wanted something really radical, you know, something that more resembled the Lord's lifestyle. I ended up getting involved with a liturgical church that had kind of a monastic background...

Ezekiel: By liturgical you mean like the – we used to call them High churches: Episcopal, Lutheran, Catholic...that kind of thing?

Clare: Right, right, yeah. And the Franciscans really appealed to me, because their founder was a real radical person for the Lord and very much like Paul.

Ezekiel: Cookie-jar friars right? St. Francis, the bird guy? He liked the animals and they loved him. But right? The guys with the brown robes?

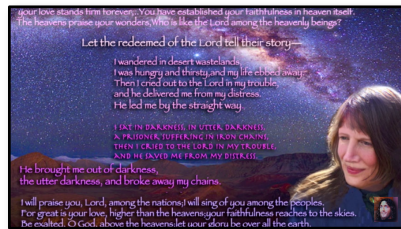
Clare: Yeah, yeah.

Ezekiel: Okay, all right.

Clare: And his relationship with nature was so beautiful...

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Clare: ...and he loved the creation, he loved the Lord with all his heart and...

Ezekiel: So, Francis of Assisi, yeah! A lot of people look toward him as an example. Yeah, okay.

Clare: Yeah. So, I ended up getting involved in that and we moved to Maryland and lived on – we were living in Maryland with – he was going to school. But we were in this three-story, historic building, beautiful house, you know, with all the right furnishings: the antiques, five different woods in the kitchen, you know, a fireplace in the kitchen and the original floors from your turn-of-the-century and it didn't feel right. My life was just taken up with clothing and cooking and how I looked and how he looked. We were going to a stylish church in Washington, D.C. and the pastor and his wife were calling us into the inner circle. We were very popular but something just didn't feel right inside and I was looking for something more radical. My husband picked up a book at the library by John Michael Talbot about his conversion to the Catholic faith and I thought, 'Well, those people are all idol worshipers,' you know?

Ezekiel: John Michael Talbot is a singer/songwriter right?

Clare: Right, and I listened to his music and it really spoke to my heart. The “roughness of that” calling and “the primitive church” calling and I got quite involved in that and cultivated a much deeper relationship with the Lord - and really did give up my social idols, you know: clothing and food and impressing people, society and all of that.

Ezekiel: You showed me a picture of a lady in a bathroom. It had something to do with a toilet.

Clare: Oh yeah!

Ezekiel: (Laughs) The swirly deal, you know?

Clare: Yeah, yeah, yeah!

Ezekiel: What was that about?

Clare: It was a magazine cover. When we were in Annapolis, Maryland in this historic house, it was a magazine cover – Keith Green, it was one of his magazines.

Ezekiel: Oh!

Clare: It was yellow, and it had this woman in the kitchen and she was being sucked down in a vortex. Sucked down in her kitchen. There was so many things going on in her life that she was just being devoured by it.

Ezekiel: Yeah.

Clare: All these activities in her life, you know? And I can’t remember what the issue of the magazine was like but I saw that picture and I thought, ‘That’s me! That’s who I am! And who I’ve become, who I’ve allowed myself to become.’ It was right after that, that that book came in the door and I read it and I thought, ‘I want something deeper and more primitive and this – he seems to have what I want.’

Ezekiel: Well, Keith Green – another singer/songwriter who’s gone on to be with the Lord. I remember their discipleship community there in East Texas – it started in California and a phenomenal life story if you ever get a chance to take a look at it on Youtube or whatever. Keith Green’s story. Really, really moving, yeah. A neat guy and they did put out a magazine, a community newsletter kind of...

Clare: Um-hum.

Ezekiel: ...but quite a man, quite a life. So...somewhere down the line, you go from this historic three-story house in Annapolis to a very different situation, living wise.

Clare: His parents were supporting us, because he was going to the University of Maryland.

Ezekiel: They must have really come from some money.

Clare: Oh yeah. The school of public affairs. And he wanted to do something good in the world, too, and this was his choice but he wasn’t able to keep up with the class. He had one professor somehow that he clashed with and he got a bad mark and that caused him to be put on probation or to be turned

out of the school, really. At that time I was longing for a much simpler life. I thought, gee, a farmhouse, a place where we can live a simple life with our children and, you know, have a prayer life, you know... something more organic.

Ezekiel: Um-hum.

Clare: What happened when I read John Michael's story is, we ended up going to a community in Pennsylvania not that far away from where we were, and for a short time, became a part of that community. I sold everything. We sold everything. All the antiques. All the things that I had embroidered and quilted and, I mean, the house was really done almost to museum quality.

Ezekiel: Wow.

Clare: And I just had a huge sale, we sold everything. We took off for the Poconos. We found a place, a tarpaper shack on the side of a mountain and I'd just had my fourth child.

Ezekiel: A tarpaper shack?

Clare: Tarpaper shack. Just like a summer cabin.

Ezekiel: (Laughs) Wow. How many kids at this point?

Clare: Four.

Ezekiel: Just had another...

Clare: Yeah, he was three months old when we moved there.

Ezekiel: That was a radical move, huh?

Clare: Very radical.

Ezekiel: I bet the family just was jumping up and down about that! (Laughs)

Clare: My mother was livid. His parents were disgusted...

Ezekiel: Oh boy! First the station wagon, now this. (Laughs)

Clare: Oh, we still had the station wagon.

Ezekiel: That's right, that's right. You made their rough decision there but, the Lord called again, didn't He?

Clare: He did.

Ezekiel: Called you up there in the Poconos.

Clare: I mean, it was a complete renunciation of a superficial life that I wrote about in - I can't remember – I wrote about it and I said I was a “sorter of rags and a taster of brews” - brews, you know, like cooking.

Ezekiel: Wow.

Clare: Because I spent so much time on my appearance and the children's appearance and his appearance and the food and that's where my time went! It wasn't in prayer. It wasn't in helping people. It wasn't in serving. It wasn't in witnessing. It was in feathering my own nest and measuring up to the middle-class standard in the Washington chic church I went to.

Ezekiel: Boy if we'd only admit it. In the Christian community and the church, there are a lot of us that are kind of going along like... that feel like, well, we're blessed. The Lord's blessing us and prospering us and whatever. But you know, it constantly is a challenge to me that... “What part of me is going out. What am I doing? Am I bearing fruit for the Lord?”

Clare: Right.

Ezekiel: If He comes to my tree looking for fruit...

Clare: Right.

Ezekiel: ...what's He going to find, you know?

Clare: Right.

Ezekiel: And what am I doing for others like, I gotta tell you: Mother Theresa was a real powerful, powerful example for me in my life.

Clare: Ouch! (Laughs)

Ezekiel: Yeah! Yeah, just her – the way she and her sisters gave everything, lived with the poorest of the poor in Calcutta and went on that way for – it's still going on, I guess. You know, and other people who worked at inner-city ministries and doing things like that. Thank God for some examples out there that challenge us that there's more to it than just prosperity. I mean, is that really the – should we really be pushing on the prosperity thing so much?

Clare: Well, that's a good question. That's a good question and in fact I did a five-part series on worldliness and the church, because this experience that I had on the side of the mountain in the Pocono Mountains with my family – everything was so tight and intimate and so sweet. And the Lord was 100% of my life in directing me in how to raise my children and take care of my husband. My life was wrapped around the Lord's agenda and I could feel it. I could feel the purity...

Ezekiel: Wow.

Clare: ...and the cleanliness of it.

Ezekiel: And he took care of all your needs, too. Something about being in a hurricane and a couple of electrical wires...

Clare: (Laughs) "Yeah, there was hurricane Gloria hit New York City and I happened to be alone that night. And my friend was watching the children and I was having prayer time. My husband was at work at a nursing home and I was having my prayer time. The hurricane hit and I was beseeching the Lord to please show us how He wanted us to serve Him. With all my heart and soul I was begging Him and you know, hurricane Gloria, that was just the perfect title for what I was going through. You know, I was really reaching into the Lord's glory and asking Him, you know, to transform our lives."

Ezekiel: Yeah.

Clare: Right around that time the electricity goes off, but then it went back on again. About two hours later, these workers from the electric company show up out there and they said, "You have electricity! Do you know that the electricity is out for miles around? You are the only person with electricity!"

Ezekiel: (Laughs) How'd that happen?

Clare: Well, apparently the Lord had allowed the wires to be severed, but they fell into a puddle of water so they maintained their connection.

Ezekiel: (Laughs) "So, what do I do with my life, Lord? What should we do?" And one of the first things He says is, "*Well, you take care of my business; I'll take care of yours.*" Right? "*I will provide, I will provide.*"

Clare: Beautiful. But you know, I discovered that there are, in every denomination, there are holy people and people that love the Lord and that know the Lord, intimately. Because I, you know, I checked out a few other denominations when we were in Annapolis and went to church there. But anyway, I went to a couple different churches there and I discovered that there are beautiful, committed people, in love with the Lord, giving their lives to the Lord, in every church that I went to and the Catholic Church was not the only church. But what I discovered was really clarified in that situation. You know, the simplicity of that lifestyle made so much more room for the Lord. I'd never trade that. I would never trade that or go back to it.

Ezekiel: Now you find a few earthy Christians here and there, home schoolers and others that are just that. You know, not that everyone needs or can or should get off the grid. But it's kind of neat when the Lord gives you an opportunity to just kind of really and truly take nothing for the journey. And we'll probably talk a little more about that tomorrow. But you know, I'd asked the question earlier: Should we be pushing the prosperity thing? I know that is and can be controversial but it just, you know, the Lord didn't mince words when He talked about You can't serve two masters Matthew 6:24 ...

Clare: Right. I mean, I sought the answers to that and my experience really clarified a lot because my relationship with the Lord was so much more intimate. Much more intimate than it had ever been. And you know, you can't out give the Lord.

Ezekiel: I was just going to say, can you out give Him? (Laughs)

Clare: You give Him everything...

Ezekiel: Yeah.

Clare: ...that supposedly means something to you, but actually you're entrapped by those things.

Ezekiel: Yeah.

Clare: You give him all those things that are trapping you... and He turns around and gives you Himself.

Ezekiel: He takes the things of us that we could never keep, to give to us things that we could never lose, right?

Clare: That's right.

Ezekiel: Wow. So, you did some mountain time there and when you and I met - actually it was in a mountain range, the Ozark Mountains, right?

Clare: Right.

Ezekiel: Northern Arkansas, Southern Missouri.

Clare: Well, yeah, one of my early experiences, even as an Evangelical in my first church, was going around on Christmas morning and taking two hundred sandwiches and coffee to the homeless people. And the spirit about doing that was so sweet, I really saw the Lord was in that. And so, I dedicated my life to serving the poor.

Ezekiel: Two hundred sandwiches! You make them yourself?

Clare: No, no. McDonald's...

Ezekiel: You bought two hundred sandwiches from McDonald's?

Clare: No, no, they donated them.

Ezekiel: Oh wow! You asked?!

Clare: Yeah, I asked.

Ezekiel: Man, that's gutsy! (Laughs)

Clare: They donated them and...

Ezekiel: Wow! That's awesome!

Clare: ...I distributed them.

Ezekiel: That is so cool!

Clare: ...with coffee and everything. But that was the direction that I was headed. We came back to Phoenix and my husband left me. He didn't want that kind of a journey. He wanted to be an artist in the world have an art gallery and was just a whole other agenda and...we were immature when we met and we got married you know, like so many other people.

Ezekiel: I think of the wedding bells so many times, being a pastor myself. You know, ordained minister. And over the time thinking, gosh, you know, 'what God has joined together let no man put asunder...'

Clare: Right.

Ezekiel: ...and yet I meet so many couples in so many situations that God did not join together.

Clare: Right.

Ezekiel: Now this is not a carte blanche thing to say, okay - you can use this as an excuse and you can get a divorce. God hates divorce. But, a lot of us didn't have a clue. Not only about marriage. We didn't know the Lord. We didn't know anything.

Clare: Yeah.

Ezekiel: Or, one party knows the Lord, and I tell young people all the time, especially young girls you know, "I'm gonna change him." This, that and the other and they make theirself up to look like the girls on TV. You know, if the guy's after that, then when somebody else comes along that looks like the girl on TV, too, what's he gonna...

Clare: And you're fat and pregnant.

Ezekiel: Yeah. Yeah. You know, when you got the uglies or whatever, but I try to tell these young men and young women alike, if you find someone who loves God, they will always love you. If they're faithful to God, they'll always be faithful to you. Wouldn't you agree?

Clare: Oh, absolutely!

Ezekiel: Yeah.

Clare: And that's what happened after he left. I didn't date. I didn't do anything for five years. All I did was seek the Lord's will and obey him. And I felt this unction to move to the Ozark Mountains where John Michael's community was, but not to be a part of their community. I already had an inner witness that that wasn't right for me and for the children, but to move to the Ozarks and to serve the poor, the hill people. And that's what I did.

Ezekiel: Ozark hillbillies. (Laughs)

Clare: And then I met you in church.

Ezekiel: Yeah, yeah! I remember that. I thought, golly, who's this Earth Mother looking lady with these four little kids, little stair step buggers. We knew each other for about a year and a half as friends.

Clare: Right.

Ezekiel: I figured I'd be an old muck on a mountain. I'd lived in some monasteries, worked in some missions, but you'll hear a little more of my story later. It's really sweet...

Clare: Oh, it is.

Ezekiel: ...even though I'm a guy, you know, real men get mushy, too. But you continued on – or we continued on afterwards.

Clare: Well, I would like to say one thing and that's that I had several beautiful experiences with the Lord where I was His bride.

Ezekiel: Wow. Yeah, that impressed me. I wanted more of that in my life.

Clare: You know, I wore a wedding ring on my finger, because I was His bride. I belonged totally to Him. And I would not have anything to do with anyone, as far as even considering them for marriage, unless they were also the Lord's Bride and I knew the Lord brought us together. So, the beautiful experiences and the intimacy with Him, seeing Him, having Him talk to me. I remember just before we left the Poconos and came back to Arizona where his parents were, I was lying on my side with my elbow up and my hand on my chin on the floor and I saw the Lord clearly, in the spirit, directly across from me doing the exact same thing and He said, "How much are you willing to give for Me? What are you willing to give up for Me?"

Ezekiel: Really? Huh.

Clare: Yeah, He said that and I said, "Please, please don't take my children."

Ezekiel: Wow.

Clare: And right after that He separated... He separated my former husband and I. He did it. It was His act.

Ezekiel: He knew that was coming.

Clare: Yeah.

Ezekiel: Golly, that's...

Clare: But my relationship with Him continued to deepen and I've known that I was His Bride... I have not been faithful to that calling.

Ezekiel: You know, I was going to say, you talk about this intimacy with the Lord and hearing from Him, seeing Him and that. Can't you do that just living in – couldn't you have done that in Annapolis and going – you could go to conferences, right, and church activities, be parts of groups and get all that?

Clare: Every once in a while I'd go to a big gathering like that and I might have a fleeting experience with the Lord but the profound connection comes in seclusion. "I'll speak to her in the desert. I'll lead her into the desert and I'll speak to her heart."

Ezekiel: Yeah, quiet and alone.

Clare: It's that time totally dedicated to Him and cutting away – circumcising my heart from the frills of the world which took up so much of my attention and my time and my children, you know, simplifying things down to only what was necessary.

Ezekiel: I'm sure that we'll talk about, you know, prayer and things like that more in future programs. But I gotta tell you, one of the biggest challenges to me, even when I also sold everything I had – we didn't even know each other for years before. I had very much the same type of calling experience – I could not get quiet. I could shut my mouth and I could almost turn my heart off sometimes - but I couldn't turn my mind off.

Clare: Yeah.

Ezekiel: You know, tick – tick – tick – tick, or I'd get distracted...or I'd yawn or I'd fall asleep. And I thought, 'Wow, Lord, have I spent time with you?' But it seemed like the more – maybe it would have been twenty minutes one day. There are times when I'll sit in with the Lord now and the sun will come up the next morning and it just seems like I've been there a couple hours. But I'm fifty five years old now you know, I was younger...

Clare: I use music a great deal and that would transport – holy music, you know, and worship. I would get into worship and the Lord would just step into the worship and take over and...

Ezekiel: Wow.

Clare: ...I'm going to be sharing on that in the future because that kind of intimacy – the Lord is no respecter of persons. Anyone who is willing to give up their time and their attention and their lives to the Lord is open to that kind of relationship with Him. I'd like to share some of the ways that He led me into that intimacy."

Ezekiel: Sure! Sure!

Clare: ...and how He confirms out of the mouth of two or three, a certain direction because we don't always make the right choices with our lives.

Ezekiel: Right.

Clare: So, another time.

Ezekiel: Yeah, that's a subject for – thank you for being so open and transparent tonight and I'm sure there'll be more.

Clare: I look forward to hearing your testimony.

Ezekiel: Yeah, yeah, I've got a little list to make, don't I?

Clare: You have a wonderful story. Just wonderful.

Ezekiel: Well, God willing, we'll see you next time. Hear from you and speak to you and hope to hear from you here on Heaven Talk: dreams, visions, comments, and discussion on all things Heaven.

Visiting Heaven through Prayer 1

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Ezekiel: Hi there, welcome to Heaven Talk: dreams, visions, comments and discussion on all things Heaven. I'm Ezekiel, coming again to you from the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of beautiful Taos, New Mexico and joining me is my beloved spouse, Ms. Clare. How are you tonight?

Clare: Oh, good. I'm looking forward to this.

Ezekiel: OK. Tonight, we thought, first of all, you know, we really want the Lord to speak to our hearts. We don't want this to be us or you or anyone else. We want to hear from the Holy Spirit. And as I set out to pray and try to prepare, just asked the Lord what He wanted tonight - immediately, the Holy Spirit brought to mind a couple of things. First of all, you know "On Earth as it is in Heaven" and the fact that those weren't just pretty words in a prayer. I mean that He meant it. He meant for things to be on Earth as they are in Heaven. And the next thing He brought to mind was when He said in John 14:2 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? Well, the question comes up immediately: But how? How do I get there? I remember the apostles saying, "We don't know the way." The Lord tells them that they do. Well, does He just kind of, does He just blink His eyes? Do we just go blink and all of a sudden we're there? How does that happen?

Clare: Well, first of all, we don't want to presume that we can just go there without His invitation, without Him orchestrating it and that's been the way it has been for us for quite a while in prayer. The Lord would approach us and come to us and invite us to go with Him and once He's made that invitation, it's just an open door, really.

Ezekiel: Yeah, you know I remember early on someone had introduced us to the concept of soaking prayer, which most of us are familiar with at this point. Just come into a meeting, being quiet and bring in a little snack or something. We'll talk about some of that later. But just getting comfortable and not so much talking and teaching and interaction, but being quiet before the Lord.

Clare: Right. And I prefer to call it Dwelling prayer, because the Lord dwells in our heart and ultimately it's in our heart that all of this takes place. Our heart is a gateway to Heaven and the Lord lives in our heart. And that invitation to be with Him and for Him to be with us is a longstanding invitation that is made to everyone who is willing to pay the price really.

Ezekiel: Well, so we're all Christians and most of us walked this walk for at least some time. Is a prayer just a normal, natural thing? What's different about what we're talking tonight?

Clare: Well, I think there are different kinds of prayer. There's prayer when you meditate on the Scriptures and that takes you to a very special place sometimes. There's prayer when you're down on your knees beseeching the Lord to act on behalf of another soul in our lives. But then, there's a passive prayer of dwelling with Him. There's prayer, the prayer of worship, you know worshipping Him. And I find that, that's the best entranceway into Dwelling prayer, because when we worship Him in Spirit and in truth, we're worshipping Him. It clears the air, it prepares our hearts. It puts our mind and our hearts in the right place. Worship brings us to the Lord, so to speak. And when that happens, it creates... like a cocoon of grace and life and the Lord can come into that or emerge from that and invite us into His presence.

Ezekiel: So, you're saying, just maybe start with some worship music that you're comfortable with or familiar with and just...

Clare: Some really holy worship, worship music that glorifies God directly. I mean there's a lot of different songs that we can listen to that are Christian, but worship that directly glorifies the Lord is really important. I like Terry McAlmon. I'm kind of partial.

Ezekiel: Most of us think that prayer is: you sit at the breakfast table with my Bible, right, and maybe TV's on the background where something is going on or whatever and we spend about 20 minutes or so or maybe a little longer if we're doing Bible study. How do you begin to pray like this, other than the worship you know?

Clare: Well, as you said before when we were talking, we need to clear the air, we need to protect that time. This is not something you do before you go to work or before you go to school, you know, just quickly get out of prayer. This is something you do to be in God's presence and allow Him to act. He is the one who is acting on you. At a certain point, you are just there for Him. So, you don't want the television set going, you don't want the telephone on the hook, you don't want to be checking out texts from people, you don't want to be interrupted because once you get to that place, you are in a delicate, delicate cocoon of grace and you don't want to interrupt that.

Ezekiel: I remember being a kid in school trying to do homework and I constantly was tapping on a glass with a pencil you know, taking a bite on an apple. You know, it was hard just to concentrate on the homework. But I can just see walking into your bedroom or wherever and right off the bed, knock-knock-knock someone is at the door, your iPod or computer says 'You've got mail.' So I can see that you kinda... this is a special time you really want to set up in a special way. And we're talking about being with the Lord.

Clare: Right, being with the Almighty God who comes to us in a still small voice, in a still small breeze. And in order for us to be like Elijah did on a mountain, and to recognize that still small voice in that breeze, a delicate gentle little breeze. We need to still our souls and we need to make sacrosanct that space and time and not allow other people to butcher in. One person after another telephone calls, you getting up to do something, get distracted and the devil will do everything in His power to cause you to be distracted. So you never settle into this kind of prayer.

Ezekiel: So, kind of find a private place. And there were times when I'll just get in our vehicle and just go to the park and sit, you know even though we live in a house of prayer and as a little mention, it's fairly quiet here. There is always something or someone who can pull me away or just an odd room in your house, garage, shop. I've heard of people who go on in buses or campers to someplace where there is

no phone, no this, no that, disciplining yourself to be with the Lord God Almighty. We're talking about heavenly places and all things Heaven. I mean He lives in us, but this is like... it's almost like he is catching us up in a way, pre-rapture. So kind of set it up right. So, can we go home from work or school and kind of go right into it maybe?

Clare: I can, but I don't know about other people. But, if you really want this intimate relationship with Him so that you can hear Him and see Him and know what His will is for your life and to be really tight with Him that He becomes your spouse. If you want that, you have to meet certain conditions, so to speak. And one of them is, your body needs to be in good shape, you need to be alert. What I like to do typically, since this is the absolute high point of my day, I like to be well rested, like take a 20 minutes nap and have some coffee or tea, a little if you can handle caffeine. I'm older and it doesn't bother me but some people can't handle it. They get jittery. The main idea is to be alert and to be able to rest in the Lord without falling asleep. Take a shower, lie down for a while, and get something to eat. And there's nothing wrong with taking coffee and a biscuit or a cookie or something into prayer with you or chocolate. And you know me with my chocolate chip.

Ezekiel: It's like a holy place? You've got to like... kneel a certain way or pray a certain way?

Ezekiel: Well, if you feel the anointing on kneeling, you kneel. If you feel the anointing on sitting, I mean...it's not about the form; it's about the condition of your heart and being engaged with the Lord in humility of your heart. I mean, people can kneel and be very proud or other people can kneel and it brings them to a beautiful place of docility and humility. But the thing is, some people have a little blood sugar and attention deficit and things like that. I do have low blood sugar and you do, too. So, we both tend to take little snacks into prayer with us and the Lord doesn't find fault with that. In fact, there have been times when prayer has been very, very intense and the Lord and I have been in a conversation which has been intense. He'll tell me to go eat an ice-cream because my blood sugar just bottoms out because it's so intense. And I'll do that and come back and He is totally pleased with me.

Ezekiel: Well, there are two things that come to my mind right off the bat. And that is, we all know about a personal relationship with the Lord. He's Jesus, He's our Savior. But I have to look at my heart and my life here a couple years ago, for sure. Because I was asking the Lord for a period of two weeks, "Lord, help me to really come to You the way I should". You know, "To really be present to You, love You the way I should", you know. And He began to take me into not just a personal relationship but more of a familiar relationship and He did that by causing me to spend more time with Him. And one of the first things that came up, the first two things was distractions and falling asleep. You know, we need to spend really a tenth of time. But, so what do you do with distractions when your mind goes here and there or whatever? Do you just jerk it back? Just bow yourself down?

Clare: Well, you're gonna have distractions and most of the time you're going to have distractions and the minute you realize that you've been distracted, you gently pull yourself back to center. You say, "Lord, help me not to be distracted". I have a little story about that. I really needed an answer from the Lord about a pretty important issue in our lives. You know, I went up to a mountain cabin retreat, fasting and praying. I sat with the Lord all day and prayed. Not once did I feel that we were connecting. Ha! And finally I realized that I'm trying to do this in my own strength. I'm trying to do this. What would happen if I came to Him like a little child and said "Daddy, I'm too little. I can't do this. Would you pray through me? Would you help me to pray please because I can't do it"? Wow and wow, I'll tell you, within four minutes or so, I felt a smile on the Lord's face. I felt a sunny warmth in my heart and He was waiting for

me to ask. It's like "Ok, I'm fasting and I'm praying and I'm doing this thing and I'm doing everything I'm supposed to do the right way. I'm doing. I'm doing. I'm doing."

Ezekiel: He didn't come because you were spiritual, right?

Clare: Exactly, in fact that's pride.

Ezekiel: Yeah, well the falling asleep thing, I know He helped me through that by kind of a no-brainer at this point - and it was "Hello. Duh... Stand up!" "Oh, OK". And I have a music stand next to me because I work with music and recording and things as well, and I thought "Well, I can get comfortable on that thing" and I put it up high where I could just rest my arms on it like a little podium and I put my little writing pad, my Bible there and I thought, "Well, I stood and prayed before the Lord in the temple. I still do that at the Wailing Wall. Maybe, I'll try it." And it was really, it's a nice switch for me, because you do get tired, you're achy or a little antsy. And you've mentioned before, get up, take a walk, move around, clear the cobwebs a little bit, kick the tires on the car, redo your coffee or something but don't stop praying or quit because of distractions or falling asleep, right?

Clare: Right. The Lord is not upset with us when we have distractions. The devil will jump in and tailgate on that opportunity and say, "Look at you, you can't even pray without thinking about things in the world". He'll try to condemn you, which will cause another cycle of distractions. So, he is an opportunist and he'll take advantage of that. But if you just gently refocus on the Lord, He's still smiling and waiting there for you. He's happy with you that you've given Him this time. And He doesn't want condemnation.

Ezekiel: Absolutely not. Now, keep in mind, I know you're thinking, "This is Heaven Talk. What's this got to do with Heaven"? The good stuff is coming. Just hang in there. We're setting the stage here. Kinda sounds like some prep work, but you know, this is an appointment with the Almighty God, right? I mean this is like Jesus going up for the transfiguration. The eternal God of all of Heaven and Earth and the universe is coming for an appointment with us. How awesome is that?

Clare: Oh, that's so beautiful. Well, there was one thing I wanted to mention, too. Sometimes we can fall into condemnation because we're very tired. I mean, we can be rested, we can have our coffee, but all of a sudden when we start praying, we get real drowsy. And there are times when the Lord wants to put us down for a few minutes. And I noticed that when I get into worship (because that's always my approach with the Lord, unless He calls me into prayer) a different kind of prayer when He asks me to turn the music off. I'll get into worship and I'll really get deeply into it and involved with it but I'll start to get sleepy and I will sense the Lord and I might even see the Lord saying, "Go take a nap". Or I will take my petitions with me to my short nap. And I'll lie down and pray while I'm lying down.

Other times He puts me down because He doesn't want me doing things in my own strength. He doesn't want me pressing in and being vigorous in coming to prayer. Sometimes, He wants me to let go, to let go and rest in Him. And when that invitation comes to rest in Him (I've written some songs about that, that are on Youtube), and when that invitation comes, that is the prime situation to be able to hear from Him and see Him. And that's what we call Dwelling prayer. You've seen me do that. I'll go down for a few minutes and then there are other times when I'm in a worshipful mode and I feel that I need to rest and lie down on the couch or on a mat on the floor and just allow the Lord to work on me. And there will be incredible visions that come during that time and frequently He'll take me to Heaven, as you've experienced too.

Ezekiel: Yeah, exactly. And that's why I said the good stuff is coming and be patient, you know. It's not that we're trying to belabor. "Oh my gosh, I've got to read the directions, put the bicycle together". You know, it's not like we've got to do all that stuff and set it up. It's not a legal thing - it's a practical thing. There are practical considerations. For example, I find that the cooler, the better, you know, in a room. If that tends to get really warm, I get really sleepy. Ever had that?

Clare: Yeah, well ventilation is certainly important, because the amount of oxygen in a room directly affects your concentration.

Ezekiel: And always, you know it's kind of redundant to tell a Christian this but, yeah, bring your Bible, bring some devotional books or something because, you know, the Lord wants to speak in many ways and He probably will speak in and through the Scriptures or whatever.

Clare: Yeah, the Lord said, we're priests and kings and that He's made us priests and kings. And the priests would go in to the Holy place wearing an ephod and He would hear from God. And so, it's our privilege to hear from God, and opening the Scriptures prayerfully and allowing the Holy Spirit to pick a reading is an act of faith. It's not silly. It's not childish. It's an act of relinquishing your control over what God will say to you.

Ezekiel: I'm glad you said that, because you know, Rhemas - an enlightened word from the Lord where the Scripture just jumps up off the page and goes to your very heart and soul. I think those are really important and you hear the criticism, "Ahh, it's Bible roulette..." or whatever, but the devil uses a lot of us as good people to sometimes knock our brothers and sisters down with something dumb we say. And it's a beautiful way to go to the Lord saying, "I don't want to just do a Bible study today. I want to hear from your Holy Spirit. What's on your heart and mind"?

Clare: Right, right. Well, I think there's time for both. You can feel drawn to a Psalm. The Lord can give you a number of a Psalm and you can go to that or you can be doing a Bible study on one of the books of the Bible, letters or the Gospels and the Lord will speak to you through that Bible study. He'll arrange circumstances just like daily reading. He'll arrange circumstances where the reading will really mean something to you. So, that's another form of letting go. But when you're reading your Scriptures and something touches your heart, that's time to stop and meditate on that word. Make it a part of you. Make it a deep, deep part of you. And there's something very significant about the timing of the word that the Lord is instructing you. That's personal, private one on one instruction from God.

Ezekiel: So you're saying, "Don't keep on reading the rest of the chapter. But just stop right there..."

Clare: Yeah, that's right. The whole idea of prayer is intimacy with the Lord. And, so when He taps you on the shoulder and says, "I'm here" and He wants your total attention. He doesn't want the Bible to be in front of you and between you. Like - here's the table and on the other side the Lord is sitting with the Bible open and you're sitting on this side with the Bible open. The Lord at some point wants you both to get up from the table and embrace one another and just rest in His heart so that He can love you, so that He can heal you. And many times, He'll infuse knowledge into you, infused wisdom, infused knowledge either through a Scripture that will come into your mind or an understanding of something that's far beyond you.

Ezekiel: So, give Him time to speak rather than keep on going, because "we've got to get it done" or curiosity or whatever. Yeah, that's learning to listen.

Clare: very carefully...

Ezekiel: I want to throw in something real quick. I know it sounds like Jesus gets hung up on the details but dress cool or warm or whatever you need to do, because these are the little things that will pull you out of the most intimate moments with the Lord. If you get chilly, bring a coat, bring a sweater, and bring an extra something. Many times, summer liner, it's good to have a little something to pull over your legs or get comfortable with a pillow or something. So, you know you're right or whatever, if you feel the anointing to kneel or whatever, but I've been pulled out of prayer many times just because of my dumb body, you know hot or cold, but I've learnt to - you taught me how to layer up, you can always peel it off.

Clare: I'm a northerner; you're a southerner, that's why. But I would like to say something on that point. If you happen to be in a very oppressive environment where there's marital strife or teenage kids are acting up or whatever and your environment is very tense. You might want to take a sleeping bag and go sit under a tree with your sleeping bag and hot coffee and your Scriptures and be present to the Lord.

Ezekiel: Good point, real good point. It's hard to pray when you're in a tense environment.

Clare: When you're in an oppressive environment, it's almost impossible and going out is the best solution. And of course getting up really early in the morning before anyone else is up is wonderful. Ezekiel: Wow, we're getting back to, you know, "Is there a prize or whatever"? Because one thing I noticed about the Lord, I mean I'll let you in on a little industry secret here. We do most of these things at probably 2:30 or 3:00 in the morning, whatever. Not because, we're night owls stay up watching TV but we don't even have a TV, you know. We turn on the computer and the Lord has to shut that, put it down. Because, He's so sweet, you don't really want anything with Him.

But it's amazing, you might think, "I can never sit with Him for an hour, much less 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6 hours." Believe me, He's so sweet. You'll find yourself come back and as I mentioned in a previous segment, you're in prayer, you're with the Lord and all of a sudden the sun's coming up and you're thinking, "Man, I thought I've only been a couple hours".

But please, little warning here, caution. Don't push it unnaturally and be dead for school and dead for work. But at the same token, don't come into prayer dead tired either. You know there's a balance. So the Lord will - He'll let you go at the right time and He's got some sweet stuff you can just hang in there a little longer.

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Clare: Well and you don't want to ignore your duties. You want to be faithful if you're taking care of your children and be present to your children. That's why I had four children as a single mother and I would get up at 4 o'clock in the morning or five o'clock in the morning and I did have two hours with the Lord before they woke up. Those two hours were glorious and beautiful because I was strengthened. I mean, there were

times when it wasn't easy, when it was hard. And I'd like to say, too, there're times for worship music and entering into worship, and there's also times for repentance. I have a little book called *The Imitation of Christ* by Thomas à Kempis that I use for a conscience check. I pray and I ask the Holy Spirit, "Holy Spirit, please show me what I need to amend in my spirit, what I need to change in my life." And I'll start out with a reading from that book before I do anything else and something will come up and I'll start repenting. That is so important for us to humble ourselves before the Lord and to repent and to be aware of the things that we're doing that grieve Him.

Ezekiel: So, if we're not working on our stuff and we can't do it, He has to do it. But if we're not open to the Lord maybe, working with us and guiding us and correcting us (and correction word has a little sting to it sometimes), but it's not really a bad thing. But I guess it would keep the Lord to stay back a little bit, if we've got things in the way - and I'll tell you, it's probably pride and covering it over. "Well, I confessed everything to God and I'm OK, bought by the Blood, and it's cool, we're good." Well, He's not just a good old boy, right? He is still God Almighty. We can be familiar and close and personal, but I guess we don't want to grieve the Holy Spirit. And I know there are times I've caused the Lord to, to maybe draw back a little, I've grieved His heart at times and...

Clare: Maybe, because you didn't examine your conscience, you didn't look to see?

Ezekiel: Never even thought about it. Just jumped right in there you know and...

Clare: "I'm okay. Let's do this Lord, let's..."

Ezekiel: "We're buds..."

Clare: Oh no! Poor Jesus...

Ezekiel: It's important to listen to your Commanding Officer, so you don't fly over the wrong area and get shot down. He just does it because He loves us, you now. So, we're kinda diverging a little bit, but still, I said now is the good stuff, here we go, hang on.

I would say and you possibly agree, to invite and ask the Holy Spirit and Jesus, to first of all, to come and be with you, would you think?

Clare: Oh absolutely, ask Him to pray through you. "Holy Spirit teach me how to pray, teach me how to worship." I mean. I've been doing this for 30 years and I'm still asking him. You never master it.

Ezekiel: Yeah, well I like to be invited. I mean, I like it when you come and say, you know, "Honey, would you come in here and listen to something" or "I want to share something with you". You don't normally just bust in and say "Hey, let's drop what you're doing, get over here, let's talk". So yeah, I guess there's something to it. He likes to be asked. Of course He's there always. But, this is what I meant about hanging out for the good stuff.

Someone many years ago talked to me about the Lord and how He uses our imagination and that tweaked my interest. I thought because I love artistic things and colors and memories and childhood, you name it, (you know, I'm a 55-year-old kindergartner.) But one another thing He said was, "Call to mind some kind of place, remember a place, like maybe when you were a little kid or sometime in your life. Or maybe some place where you like to go, and just kinda put yourself in that place, in your imagination, in your heart, in your mind and invite the Lord to come in, be with you there... just kinda see what happens". I mean, is that valid?

Clare: Well, I've gone through some guided prayer for healing and...

Ezekiel: This isn't like guided meditation, the New Age weird thing...

Clare: No! No! No! This was for traumatic situations from my past, in my life, where I've been guided to relive that experience - except with the presence of Jesus and He shows up. He shows up, You know, I think one thing people need to understand more than anything else is that, He is more anxious and desirous of being with you and interacting with you than you are of Him. You could never imagine His passionate love for you, you never could you imagine! And He's just so excited and so happy when someone says, "I'm going to make this the highlight of my day, Lord. I'm so excited to be with You in Your presence, whether you speak to me or you don't speak to me. Just to be in Your presence." And more often than not, He knows when to speak to us and He knows when to step back a little bit, because maybe we're getting a little presumptuous or getting a little prideful. Or maybe we're uncharitable to a child or to another person in the family or someone at work and that - that has a tendency to cause a break in the relationship. Because you've offended Him. And so when you go into prayer if there's something like that, a lack of charity, where you shout at somebody - He may stand back and not greet you in the usual way.

Ezekiel: Wait, wait a minute now. So, like, we have open Heavens and everyone's having these Heavenly experiences... so you're telling me that we're gonna go stand in line, get up there and get ready for the Lord to take us into these places... and He's going to like, check our credentials - or what?

Clare: Well, No. If He's grieved, He wants to straighten that out with you. That your character is *far* more important than some flighty, colorful experience, you know, and He'll use your desire to experience things as a point of getting your attention, so that you will pay attention to your behavior or your character.

Ezekiel: Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Matthew 5:23-24 (NKJV)

Well, that makes sense.

Clare: There'll be times, you know, when you and I have got sideways with something. I'll be sitting there, I'll just know that the Lord wants me to go and humble myself and apologize and to make it right with you.

Ezekiel: If you're sensitive, you can tell, you know. He sees and knows, hears everything. We think we're sleek, quick and cool - we're gonna scam and sham, and just get right with the Lord... and He's like "*Woah, big fellow.*" I want to bring up the fact that I mentioned imagination. I would say, pay attention to your imagination and don't feel weird like "this is me" or "this is childish". You know the enemy, the accusers and good people who mean well will come along, (but particularly the demons, before, during and after) the voices "Occult! This is childish! You're deceived!" What do you do, I mean?

Clare: Yeah, all, all the above. And one note on this. When you come into prayer and things seem dry, the big question is (and things have been going wrong,) the big question is "Am I guilty of something Lord? Have I lost your covering and your protection, because I did something I shouldn't have done? Or

is there a kind of a kink in our fellowship here, because of an attitude of mine or a sin that I'm not aware of?" And that's where seeking a Rhema really comes in handy. That's where, like going to the *Imitation of Christ* and allowing the Holy Spirit to pick a reading. I can't tell you how many times I've done that and it's just been nailed on the head and that was a quick piece of business, you know? The Lord showed me what it was, I was grieved, I repented and we moved on. But sometimes you can get stuck at that point, and you wonder, 'What's happened to my prayer life?' And it can start to spiral downwards and but you need to know what's going on with Him, what is He... why is He holding back from me?

Ezekiel: Yeah, it's always a temptation when you start getting into Scriptures about His judgment or His correction and you think it's "Hmm... yup, I can see so and so in the church – yeah, I know He's dealing with those people and that's a prophetic word. I mean, bring it to the deacons..." Be careful of too many deacons - you'll be deacon possessed. (chuckle) No, God bless deacon and brothers and sisters and those who serve. But yeah, you have a very good and valid point there.

Clare: So, you mean deceived in the sense of, you know, really hearing from the Lord?

Ezekiel: Yeah like "This isn't real, this isn't the Lord." Wow...

Clare: Yeah, yeah and there's a lot of that. Well, the proof is in the pudding, you know. A good tree can't bear bad fruit and if the fruit of your prayer time with the Lord is peace and joy and answers to questions that you have - an understanding. And you find that you're being more patient, more loving, more forgiving with people, that's good fruit. And there's some communion going on between you and the Lord, if that's what's going on. And so there are ways to tell. I mean discerning of Spirits is huge, but for those who haven't walked with the Lord, for you know many, many years, He starts out protecting that prayer time ...

Ezekiel: A lot of grace...

Clare: A lot of grace. And that's the biggest thing, I think, that inhibits this intimacy with the Lord that we're talking about - is fear of deception.

Ezekiel: Well and I would say, fear of ridicule. Because you wanna tell someone you experienced something and the first thing they do is shoot you in the foot, you know, shoot you down. And we don't think about the things that we say that are just dumb, so like, come on guys. We don't have to be the expert on prayer or anything else. Let's encourage – boy, do we need encouragement. But I promise you, I promise you, I promise you. First of all, you get to a certain age when you don't care about who thinks what, who does what as much anymore. You're not bucking for circles in the church or positions and you just love the Lord, you just want to be with Him. And I promise you, first of all, if you will give Him permission and give yourself permission to just let it go and go where He takes you, that He'll protect you from the little nasties and all the weird. Everything's not occult or New Age, in fact, you're a Christian, most of it's not. Jesus is with you and you've asked Him to come be with you.

Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Luke 11:11 (NIV)

He is with you. So unbelief, first to like if you ask Him, He will come. It's not a surprise that you start thinking these things, seeing, feeling and hearing these things because let Him take you, first of all. He's no respecter of clocks and times. He loves childlike innocent situations, start getting these little dreamy, little child like things, you're on a swing or He's in a meadow with you, it's okay, just go with it yeah and don't pull back, unbelief wouldn't you say stops everything?

Clare: That crushes the Lord's heart. When He's met you in that secret place and there's a tender exchange going on and you are falling into unbelief, first of all, we have a very real enemy who'll be trying to bring that up but we also have our own fault. We also have,

A double minded man is unstable in all his ways. James 1:8 (KJV)

So, here you are coming to the Lord, expecting the Lord to speak and yet you're questioning, "Is it the Lord?" I mean, I go through that a lot and there've been times when he's told me, "*Please don't grieve me*", you know. But the thing is that, yes, He will use our imagination. People think God is so boring. Walt Disney had all these wonderful ideas, you know. But Walt Disney can't hold a candle to the Holy Spirit and to the Lord as far as the creative genius. And understanding who we are, and what motivates us, what we love, how to communicate with us and he uses imagery.

Ezekiel: So, Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him. 1 Corinthians 2:9 (NKJV)

Clare: When we start to see him or sense Him and, some people - they'll write a prayer and they'll begin to hear the Lord answering that prayer, speaking to them and they'll write that down. Journaling is very effective. In fact, I still do it now and the messages that I share with you on Youtube are basically from my journal where the Lord begins to speak to me and He wants me to present it to the Youtube family.

Ezekiel: Well, remember, He knows your nature. He knows what you like or you don't like, He knows that we need healing in areas, who knows. Just a very, very, quick, brief little anecdote and that is: I know a young woman once who was very, very broken, crushed in relationships with men, scared really to death. And she was sitting in prayer one day quietly and she pictured herself in a meadow by a rock, this big boulder. She saw the Lord coming toward her and she got a little nervous, but she waited. And He came and sat down beside the boulder with her and then it just kind of ended. She thought "Wow, that was interesting." So, the next day she goes into prayer, the same thing comes back - but this time, He puts His arm on the boulder. It made her a little uncomfortable but she stayed with it and it ended. And the next day (I'm telling you the truth) the next day, same thing: the Lord comes back, sits beside the boulder by her and she got the courage to put her arm up on the boulder. Didn't touch it, but put her arm up there. And little by little, at the end of a few days, she was comfortable enough to reach over and touch His hand. He didn't... He is a gentleman, and He doesn't push the door open. But can you see how such a healing for someone who's so sensitive, afraid, broken and scared? That He would come up in little by little by little, let her become comfortable with approaching Him? So, remember these are, you're asking to go to heavenly places, now these are places...

Clare: Let's talk about the book now.

Ezekiel: Oh my gosh, yeah they should not, like, be a Disney ticket, but when the Lord comes and brings you into these special places, you've already asked to go under the Heavens. These are the splendid places in eternity that you're gonna spend forever and He's given you this beautiful preview.

You mentioned a book. We have a website, Heartdwellers.org. And there's a book of some of our initial experiences that we have put out a few years back *Chronicles of the Bride*. You might wanna add something to that? You download or how do you get it?

Clare: Oh yeah I was gonna show the book itself. Yeah, I'll put a link on this message for you to be able to go directly to it and it is a free download and this is really beautiful how it started. The Lord has for many years spoken to me and spoken to you and we've seen things in the spirit and experienced His presence and heavenly things in the spirit. But one particular time, we got together for some dwelling prayer and the Lord came to me and took me on a journey in Heaven.

Ezekiel: With the group or?

Clare: Yeah, there was a group of people and we were listening to very, very soft worship music. I happened to be lying on the floor with my famous cup of coffee and...

Ezekiel: And it was better to be with other people, right?

Clare: Not necessarily, but it was nice. We were all - we were all praying, we were all on the same place. We were all being open to the Lord's presence and in a worshipful mode, but ready to be passive if He approached us, you know.

Ezekiel: Individual or corporate, you can maybe do this by yourself?

Clare: Yeah, yeah. So, that's what happened with us. We started out this way in a group and I just think this was New Year's Day or the day after New Year's Day and the Lord came and took me to Heaven and showed me the place that He had prepared for me. And I was absolutely dumbstruck, for I think probably three weeks. I couldn't even find my head.

I was so blown away by what He had done and I told Him, the first incident is in the book, it's the very first chapter, and I told him, "Lord, I haven't done anything for You." and He answered me and He said, "You obeyed."

And so, I mean I can look back on the little things that I've done for Him, what I've given up for Him, which I don't consider really anything for the kind of reward that He gave me in Heaven. And that was the beginning of the book, *Chronicles of the Bride*. You had a similar experience and we both ended up coming home and doing this together.

Ezekiel: I remember we said "Gosh, I wonder if the Lord only comes to us like this in a group? Do we always have to drive 40 miles away? Do we just do this? Do we just sit with you, Lord? Would You come to us, just here?"

Clare: "...Can we continue this conversation?" And it ended up being a book and you know the whole point of *Chronicles of the Bride* is to communicate how sweet, gentle, loving and fun He is.

Ezekiel: That's what blew me away. That's what still blows me away, how approachable, natural and normal He is.

Clare: A totally different side of the Lord. It's not a side that is talked about. I mean, we tend to keep our relationship with Him just kind of solemn and distant, like I talked about the table with the Scriptures on it. And, I mean, He longs for that intimacy with His Bride, where she just comes and lets go of everything and rests in Him. That's such an act of faith, but He longs for that tender, loving relationship with His bride.

But He also loves to have fun! I mean we went hiking, we went horseback riding, we went flying, we went swimming...

Ezekiel: You went flying?

Clare: Unbelievable.

Ezekiel: Don't know if I remember that part but this sounds pretty cool, perhaps I have had some similar...

Clare: Flying off the bluff and waterfalls with opals embedded in the rock behind it...

Ezekiel: I told you the good stuff was coming...

Clare: Northern Lights! Northern Lights, where the Lord would put a shadow. He put a shadow in Heaven to make it a little darker and then an angel would play these beautiful Northern Lights against it. Because I love the Northern Lights! And flowers that would turn and look at you and if you wanted to pick them, they will fly right into your hand. And people - you know, famous people and not so famous people - all very sweet and loving. And everyone knows everyone else's thoughts, you know that's one thing - we're transparent.

Ezekiel: You know, one thing I noticed was and I have noticed now, though it's been what three or four years at least, more or less, that I remember. One experience where the Lord took me to a place that looked kind of like Greece. I've never been to Greece in my life, but you know: the whitewashed buildings and beautiful blue trail. I was a kid, I grew up on a bayou in Louisiana. I lived on the water. I know certain sights and sounds and smells... and I remember waking up in this cottage with Him and through these drawing doors that had opened, then out onto a veranda where you looked out over this city and this beautiful azure, beautiful blue water. Instantly, I could hear these fishermen talking: I could, I could see, I could sense - it was just like a waking dream. It's like - you are *there*.

And I thought, 'Wow!' But you know, if you don't believe us, check out Jesse Duplantis and his testimony about going to Heaven.

Believe me; these things are so real once you allow the Lord to...and if you're gifted. You can't make it happen, you can't earn it you know, but if He chooses to take you to some of these beautiful places, if you don't remember anything else, remember its *real*! It's yours and we'll be sharing more about some of these things and maybe a little bit from some chapters in the book here along the way.

But you know, we really appreciate your comments and your suggestions, your writing like you've done. We're not really staffed real big, we're just little mom-and-pop, little Mission House, prayer house in Taos, New Mexico here. But in time we hope to be able to answer all the emails personally and take care of this and the other. but please continue to pray for us, trying to run a little food bank here, a little outreach and take care of folks as they come and go. But we love to hear from you, we've never, I don't think given our address on the programs here, but we're at 220 Montoya, Taos, New Mexico, 87571 and would love to hear from you.

Clare: God bless you and will hopefully be able to get together again tomorrow night.

Ezekiel: Alright. So, thanks for joining us again on Heaven Talk. Dreams, visions, comments and discussion on all things Heaven. See you there.

Post Rapture Letters from God #1

October 7, 2014



“I am calling out to you, speaking comfort to your heart. I’ve not left you, nor will I ever leave or forsake you. I know acutely the terrible loss you feel, at times even a sense of betrayal overtakes you. All of your questions of “Why, and where, and why am I still here, why was I left behind and what am I ever to do now?”

“You must resist the temptations to simply dive back into the world and get really busy, and take advantage now of many so-called new and exciting opportunities and careers due to the mass vacancies in every aspect of industry, business, and all-around money ventures.

“NO, even in your pain and bewilderment, draw back from these things. Pull back away from your unstable world and seek Me with all your heart ten times the more. Strongly call out to Me with true repentance and a sincere change of heart and I will help you. I will calm your fears, and welcome you back with open arms.

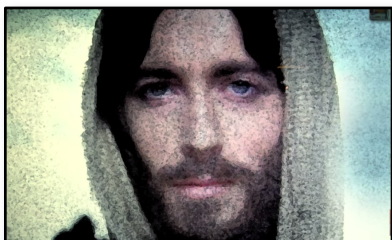
“You’re not lost. In the coming days you will see more and more just how much I still truly love you. If a mother forsakes her child, I will not abandon you. I am forever here to save you.

“You are still My child, so very, very precious and cherished by Me.

“You are still My treasure, and I am with you even now.”

Post Rapture Letter from God #2

October 7, 2014



“The question burning in your mind, ‘But why? Oh, my Lord, why? Why, why was I left behind?’

“My child, you were never meant to be excluded from the Rapture. It was My merciful provision for all of My children, indeed My Church, My body, My Bride. You were to be part of the evacuation that took place to keep you from having to live in and witness the most horrible time of suffering upon the Earth that has ever been or ever will be.

“You began well, however, in time you began to become more and more entrenched in the world. Though still a Christian in name and affiliation, you began to draw more and more away, often to many distractions and pastimes.

“The times we used to share became less and less. You knew that you were beginning to compromise more and more with the world over your faith and so you stopped speaking to Me.

“That, combined with your new relationships and your new liberal ways of thinking caused you to begin looking at other souls around you, and judging them. You began to look down on them and the things that they held dear, even going as far as holding in scorn and contempt the joy that they expressed at the nearness of My coming.

“By the time I arrived, all you could do was stand in fear and shame for the very thing which you distained to believe had just happened right in front of you.

“Because you did not believe, you did not watch and pray, and I came as a thief in the night and you were not prepared.

“I could not take you.”

Post Rapture Letter from God #3

October 7, 2014



“You ask of Me, ‘What now?’

“Stay close, stay ever so close to Me now. Pray for the grace to always have Me in your heart and mind, My name ever on your tongue.

“You must hold tightly to the hem of My garment and never for a second let Me go again. Develop the habit of thanking Me always and everywhere. Have me ever before your mind’s eye. This you must pray for also and I will give it. I am with you already, as it is, but you need to be able to sense Me, feel Me, and interact with Me, speaking to Me always as your most trusted friend.

I am keenly interested in your every thought and feeling so long as you strive to stay lowly and humble, being very little in your own eyes.

“I will forever be your most trusted Friend and confidant. Nothing draws Me more closely than very small and childlike souls. I stay closer to them than their own skin, and I will be with you.

“I know that you are still in a great state of bewilderment and the rest of the world around you is in a terrible state of disarray. But I also know that already you’re beginning to feel an inexplicable, supernatural peace and calm within. I will continue to give you this gift and you will be able to think and reason with remarkable clarity.

“Do not worry about your needs. As you can see, I have provided for you in every way. People will continue to give to you everything that you will need, seemingly out of the blue, and you will quickly begin to experience just how truly beautiful a real life of faith is even during these most extraordinary circumstances.

“Nothing is out of My control and nothing is allowed without My consent. I have made every provision for you ahead of time. You have no need to be anxious at all, only keep your heart and eyes on Me. You are my precious, precious child and I will not allow anything or anyone to harm you. I have set my angels all about you to watch over you day and night. Not only will you be provided for, but you will know My loving care and the surety of My faithfulness as I bring an overabundance for you to help others with.

“You will begin to meet others who, like you, have repented as well, and through their own brokenness have been fully restored in profound humility and whose hearts are solely for Me and the Kingdom of God alone.

“I will gather again My people as a mother her little children and I will bring them through this time of trial and testing victorious. They will shine like the stars in the firmament of heaven, twice refined. They will rule and reign with Me as they have persevered and come through gloriously, the Time of Tribulation.”

Chronicles of the Bride Chapter 1

October 7, 2015



As my heart was quieted, in prayer I was transported and found myself in a castle courtyard on a cloudy day. Soon I was surrounded by Irish Christians from the sixth century. I recognized them from the familiar Celtic icons. One, named Ita, brought me a fine bay horse, fully saddled, and helped me astride. I turned briskly and strode out of the castle walls into an ancient oak forest at a full canter yet having no idea where I was going, just knowing I must go. The medieval lane was densely overgrown and

foreboding on either side, yet I told myself, this is no time for fear, just keep riding.

After a very short while I arrived at a clearing with yet another castle. The drawbridge was down and before I knew it my mount passed without hesitation over the bridge and inside the walls where she came to a halt. I looked for some sign of life and the drawbridge mysteriously went up and its massive doors closed behind me. Strangely, I felt safe even though the courtyard and balconies were completely deserted. I dismounted and began to explore a lengthy stone corridor. It ended at two massive doors. Without hesitation I opened one and stepped into a small, Gothic chapel with graceful pillars supporting filigreed arches. High above the altar was a spectacular rosette window showering gently diffused colors all throughout the lofty chamber. There was not a soul in the whole place. It seemed like a secret chapel in a fairy tale land and I wondered, “Why am I here?”

Before I could even consider the answer the rosette window exploded with color and the Lord Jesus descended into the room amidst a golden shaft of light. He was dressed in a festive white bridal garment and stood in the front of the church as if waiting for His Bride. A wave of sweetness rushed into me when our eyes met and I realized it was our wedding day and He was waiting for me. In the next moment I was taken out of my body looking down on this whole scene from the choir loft high in the back of the church. I saw myself standing in the very center of the church dressed in an exquisite wedding gown adorned with pearlescent folded dove wings from the back of my neck to my waist, and from there down shimmery white satin embroidered with pearls cascading onto the marble floor three feet around me. A glorious rosette of angels surrounded me. They were plaiting my hair with pearls and working beneath my veil to put the finishing touches in my hair, preparing me for my heavenly spouse.

Finally they were finished and an angel stepped forward. After a moment’s consideration I realized, “You are my guardian angel.” I had never seen him with such clarity before. He was tall, light-haired, and had a bearing of stately dignity, formidable power, yet emanating a gentleness wrapped in soft, platinum light. He took one last look at me; his sparkling eyes betrayed a hint of bittersweet joy. This

was his last day with me, the day we had all been waiting for, the day he would deliver me safe and sound to my heavenly spouse, his assignment successfully accomplished. A lightning swift thought pierced my heart, "How can I thank you my angel? How can I ever thank you for faithfully standing by me and rarely getting an acknowledgement from me? How can I ever?" He kissed my cheek and lifted my arm unto his as we processed up the aisle to Jesus, who was beaming with joy and anticipation. Truly it was a fairy tale wedding beyond my comprehension. It was as if my own actions were completely suspended and I was riding an invisible escalator moving me along to the inevitable destiny of joy I had looked forward to all of my Christian life. As I stood before the Lord, the love of my life, the One who had forgiven me my failure, failure after failure, the One who never tired of giving me another chance, the One who upheld me and had to live with my darkest side, as I stood before Him that old life disappeared like a muddy river flowing into a pristine ocean of mercy, completely cleansing me of every impurity. He took a golden ring with three sparkling marquis diamonds and placed it on my finger saying, "With this ring I thee wed," and then kissed me tenderly. Then grasping my right hand we began to lift off the cathedral floor into the air until we had ascended through the rosette window heavenward. I felt enveloped in a sacred wonder that carried me aloft with the spouse of my immortal soul.

We arrived at a palace that appeared to be one giant room open at the entrance with a grand fountain that sprayed delicate curtains of water high in the air. It reminded me of the childhood wonder I had experienced visiting Buckingham Palace fountain in Chicago. Inside, the floors were polished marble and the roof was domed and open in the center letting in a gentle, diffused light. There was no darkness or shadow anywhere, just bright, soft light. The interior was perhaps one hundred feet deep and sixty feet wide with seven grand waterfalls almost reaching the ceiling. There were three on the left, three on the right, each approximately twenty five feet wide that had rock outcroppings with spruce trees, various ferns and flowers between them. At the end of the room stood a massive, fifty foot wide waterfall but in spite of the volume of water flowing it was quiet enough to hear the echoing dove wings as they passed joyfully back and forth. I sensed that all this water flowed from beneath the throne of God the Father and were the headwaters of the river of life.

My right arm was on the Lord's left as He walked with me and I could see my long and ornately beaded bridal train as it swept across the floor. A golden eagle descended from a rocky crag above the first waterfall and landed on my left arm. His talons gently gripped me like human fingers. He was radiant as burnished bronze, intensely focused, and regal as warrior in battle, yet completely at ease on my arm. I sensed he had a special significance and wondered what it was.

Jesus brought me to the first waterfall on the left side. A reclining, white, willow loveseat woven with hearts was waiting invitingly for us. We sat there together appreciating this architectural wonder. I could hardly believe my eyes as the pearlescent water danced and flashed lovely iridescent peacock shades, my very favorites. Magnificent to behold were cascades of water tumbling down, some in gentle sprays, some with great volume. Lavender, aquamarine, periwinkle blue, delicate rose, and satiny white ribbons of color gracefully flowed through the water. Doves flew back and forth, their wings echoing throughout this place of wonder.

The Lord turned and looked deeply into my eyes. "All of this is yours." Not being able to control my thoughts I said, "But I have not yet overcome." He replied, "I have overcome for you. All of this is for you."

Blood Moon, Rapture, Prophetic Word

October 8, 2014



Hello Youtube family, I've been praying for you, and I've asked the Lord what was on His mind for you. I think probably now, what we're all dealing with is the blood-red moon is coming up and we haven't been raptured yet. And I think we're all wondering... is this going to happen sooner than later? And I know that there's disappointment, and struggles with faith and that kind of thing. I know that the enemy is using struggles with our faith right now to discourage us and to cause us to either

give up on it and lose our faith or be shamed by the ridicule of others that keep saying, "Where's your God? Where's the promise of His coming?"

So, don't let that happen. Don't be affected by ridicule, doubt, and unbelief. The Lord is coming, and at any minute. He doesn't know the day or the hour either. So, let's just stand with Him in that. After all, we are His Bride, and He needs to be comforted, too. We don't want to give way to discouragement, and the Lord well knows the danger of that happening. So, when I came into prayer this evening the first thing that He did was speak to me about that very subject.

So He began, "I know the disappointment you feel. Oh, I know only too well the heaviness of your hearts, but you must be patient. You stopped living for yourselves when you gave Me your lives. So, you see now the suffering of My delayed coming is being used to call in other souls who are on the verge of responding. You are not only My Brides, but My servants as well. And as such, every single act of obedience on your parts is used for the building up and conversion necessary to build My Kingdom. That is why you so often state 'Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.' This is your banner, your mandate. All that you do fits into this job description."

And I asked the Lord, I said, 'Please, Lord is there something that you can say to our Youtube family that will bring them some peace?'

And he replied, "I do. Stop thinking about yourself and join with Me in the Harvest. What have you done to make My Kingdom come? What are you doing now in this hour? I have given you more time - are you going to waste it? You know what so many do not know. What are you doing to get the word out? You see I didn't give you more time to sit around with your bags packed. Some of you are not ready. You are too tied up in your own lives and your own comforts, and the last thing on your mind is the hard work of witnessing to the Truth. I say to you 'Buy of Me silver and gold refined that will not corrupt, bring Me souls.' Enough with this nonsense that others are not the Bride. This is My decision alone to make. I did not call you to judge but to love. That means think the best, expect the best, and make every effort for every confused human being I died to redeem.

"In My eyes, you are not ready if you are not reaching out to others, and you are still self-pre-occupied. Put 'self' away, and join with Me in the Harvest. The fields are ripe for the picking. Where are My harvesters? Sitting under their own apple tree watching for the clouds to part?"

"No, I say to you work while there is still time. Do not waste what has been given to you. Cease from your self-centered activities and go out of yourself to reach others. That indeed is what My Bride is doing

right now. Consider, she's flesh of My flesh, bone of My bone, and she longs as I do for souls to be brought into the Kingdom. She is doing everything in her power to accomplish this in the last hour. I have spread the grace far and wide to motivate My people into ascending into the Bridal Chamber with Me, where they will be fully equipped through intimacy to go out and bring the lost into My banquet.

"If you are not working for Me in this hour, you are standing before Me blind and naked. Rise up and take on your Master's business. Bring forth fruit worthy of My Bride, and while you are doing this I will see to it that you grow into the fullness of who I've called you to be as My Spouse. My promise to you is life eternal and the choicest lands of Heaven, the sweetest intimacy possible to a created soul. Don't let Me down in this hour; rise up, harness yourself to My carriage, for My yoke is easy, My burden is light, and I will make joyful for you the act of going out and gathering to Me My Bride."

Now that's the main message that I wanted to share with you but when prayer time started and the Lord signaled to me that He wanted to speak to me, He did bring some things up.

He said *"My love be patient with Me."* (Speaking to me, because we're all waiting for the Rapture. I'm waiting too.) I can't tell you how many times I've looked at the eastern sky today. My husband and I have been watching the eastern sky.

"There are so many on the Internet that don't want to hear You, Lord, that You're not coming right now, they don't want to hear that."

The Lord answered me and said, "While there is yet work to do, while there is hope, and those on the verge of conversion... well, I cannot say My Father is heartless enough to pull the plug, but it is true He will not wait forever. Remember God is not like man; God is patient, not anything like you at all. Why? Because We can see what you cannot see. We can see what We will do with that child sold into the sex trade, that oil spill, that volcano. We have ways of turning everything bad to good, ways that you will not fathom until Heaven."

The Lord continued, "Do you remember the story of the little boy in Vietnam and the one in New York?"

"Yes Lord, I do."

Ok, well, I'll take a break here from my conversation with the Lord and fill you in on that. We had some people who lived out in the country and the man was a serious alcoholic and he had been in the Vietnam War. And he told me that one of the reasons he drinks is to kill the pain of the things he did in the war and the things that he saw. And one of the things that he saw was a woman, he was at the gate and he was guarding the gate and the woman came with a little boy who had a basket of food for the mess hall. The mother and the child came through the gate, he let them in and the mother told the little boy, "You go ahead into the mess hall, take it to them." When the little boy started getting close to the mess hall she turned and ran the other direction. I think you can probably guess what happened. A bomb exploded and killed many of the men in the mess hall, and of course the little boy. And he saw this and it was imprinted on his mind for his entire life since it happened and it caused him so much pain that he did choose to numb the pain with alcohol.

Well I sought the Lord about this and I said, "Lord, really what can we do for this man, how can I help him?"

And He told me a story and this is the story. There's a little boy in New York, about eight years old. The little boy is going to Central Park to go down to the little ponds in Central Park. The Lord comes up to him and talks to him for a few minutes. His parents are drug addicts, he doesn't know who his father is; his mother is a serious drug addict. He's neglected, he's underfed, he's abused, and why would anyone put him into a life like this? Why was he born into this life? It was terrible. And there's so much of that right now, all over the world with the proliferation of drugs and addictions. It's tragic, it's absolutely tragic.

That's the story about the little boy, what his condition was. He'd go to Central Park just to get some relief from the terrible environment, drugs, violence, gangs. So, he'd go to Central Park and he was down by the pond and the Lord came to see him and they talked. Well after a while he turned and this is something I'm seeing in the spirit, the Lord is showing me the story. After a while he turned and he walked back to start to go home and when he was crossing the street a big truck went out of control and hit him and killed him. He died right on the spot. And the Lord turned to me in the vision and He said, "You see, there are some souls that know what their end is going to be before they even come to Earth and they make an agreement with Me, and I tell them what their reward will be. They'll be in Heaven with Me, and they take on this assignment."

Now that may seem a little far-fetched to you and I'm sorry I can't explain God's ways to you - but I do believe that was the Lord. It had a tremendous impact on the alcoholic man that I told it to. The Lord knew in advance when that little boy was born, that he was going to be used as a living bomb, tragically.

So, going back to our conversation, the Lord speaking to me, "*Do you remember the story of the little boy in Vietnam and in New York?*"

And I said, "Yes Lord."

He replied, "*Many saintly souls come into this world right now that signed up for suffering just to be saved and bring more into the Kingdom. Very saintly souls that would rather die young than be corrupted and go to hell. Souls that love Me with all their little hearts and know the treachery of having a human body on the Earth. These souls I invite and use for work no one else wants to do: dying in tsunamis, plagues, and hunger. These souls call out to humanity to reach beyond their selfish boundaries and give. The poor sanctify the rich. You know the saying, 'The rich man's money gives him no peace.' And how true that is, unless he has become My steward and hand-in-hand works with Me to bless others. So, you see? Everyone has a purpose in My Kingdom. Not one goes without their reward. Each fulfills their destiny, just as you right now are fulfilling yours.*"

I'd like to expound on this just a little bit. My understanding (and this is something that came to me probably a good twenty or thirty years ago) as far as the Lord speaking to my heart and observing things. He receives the suffering of our human condition, the things we have to suffer on this Earth as if we were carrying a cross. Like Simon, who was given Jesus' cross to carry. We continue to do not only as Jesus did and to pray, but also to carry a cross.

Some of us have a cross of illness, and I know lots of people out there who would argue that with me. But I'd ask you to consider the souls that do get prayer and don't get healed. In fact I've done a teaching on that, "Why Didn't I Get Healed?" that I think might really be helpful to understand.

So, the Lord uses the suffering of these souls, and we don't know anything about the destiny of a soul or how a soul comes into being other than, I think, we kind of all get the impression or the idea that a soul is born out from God.

Jessie Duplantis talks about that in his visions of Heaven - how God the Father would put His hand into His vest and pull out a soul to give to an angel to be born into a body. He did this many times while Jessie Duplantis was in His presence. So, whether we agree or not, there is suffering in the world. It comes about by Satan, but you know, the Lord uses everything and turns it to good. That becomes a lever to release graces in the lives of people. Just like fasting releases graces or prepares us for graces to clarify our mind or to accomplish some spiritual work. So, the Lord uses every form of suffering and some of these souls have chosen and know this life that they're going to lead, know that it's miserable, know that it's short and brief, but they also know their reward and they're not lost.

I've always wondered... (and the Lord caught my thought, it just flashed through my mind as we were talking.)

He said, "You've often asked me, 'How is it possible that a soul taken from the very bosom of God can possibly be evil?' I tell each and every candidate, 'I'm taking a tremendous risk here. I'm endowing you with free will. It will either bring you back to Me or condemn you to hell forever.' They start pure, but entering into the bloodline and culture has a powerful effect on their DNA."

I said to the Lord in that moment, "I thought DNA is what it is and didn't change."

He corrected me. "No," he said, "DNA can be corrupted by many things, especially the electrical impulses that control the body. So, repeated acts of violence can affect future generations. Not only because they are demonic infestations but because the DNA has been altered. The older the genes the more affected the DNA becomes. That is why very often I give them a DNA transplant. I infuse fresh, uncorrupted DNA into your bodies to help turn you from sin, discouragement, and failure, such as I did with you through the prophet that visited that church."

So anyway, that is the end of the message. Be encouraged, Youtube family. The Lord is coming, don't let anyone tell you anything other than that. But understand: there is a reason why He said in the Scriptures "The groom was delayed"... so He has been delayed. He doesn't even know the hour. So, He has been delayed but we must be patient and continue to watch for Him and keep the oil in our lamps burning. And I believe this oil can be likened very much to the good works and the work He has given us to do under the anointing.

So, let's keep our lamps lit and not become weary in well-doing. God bless you.

song Who May Dwell in the Lord's Tent

October 13, 2014



Who may dwell, who may dwell in Your holy tent?

He who walks righteously speaking truth from the heart.

He who rejects dishonest gain, and stop his ears against plots of destruction,
Who shuts his eyes against contemplating evil, who slanders not his neighbor, not harms another.
And never defames a friend.

Who may dwell, who may dwell on Your holy mountain?

He who refuses to contemplate harming his brother,
And keeps his tongue from evil, never using his lips to deceive.
He who harbors not bitter envy and selfish ambition, who keep his heart free of judgment,
And always speak well of others.

You will dwell on the heights, never to be shaken.
You will dwell on the heights, never to be shaken.

He who forgives offences and is quick to confess his own fault.
Who is lenient with the shortcomings of his brother, and is swift to correct the error of his own ways.
He who spends not his life on worldly gain and pleasure, but looks after the needs of the poor,
And the alien in his midst.

He who cares nothing for the praises of men, nor courts their favor,
But considers his ways before God and seeks only His favor.

You will dwell, on the heights, never to be shaken.
You will dwell, on the heights, never to be shaken.

He who gives thanks when things go well, as well as when things go badly.
Who entrusts His life to the wisdom of the Almighty.
He who forms no complaints in his heart, nor utters a deprecating word.
But makes his heart a tabernacle of Praise and Thanksgiving to the Most High God,
Always giving thanks for His benefits.

He will dwell on the heights and never be shaken. Your refuge will be the mountain fortress.
Your bread will be supplied and water will not fail you. Your eyes will see the King in His Beauty,
And view a land that stretches afar.

You will dwell on the heights, never to be shaken.
You will dwell on the heights, never to be shaken

Prophetic Word Rapture & Conflict in Marriage

October 13, 2014

The tide is turning,
work while you
have the light.

Welcome, Youtube Family. The Lord is given me a message that He asked me to share with you. The title of the message is, "The Tide Is Turning." It refers to a more responsive climate of the Bride to the whole idea of the Rapture and to getting her own house in order.

It begins: *"I don't know how long this turnaround is going to last, but take advantage of it, and work while you have the light. Thank you for catching yourself and repenting on the spot."*

I caught myself, as an aside, I caught myself interiorly having a disrespectful attitude. And the minute I realized, I asked the Lord to forgive me and give me the grace not to have any such attitude in my heart. And the reason I'm sharing that with you is because this message begins to bleed over to Healthy Marriages and Happy Marriage. And it has to do with attitudes of the heart.

"Thank you for catching yourself and repenting on the spot. I can't tell you how very vital and important that is. You close the door in the face of demons when you do that. Someday, perhaps soon, I want to talk about what Gossip does to a marriage. I want people to know how the enemy uses this to destroy harmony in the home, and increased divorces. It's rampant, even in My Body. This is one of the fatal flaws of My Bride-to-be. As long as she engages in gossip, her relationships are at risk, and I cannot bless her on her way with a greater anointing or greater work for Me. To know this is to have the weapons to close the door in at least 75% of marital turmoil."

Wow – that's huge!! 75% of marital turmoil and the Lord's going to go into detail here!

"Understand, it's not the issues that cause the turmoil," He continued. "As much as it is the attitudes and twisted communication lines of the demons that cause the problems. Yes, money is an issue, and couples do have trouble working on how to spend it. But I assure you, they would have far less trouble if they hadn't opened the door to spirits of Dissention and Jealousy that work works of iniquity in the hearts and minds of spouses. Who also, by the way, twist the meaning of words from the mouth of the one to the ears of the other. So much of this could have been avoided, if only they would refuse to judge others. 'As you judge, so shall you be judged.' And you have seen how virulent that could get."

And, taking a moment here to explain what He just said, yes, we have. We're going on 25 years of married life, and I can tell you the first ten years were really hard. I didn't know if we were going to survive. But we knew the Lord had brought us together, so that gave us the courage to survive. Later on in the relationship, probably 15 years into the relationship, we really, really, really found the secret of keeping the peace. And at least, as He said, 75% of the cases – and that is, when a husband and wife get

together and start talking about other people behind their back. The Lord lifts His covering from us and allows demons to come in and sift us. And I cannot stress enough how much of a truth this is. As you go through your week, you might kind of keep an eye on what's going on. If you speak a negative word about anyone, keep a watch out for the backlash. Because, I assure you, there's going to be backlash when you judge someone else or you talk about them.

He continued, *"So much of this could be avoided if only they refused to judge others. 'As you judge, so shall you be judged.' And you have seen how virulent that could get. Jealously, bickering backbiting, scorn, contempt, attitudes of non-cooperation – all of this comes from the evil ones. This is why humility is SO important."*

Lord, I'd love to share with people all you've done and shown us.

"This is a very hurting world and many on the Internet are there because they're alienated from their spouses and they're looking for relationship. Not necessarily with the opposite sex, but some kind of meaningful, non-bickering relationships. Just someone who understands and who they can share with."

And that, I have to say, is a dangerous place to be. Because if we start getting intimate with anyone else about our problems, we begin to form a bond that can so easily turn into adultery and the end of a marriage.

"As far as delays in the Rapture, there is hope for some turnarounds. There are signs of new life. I'm not taking back what I said, there's still much resistance to holiness and circumcision – but I do see some response. There's movement in the right direction. And yes, the film is going to have an impact."

When He said that to me, I was just thinking about "Left Behind" with Nicolas Cage that was just released last week.

"So you see," He continued. *"No Rapture yet. At least I don't see it. Yet, the decision is not in my hands, but in the Father's. One thing you know well, and that is He is merciful."*

I replied to the Lord, "Lord, everyone thought you should have come for us in 2000, and then 2012 and you didn't. We're still waiting. If you had come in THAT year, remembering the state of my soul – I was still compromising with my time and taking a little for myself. Still negative and judgmental. I might have been the virgin who ran out of oil if You had come then."

"Well said, My Bride. Yes, there is a chance that you could have been left behind. May I say, many of My Brides are blind to their faults. They are not going deep enough in discerning what displeases Me. Yes, My Spirit is at work in their conscience, but some refuse to get a firm grip on habits that do NOT glorify Me, but work iniquity in the Body. Gossip and judgment are HUGE. Some find it hard to stop. May I say that is impossible to stop without My Grace that comes from intimacy with Me? Without deep intimacy,

without you knowing Me, you will not have the courage to stop deeply ingrained, destructive habits in My Body that everyone accepts as the norm. Criticizing, gossiping and backbiting are NOT the norm – they are noxious sins that rise up to Heaven in testimony against a soul. They create breaks in the covering I give My servants, and breaks let the enemy in for a sifting. “The bridle and bit need to turn hearts towards me, and My feelings for My Bride. It is as you’ve said before: the father of a retarded child does not want to be told what’s wrong with the child, but what is good and hopeful.”

As an aside, when the Lord said “their noxious sins” ...we’ve got a little metaphor, we call it the “dirty diaper” syndrome. When there’s a piece of news that’s dirty, it’s like, “Hey, let’s take that out of the trash can, open it up and poke around a little bit.” It’s really gross. And Heaven really responds to it by turning away heads and not wanting to breath the air – the very air that we’re spewing out. Gossip about others or criticizing others. I want to share with you – these insights that I’m sharing with you about, they’ve come about hard won. It’s taken me a long time to realize these destructive habits at work in our marriage and in our personal lives.

Okay – the Lord continues. *“In just this way, I want those who say they have a heart – they have MY hear for others, to begin looking for ways to build up not tear down those who are defenseless. And everyone is defenseless when you are talking behind their backs. To defend and build up is the sign of My love working in a soul. This is a sign that the soul has yielded to My habitation in their hearts. They are working with Me, not against Me.”*

Well, two things I want to say about that. Here the Lord is saying, *“May I say it is impossible to stop without My grace, and that comes from intimacy with me.”* I’d like to say that you can NOT over estimate the importance of a really deep, intimate relationship with the Lord. A place where your hearts become one, where you are in love with the Lord. Without this bond, and this kind intimacy there are a lot of things that are sins that are hidden from us. I’ve noticed on the Youtubes not too many people are interested in intimacy. “Fear of Intimacy with God” is one of our teachings, and we’re not getting as much interest in that as we are in dreams and visions and dreams of the Rapture. And that tells me something. People are more interested in the more sensational subjects. But the subjects that are hard to tackle, like intimacy with the Lord and being His Bride and communicating with Him – they tend to shy away from that. And I want to encourage all of you – please don’t shy away from that. That is so important to your sanctity and ultimately on whether you’re qualified to be taken in the Rapture.

I want to take another moment and say that these are some of the attributes of the Bride. I said that I was going to begin a series on what the Bride looks like, what her attributes are. And this issue about Gossip and Backbiting, or building up others and praying for them – this is one of the issues that defines who the Bride is. The Bride will not engage in deprecating words. You know, the things that go on on the Internet – on Youtubes for instance – there is so much backbiting and criticism of other ministers and other people. And that’s a shame, because they’re undoing their own grace when they do that. When we criticize other people, we are the ones who are suffering. Yes, that other person suffers, but we are the ones who are really suffering, because it causes alienation from the Lord. It’s our choice. It’s our

choice to please Him in our thoughts and our words and to work on these things – or to let it go and don't pay any attention to it, and just do what the world accepts as normal. And it's NOT normal in Heaven – “let it be on Earth as it is in Heaven.” Gossip – it does not exist in Heaven. Judging and Criticizing does not exist in Heaven. What does exist in Heaven, are the saints making excuses for each other – although in Heaven, we tend to be perfect. But what does exist in Heaven is charity. And charity covers a multitude of sins.

I'd like to move on from that. *“As you know the wounded wound,”* the Lord said. *“There is no other solution for the Body than to stop wounding, or the cycle will never be broken. When the soul is intimately bound to Me, and knows Me, not only do I heal them with My love – but they feel the grief I feel when a deprecating word is spoken about another. The Body is eating itself alive. This truly must stop if the soul wants to be in Heaven with Me. Rancor, jealousy and bitterness cannot inherit the Kingdom of Heaven.”*

“One sign of those who are to be Raptured is the refusal to speak negatively about anyone, and their genuine charity towards the faults of others, even and especially when they are the victims of that fault. I don't care how many prayer meetings, church services, good works, tithes, or healings and miracles they work – if they are critical and judgmental, they will not be taken.”

Oh, Lord – we all have these tendencies in that direction. How then can anyone be saved?

“My daughter, My Bride – what is not possible with man is possible with God if attention is poured into the intimate relationship with Me. You see, when a soul enters this holy of holies, they become One with Me, and through communion, one flesh as well. And this place is so sweet that they learn not to do anything to rob them of this sweetness. They can feel Me recoil in pain when they are critical of another. This hurts them, too.”

I would like to bear witness to that. And I'd also like to say that ultimately it's up to the Lord as to who is going to be taken and who isn't. But a terribly bitter and gossiping person is really, really on the very edge and I would be afraid to be that person when the Rapture comes. That would scare me to be in that position. But there have been times, even since I've known better, when I've slipped and said something negative, or allowed something negative to be said about another – and I can feel the grief in my heart. I can feel that this offended the Holy Spirit. And it causes me to want to really stop! And not just stop doing it with my mouth, or listening with my ears – but to stop that interior attitude that finds fault with other people.

“Soon they realize they mustn't allow themselves that sin anymore if they want the sweet relationship with Me. THEN the work begins to break the bad habit pattern. Those will be taken because they are committed to putting a stop to this sin, no matter what they have to do. All I ask is cooperation, not perfection. Perfection is My job – perfecting what I have begun. Just cooperation and a willful decision to put a stop to it.”

“And this is where pride and presumption are glaringly obvious. Anyone who judges another is suffering from a case of viral Pride. The only antidote is My love for that soul. When they are immersed in My love, it washes away the bitterness that caused the Pride to have a foothold. Love truly does conquer all. That is why I say holiness is not possible without this relationship with Me. The Scriptures say, ‘Depart from Me, I never knew you.’ To ‘know’ has profound implications, even as it is written about My mother, ‘I do not know a man’, meaning the most intimate relationship has not been consummated. That intimacy comes when a soul is totally broken and yielded to Me – they have given Me unconditional access to the helm of their ship. They have totally abandoned themselves to Me, or at least made the willful decision to pursue that objective. That is when I come to know them, and they to know Me. Then I shall say to them: Come, enter into your Master’s Joy.”

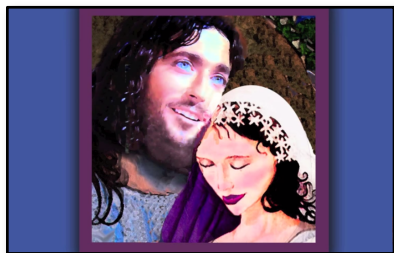
Lord, please protect me from this viral Pride that has resulted in my foolish attitudes and decisions of the past.

He answered me, *“Don’t grow discouraged. There is much hop. Much hope indeed. And let this be a message to all: I AM the perfector of your ways. Lean on Me, Trust Me and I will accomplish it.”*

Amen. That’s the end of the message. God bless you, Youtube family. Pray for us, we pray for you every day.

How To Hear & See Jesus,

October 15, 2014



This teaching tonight is an answer from the Lord on how to hear and see Him. He has led me into that place where I can see and hear Him, receive counsel and to receive teachings from Him.

First of all I want to say we have to want Him with all of our hearts. Our very top priority is to have a really, truly, deep relationship with the Lord. As the Scripture says, “You will call upon me and come pray to Me and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you declares the Lord and I will restore you (Jeremiah 29:13).”

This is an intimate love relationship. It must be nourished with quality time, sacrifice, and priority. No man wants to be the last on the woman’s to do list. In fact, He doesn’t want to be on any list. He wants our whole attention distracted by Him when we are sensibly together. This is a grace. All we have to do is ask for it and make time for it, nourish and protect it when it’s given. He doesn’t want my leftovers - He wants my prime time. It’s all I want as well. When I got my life in God order, I put Him in the center and arranged all other activities around Him; church, videos, conferences, all the things we consider strengthening had to take a back seat to have time with Him.

I started getting less and less out of church and more out of my time with Him. When we go to a conference, we can learn a few things out of a conference and perhaps get prayer. But when we go to the Lord personally, He addresses things directly. We don't have to wait through hours and hours of lectures. He addresses the important things directly and heals us on the spot. There's a huge difference there.

When I fail to show up for prayer or I cut it short, I feel like I've stood Him up and I know it hurts Him. He knows that I love the "nothings" in my life more than I love Him, or I wouldn't have allowed that to happen. It hurts Him to see me dedicating 16 hours of my day to work and my last 45 minutes to Him. That's when I'm dead dog tired. We wouldn't save that time for anyone. That's time when you get ready for bed or do the dishes; doing something mindless. That's certainly not the time we'd want to spend with the Love of our life.

When I finally got sick and tired of my merry-go-round life I forcefully and deliberately put a stop to everything that was interfering with that time with Him. Here are the things that helped me immensely. Here are the things the Holy Spirit helped me to see that have helped me in my life and that always brought me the comfort of His sensible presence. We can know He is present in many different ways, we can sense His presence. When I say *sensible* I mean seeing Him in the spirit and talking to Him and getting an answer back. There's a real dialogue going on.

The first thing you want to do is set the scene. Take control of your time and space and make sure it's protected. This is the Man you're marrying for all eternity. You're going to share feelings and plans. You are both going to be strengthened and nourished in one another's company. Yes, you heard me right: you're going to be strengthened, *both of you*, and nourished in one another's company.

How do you nourish and strengthen the Lord of Glory? That's a good question. If you remember, the angels were sent to Him in the garden to strengthen Him for the passion. He relives that passion everyday in times when He sees children murdered in their mother's womb, a man sleeping with another man's wife, a corporate executive making plans to spray aluminum in the sky and poison a population, generals planning to use biological weapons of mass destruction. He's in pain over these crimes committed to mankind, His creation. He needs someone to respond to Him, someone who cares and loves Him and someone who has made Him their absolute priority over their own lives. Yes, indeed, you truly strengthen Him with your love. Out of this great sea of uncaring humanity, one has risen to kiss his Lord with his life. How He longs for that.

Set aside the time of day when you are freshest. That might mean going to bed at 9 p.m. and getting up in the early quiet hours in the morning while the rest of the world is still asleep. Five a.m. is a very good time, 4:30 is even better. It depends on your family's work and school schedule. Plan on spending an hour and a half in His presence. That's a very nice portion of time. A lot can get done. Part of it is going to be in worship, part of it will be in repentance, and part will be getting instructed and healed by Him, resting in Him. For me a good cup of coffee, a stimulant is very important. My metabolism needs a morning kick but if you can be alert and reeling on your toes without it, then great.

There are two different approaches to entering into this time. One is entering in with thanksgiving and worship and the other is repenting and asking for God's grace to change me. Over 30 years ago when I'd just become a Christian I took a class based on a book *Lord, Change Me* by Evelyn Christianson. This set the stage for my sanctification. In this book she taught me how to listen for the anointing on a passage of Scripture, with an ear to changing things in my life that didn't please my Savior. In other words, the

Holy Spirit would quicken something and I would know that it was from God and I needed to pay attention to it. (I recommend this book and it is available on *Amazon.com*.)

Basically, you pick a chapter of the Bible, pick it up everyday and read it until you feel something on one line or with one word. This is called a Rhema. That is an anointed word just for you.

The Lord will meet you more than halfway to cultivate a listening heart as you begin this journey. He directs us to the things that are timely and necessary for us. When we choose our own Bible study we tend to go to what we like or what interests us. I prefer a more reliable way, where I know the Holy Spirit is in charge. You can ask for a chapter or fresh manna to be shown to you. You can pray, "Lord, please lead me today. What would you have me read?" Believe that He will answer that prayer. Open your Bible and begin to read until you feel Him quicken something to you. Yes, I know there are many people who will ridicule this method. Remember, we are kings and priests and are anointed to hear the voice of God.

Drawing lots was a similar method that was used in Scripture to find things out. They gave God the space to make the decision and to speak. It's been used for a long time in Scripture. When choosing the replacement for Judas, they drew lots. And that's how they found out that Jonah was the reason for why the ship was going down. It works. Let the scoffers laugh all they want but the Lord said, "Truly I tell you lest you change and become like little children, you will never enter the Kingdom of heaven (Matthew 18:3)."

At the point the Holy Spirit quickens a line of Scripture, stop and ponder what He is saying. Lock it away in your heart. Go over and over it in your mind and look at all the different ways it applies to you and then rest in that Word. Tuck it away, but keep it in mind, because something will come up that day that involves that very Word. It may be a confirmation of what you were thinking about, or a warning not to fall into temptation because the enemy set a trap for you, or it may be a Word of love that will reach down deeply and will bring you to tears. (He especially does this when I'm under conviction and I'm almost afraid to go to Him.) He sends me a heart in my coffee, a heart shaped rock, or a cloud. There are so many different love letters He scatters throughout our day if only we will stop, look, and listen, and pay attention with the expectation that He is speaking to us all day long. He is looking for us to acknowledge that. If we look, we'll see that He never ceases to encourage us and He is reminding us that He is walking with us through our day.

One book I love to use, as a surgeon uses a scalpel, is *Imitation of Christ* by Thomas A. Kempis. Rarely does this book fail to speak to my heart. I go to this book when I want to know, "Lord, where am I at with you? Am I pleasing to you or are there some things you would love for me to take a look at?" Once I'm convicted of something, it's all I can do to repent of it and acknowledge deeply my fault and ask for the grace to overcome it.

He is so taken to a soul that is contrite. The Scriptures even say, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart, Oh God you will not despise (Psalm 51:15)."

Just as we rush to forgive our children when they confess a fault with true contrition so the Lord rushes to comfort and sustain us.

Now we're ready to receive the graces necessary to change our ways. Very often this process brings me into the sensible presence of Jesus: seeing, feeling, hearing Him just as He promised us in Proverbs 8:17, "I love those who love Me and those who seek Me find Me."

In John 14:23 He says, "Anyone who loves Me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them and we will come to them and make our home with them." And in Matthew 5:8 "Blessed are the pure of heart for they shall see God."

That's what this is really all about, it's purifying our hearts. We can see Him and the purer our hearts and our motives become, the clearer the vision will be of His face.

You may find that journaling will bring you in that sensible presence. As you write your thoughts and prayers, asking Him for forgiveness, He may quicken a Scripture verse to you or even to your heart. Don't be afraid to go with what you hear and write it down. That's how I began this journey and many others have successfully begun the same way. The Lord is profoundly grateful for the soul committing to the scalpel of righteousness and a sincere desire to be formed and pleasing to Him. So many are oblivious to the heart of God. So many ignore Jesus. When He finds just one that truly cares, He is eternally grateful and showers that soul with marks of affection. We can't accomplish this alone. Sooner or later we must let Him carry us. All He wants is our consent and our sincere efforts to cooperate with Him.

When we've been dodging certain things in our lives and we know we need to change something using the scalpel, *The Imitation of Christ* is very comforting. It really highlights the very thing that God wants to address. He'll never bring something up that you can't handle. Grace will always be there or He wouldn't bring it up. Not only that, but things must be addressed in a certain order. If we try to do the sanctifying by ourselves, tackling what we think needs changing - look out. When the Lord Jesus leads us into changing things, they can change - far less painfully, I might add. He's well aware of what needs to go first, and when we turn ourselves over to His leadership, He accomplishes wonders.

So, this is one method He has led me to use. The other is to enter into His gates with thanksgiving and praise. There are many fine, anointed musicians to draw from. Playing this music, even with headphones, and worshipping is very effective. He loves our worship. I recount all the good things He has done for me during worship with music. There comes a time (for those of you who are athletic), it's like a runner's high - except it's God's high. You can continue to worship, or if led to do so, stop and enter into that quiet place and rest in the Glory of God. He may approach you, hold you, kiss your forehead, dance with you, sit with you and want to talk.

Oh, He is so approachable and human in His ways of being with us! I'll tell you right now, He loves to dance and He loves to hold His bride and He'll even transform her. You'll see yourself wearing a wedding dress or an evening gown and your hair done up. There're been times when the color of my dress reflects what kind of thing is happening in my life. If it's a trial, then it's purple; if it's a celebration, then it's peach or if it's bridal, then it's white. He's amazing that way how He communicates with colors. Yes, He loves to shower gifts on His Bride. And for the men, it is not feminine to see yourself as His Bride. This is truly your identity. God is the Creator and we are the receiver. There is a feminine aspect, but not in the sense that is sinful or sexual at all. It's a mystery guys. Leave a tender moment alone, okay?

My husband is not feminine. He spent his younger days fishing and hunting on the Bayou in Louisiana. He is very masculine but he has seen himself in the spirit as the Bride of Christ. In *Chronicles of the Bride*, a book that is on our website, you can read about his experiences. They are pretty amazing. This kind of intimacy usually begins through the eye of the imagination or at least that's our take on it. In reality, it *is* going on - what you think you are imagining, is the Lord taking you by the hand and drawing you into His reality. Go with it. Would He give you a snake if you asked for a fish? He is protecting that time and keeping the familiar spirits out of it. As you begin this kind of relationship with the Lord He will protect this time. Being close to Him in this way is so healing. He knows your pain. You're an absolute open book to Him and He wants to comfort you so let Him.

When you walk out of this kind of prayer you are equipped to be an ambassador of love and to comfort others. You can't give what you don't have. This is preeminently time set aside for your equipping and your healing. As time goes by, you'll begin to gain confidence that Jesus is truly with you. This is not a phantom or a familiar spirit - this is God.

At the same time, He will draw attention to the necessity of humility. Those who are gifted with this kind of relationship will be broken many, many, many times in order to safeguard their gift. Pride enters in so easily. Don't be afraid, it gets better and better. Don't be afraid to go to Him when you've blown it.

This is a little secret when I've really blown it: it's because He, through His grace, let me fall. Why? I was getting proud, self-satisfied and even reading my own press. Because He loves me, He withdrew my strength and let me fall flat on my face. Now He's waiting for me to come to Him for healing. I might be running around the house nesting, which is what women might do when we're upset. He's so sweet and so faithful, gentle, and honest. Eventually He draws me back in so I can confess my fault.

I love that song by Kari Jobe "You Were For Me" and in it she said, "I know that You were for me and I know You will not forsake me in my weaknesses." That's so true. Speaking of Kari from *Gateway Worship* I have found some musicians whom I recognize an extraordinary anointing. Kari is one, Terry MacAlmon and his songs *I Came To Worship You, Glory of Your Presence, I Will Never Let Go*. Jessica Ketola and her song *Here In Your Presence*, Charlotte Laystrom and her song *It's All About You*. Christ for the Nations, Blessed Hope Chapel, and Hillsong Music.

Here are some very powerful and transforming songs by Kari: "My Beloved", "Revelation Song", "Beautiful", and "The More I Seek You". We also have a "Song of Songs" download on our website that is free to download.

These songs are just suggestions, but I must say this is not about taste in music - it's about the anointing. The anointing brings you into the Holy of Holies. These musicians sing to Jesus. They are obviously very intimate with Him or they couldn't bring you into His presence. Songs about Jesus are nice to listen to, but when you want to connect with Him, in my experience, there is no better way: either to start out with deep repentance or praise and worship. On that note, I never use these anointed songs for background music or for casual listening. They are sacred to me and I use them just for our very own intimate time together.

I hope this helps all of you who have been writing to me and asking for direction in this. I know many of you have already been in this place for years, but I'm addressing this for the newer ones who want to go

deeper into a real, sensible relationship with Jesus. Don't be surprised if God the Father and the Holy Spirit show up, too. The three are one.

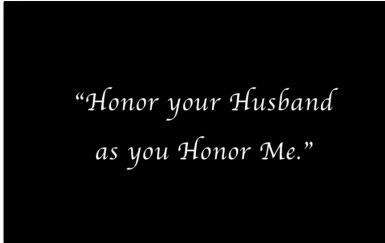
Just one last thing I want to say. Some people think you can't see or hear from God, but that is contrary to the Scriptures. The Lord has made that known in His Scriptures. I just quoted three earlier for you, but there are so many more places in His Word where He has promised that intimate relationship with us. Every time you pray the Lord's prayer it's powerful because it's the prayer that Jesus Himself has taught us, "Thy kingdom come thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven (Matthew 6:9-13)."

In Heaven you are going to see, hear, and speak to Jesus and the Father and the Holy Spirit. There's going to be no separation any longer. The veil will be removed. Remember that, as the enemy tries to hit you with skepticism and unbelief. This is scriptural and it is promised to us now. It is necessary for us. That's why Satan hates it so much. It's absolutely necessary for us to minister the love of God to other people and for us to enter into this and to overcome our faults as well.

God bless you and hope to see you again soon. Thanks so much for listening.

Prophetic Word on Marriage & A Spiritual Partnership

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*"Honor your Husband
as you Honor Me."*

Tonight, He wants to address the issue of husbands and wives. This is an important issue, because our failure or success of marriage and in the spiritual life depends on understanding God's spiritual order of things. I have to say I've been a very rebellious female; I've not honored my husband or men in general in my life. I've always looked at men as equals.

In a sense I don't see anything wrong with that. Paul said, "There's neither male nor female except God has established the male for the covering of the wife in marriage (Galatians 3:28)." This is a prophetic message and these are the Lord's words. At the end of the message I will talk about the ways I've dishonored my husband.

The Lord's words began, "*Clare, I want you to address this area of covering and discernment in marriage. I'm serious about this. I know you are reticent, but I need you to trust Me.*"

At that point I went to *The Bible Promise Book* to make sure I was in the spirit and not in my flesh. I opened to the Holy Spirit. Some of you may laugh that I use that method of discernment, but it works for me. Our lives are very unusual in the sense that they have come into fruition that wouldn't have come into fruition if we hadn't paid close attention to what the Lord wanted to do and to be obedient to that. My method in using *The Bible Promise Book* and Scriptures and other forms of discernment are what has brought us to the fulfillment of our lives and our missions.

The Lord continues, "*Many women are a head of their husbands. That's the nature of the world and things, but many don't see what are behind. What I mean by that is, they don't see Me in their husbands. How can you nourish what you don't see? They're looking for some story-book, spiritual giant when I inhabit the lowly and the hidden. Men are easily intimidated by their wives. They don't always let on to that effect, but they are. I guarantee that.*"

“Intimidation forces a man to withdraw and relinquish ground he suspects he should be taking. A man’s duties in the world keep him preoccupied with providing for his family. When he comes home, he is tired and the last thing he wants to do is press into time with Me. He sees his wife taking the lead, partially because she has the time to study and pray. He knows he can’t compete and he steps back to do what is easiest with him. I’m more concerned about him, because this pattern of relinquishment is detrimental with his relationship with Me and with his wife. She grows; he stagnates. Unless he is a very unusual man with a strong desire for Me. At this point, I must tell these ladies - recovering a lost man is an art form. It’s a delicate job that requires much introspection of a wife and much submission and much, much work.”

Clare replied, “You mean measuring, your words and ultimately your attitudes?”

He replied, *“That’s correct. The words are merely superficial manifestations of a heart attitude. My counsel to all women who find themselves in this place: see Me in your husband and cultivate Me, so I can dominate Him. So it’s safe for Me to come out and take the lead. You know what you’ve gone through and you can share some of that.”*

Clare interjects, “I did do that in another video with my husband.”

“So, Lord, you mean my struggles with having things done my way?”

Jesus answers, *“Yes, and in other things, secret criticisms. Little foxes that nip at the man’s ego. Things you may not say out loud, but he perceives it in your attitude toward him. I know you are still struggling with this and I am helping you, but because it is fresh in your mind, you do have something solid to share with them. Keep reminding them that demons are at work 24/7 to undermine a man’s honor in the home and in the world for that matter.*

“That is why men are so prone to adultery. A woman comes along at work and makes him feel 10 feet tall. He comes home and his wife makes a remark about him leaving his shoes in the middle of the floor. It’s not just that one remark; it’s 15-20 years worth of remarks that make an ‘I am bad’ button in his heart. Touch it lightly and all the other remarks kick in, too, and he feels badly about himself. You’re lucky - you have married a sensitive man, so you can see this dynamic right out in the open. Most men cover it up with an ugly remark right back or just withdraw into their TV program, sports, or shops. You ask why are the demons so committed to dishonoring a man? Because man is the covering.

“This is the correct order. When they don’t rise to the occasion, the demons can sift a woman, lead her astray, get into her prayer times, and get into her false words. Leading them on a wild goose chase and eventually convincing them that they need a more spiritual man. The children see all of this and this disrespectful behavior is replicated in them. So, it’s a belittling cycle of men that continues on into the next generation. The man has a very sensitive understanding of order. Very often I work through him to recognize something is off but because he doesn’t want to face the wrath of Kahn or any other threatening behavior, he finds it more convenient to let it slide. And slide it does: down, down, and further down yet.

“This is where their lives are run with her spiritual insights with no governor except perhaps other female friends who are living the same way. That’s no help to her, either. It’s the blind leading the blind. I put that man in that position to bring up the hard things and confront the things that are suspect, but

because they don't want to deal with their wives' reactions - be it tears or deprecations - they let it slide until they are useless in covering their wives and protecting them. This teaching is not for all, only the ones who are willing to humble themselves to have a good marriage.

"I'm telling you ladies, I'll use your husbands in ways I'll never be able to use you. That's why you were married; not just to have children and a stable home, but to have a holy, productive life lived in truth and not deception and to produce holy offspring. With Adam and Eve you can see this at work. Adam knew it was wrong to eat from the tree but he was comfortable, complacent and didn't want to make a big issue with Eve and he partook as well. You men are not as strong as you appear to be; brawn and strong are not synonymous. Strong means thinking ahead and making good, strong decisions. Even when they go against what your wife wants. Strong means, 'Okay, Lord, I'm willing to endure the strife and pain that will ensue from opposing my wife - what she really wants, what she demands, etc. I'll stand for what I believe and that you are leading me, no matter what the cost.

"That is a strong man. That doesn't mean beating or abusing her. No, that's for sissies - not for a real man. Love your wife as you love your very own self, because how well your life goes depends on how well you treat your wife. I didn't put you together to be harsh and mean to her. If you're doing that, you can expect the world to pay you with the very same treatment. I put you together to love one another and to do what's right. So, by your patience and endurance you will win her over.

"By the way, ladies, a man does not have to be spiritual by your definitions to hear My ways and My will for your family. I plant it deep inside of him. Yes, it is wonderful when he seeks it out in Scripture but that's not the determining factor of whether he is spirit led. In many cases he will have a deep down feeling and a conviction about something, because I, in him, gave it to him - even without the trappings of Bible studies, Wednesday night services, or even Sunday services. I dwell in him and what's missing in your marriages is that you are not honoring Me in your husbands.

"See, a man will step aside when a woman outdoes him in a gift. So many men have done exactly that and have given up the helm to the one that seems to have all the answers.

"So, I'm making a formal appeal to all who hear these words. Honor Me in your husband, no matter what his spiritual condition. If you will do this, I will do my part and cause him to begin to stand tall. It will take time and it won't happen overnight, but you will see different layers of responsibilities rise up in him; spiritual responsibilities. Build him up and show him My love, not yours. My love reaches way beyond shoes in the middle of the floor or towels that are crumpled up by the shower. Humble yourselves and take a long look. Make a mental list of all the ways you show preference to your own opinion, your own agenda, and your own ways. Watch yourself in the days to come.

"Carry your cross. You are partly responsible for his passiveness toward Me, so don't deny yourself; pick up your cross and follow Me in what will prove to be a wonderful marriage. The marriage you should have had and always wanted. I can do this if you will cooperate. These instructions are for those of you who know you married the right man. If I didn't bring you together with this man, you can still grow in humility and I will remove him in My time. Until then you'll become more holy, deeper with Me and I will be a husband unto you. You will not lack from authentic companionship. Remember, Pride is the root of this evil and it cannot enter into Heaven.

So, My blessed ones do not fear humiliation and lowliness. It is only your pride that will suffer and that, for you, a bonus."

What I want to do now is share with you some of the ways I've dishonored my husband and you can measure them against your own ways. There are plenty more examples, it's just that these are the ones that came to mind.

For instance, he wants to go for a walk with you in the park and you are busy with your work, your spiritual things, or other things so you can have time for your spiritual things later and you turn him down. I've done this and that's wrong; that's not honoring him. Another example is in making a decision to go to dinner. I've insisted on my own way in the past. What movie should we see? I've made my case strong instead of seeking what he wanted and yielding to him.

More examples: honoring the way things are arranged in his private space, his office, his shop, or bathroom space; not moving things or leaving a mess or cleaning to the point where things are out of place. I've done that to him. Ignoring him when he wants you to take time out for him. If you are so wrapped up in your own doings and plans, you may feel like putting them aside is too hard and you end up putting him off or sending him out alone. I've done that.

I made him wear clothes he wasn't comfortable with. I've insisted he look a certain way when we went out rather than giving him a gentle nudge, "Honey, I want to wear something special for you tonight." Or "I really loved that green shirt you wore the other day." That's different than making him feel ugly or intimidated. Another thing you can do is getting things he likes to eat when you go shopping.

I can just hear it now... some of you are saying, "Oh, I'm way ahead of you, Clare, we do all those things." And to you I say, "Bravo."

But find other ways beyond your norm to honor him. For instance, really seek out his opinion on something and follow it. Make him feel, day after day, that his preferences are really important to you. Compliment him frequently and sincerely on his appearance or wisdom. Find all the times he put his shoes away or hung his towel to dry. Let him know you appreciate it. Address him, "Honey would you please...?" And when he does it say, "Thank you. You are so thoughtful." Notice the little things you take for granted that show he cares and compliment him for that.

Ask the Lord to give you greater love and respect for him and to show you where you are prideful or insistent; areas where you need to learn to yield. I promise you, the Lord will do it faithfully. There will be turning points in your relationship and he will come to you and ask, "Why are you being so nice to me?" Ask the Lord to put it in your heart so you can be honest and say, "Honey, I've taken you for granted and am tired of doing things my way. I've been selfish and I want you to have a greater say that we do and plan together. I know God has put true wisdom in you. I need your wisdom and your input, and I need your covering."

If you've really blown it lately over something, use that as a confession of your poor judgment and how you really need his help.

I really believe, that as you reach out to him and show your weakness, he'll rise to the occasion and be strong for you. It may take time and it may take repetitive situations, but sooner or later if he loves you, I believe he'll rise to the occasion.

I'll tell you just how serious the Lord was with me. Just before he released me into public ministry on Youtube, my computer all of a sudden went down and black, nothing. It wouldn't work, boot up or

anything. I finally gave up in tears thinking, “Oh my gosh, this is the end of my ministry.” There was no way I could afford to have this fixed. No way at all. It was all the teachings, the songs, the artwork, filming I planned on using, gone. I had no tools to carry out the ministry He’s been training me for and He’s called me to do.

This is what He said to me, “*Your ministry for Me is absolutely useless without you honoring Me and your husband. Honor your husband as you honor Me, or I can’t use you, Clare*”. That is the stark truth, guys, and that’s what He said to me. I was just crestfallen. My whole world just fell apart, because frankly He’s been training me for this mission for 33 years. I knew this was coming later on in my life. Here I’m in this place now and He has given me so many rich things to share with others and now He is telling me that none of that training and experiences have any meaning to Him, as long as I’m not honoring my husband; really honoring him. Ouch!

For days I was completely petrified with sorrow, self-pity more than Godly sorrow, until He began to show me how controlling I was. I became horrified at who I had become. He told me that many times He wanted to lead me through my husband, but He couldn’t, because I didn’t honor him. For instance, the dishes...My husband wanted me to retire some of the mugs, plates, and silverware so I wasn’t always so backed up on dishes. This takes a real toll on me at night with fibromyalgia over the sink for an hour. It wipes me out before I go to work. For several years he has been asking me to do this and for several years I withstood him. Then I realized what I was doing.

After several years, I retired two-thirds of our silverware and dishes and lo and behold the dishes are a 20 minute job instead of an hour and a half. It’s made a huge difference! And the Lord was wanting to do this with me all this time, but because the kitchen was my domain and I thought I knew what was best, He couldn’t do a thing with me. The Lord tried to use my husband, but in my pride I wouldn’t listen.

Moving on to the computer, after three days of darkness (no pun intended) I thought maybe now, since I’ve really repented, maybe the Lord will have mercy on me. I walked over and lifted the lid of my computer and all of a sudden it started working perfectly again. That was several months ago now. I haven’t had any problems with it since. It was obvious that it was an act of God. That’s exactly how serious the Lord is about me honoring my husband. All my gifts are useless to Him without honoring my husband.

You ladies may not be in this place at all. But if you even suspect an inkling of this attitude in your lives, perhaps you would like to pray this prayer with me:

“Lord, I beg of You, change us and show us how we are stifling our husbands and overshadowing them, and causing them to go back into the shadows. Give us the grace to conquer our pride with your humility. Expose our crooked ways and make them straight. Please, Lord, give us courage and raise up our husbands into the calling you have for them and help us to truly be their help-mates as they awaken to Your call. Help us to truly love, honor, and respect them as we love, honor, and respect You. Lord I believe you will answer this prayer, because I know it is Your will for us. Amen.”

Honoring Your Husband

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*“Honor your Husband
as you Honor Me.”*

Ezekiel: “Welcome to Heaven Talk, dreams, visions, comment and discussion on all things heaven. I’m Ezekiel.

Clare: And I’m Clare.

Ezekiel: “And we’re in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in New Mexico.

There are some areas that can actually hinder our heavenly realities and living a heavenly life. Tonight we have something that might seem a little off topic, but not really - although we talk about Heaven and heavenly things. Typically the enemy will try to come against, right off the bat, our marriages and families. We want to address some of those areas in our marriages that can actually hinder our living these heavenly lives and walking in heavenly places.

Clare: We are talking about balance in our relationships and balance in our marriage. We must be honest with each other, so you can be a covering for me. In fact, the teaching that I do on this just before this video is all about the dynamics between my husband and I and how he is my covering and how I can lose my covering by being headstrong and dominant and fall into error.

Ezekiel: “Keep in mind, this isn’t an overnight thing. We haven’t set any records here. We’ve been married for 23 years and it’s just in the last two years we’ve really been able to work together like this. Although, spiritually we’ve been together from the start - but even with that we began to grow apart.

Clare: I guess what I want to say is, the first time I noticed there was a serious problem in our marriage is when you almost died. We had a longstanding, slight disagreement with what to do with a certain amount of money; whether to do a small indoor therapy pool or not to. You had agreed with me but there was a sense that deep down you didn’t agree with me. I had asked you and wanted your covering; “Is this okay and is this okay with the Lord?” It turned out later on that you weren’t being as honest as you could have been. Why was that?

Ezekiel: Because you would override me and I just didn’t want to deal with that.

Clare: “So basically you recognized that I had such strong opinions and desires and ideas about the way I wanted things done, that it was futile to even mention that you had serious reservations about this.

Ezekiel: That’s exactly right. I tended to cower down or get quiet and not speak up.

Clare: Especially if there’s a history of the wife being strong - like in my case. My background is a single parent family. My mother was a go-getter and businesswoman and I was raised with that mentality. It never occurred to me that people found it difficult to disagree with me and were intimidated by me. I’ve learned this about myself since we’ve been married.

Ezekiel: We don’t really notice that we’re being really strong - and maybe a little too strong. One party might not realize that the other party is getting left in the dust while you’re running the charge up the

hill. He may be getting some real valid and serious checks in his spirit. If you're running 90 miles an hour, it's hard for him to even catch up to even say, "Well, wait a minute." I think human nature tends to be as such, if you're on a roll and things are going good, working on a project, and especially doing things for the Lord and somebody in particular, like your spouse says, "Whoa, wait a minute." You're natural reaction might be, "What? Wait, what? Huh?"

Clare: Especially when you've already talked about it and we're supposed to be in agreement. There is a warning sign that there wasn't the agreement you thought there was, and you need to stop and take a serious look at it.

Ezekiel: I would be real watchful in the very first place as to when your husband or wife in some cases, begins to grow cool, cold, or quiet.

Clare: Or starting to get depressed. You started to get depressed. I was really in pride in that situation, because I thought you don't like the construction noise or like the disturbance, the inconvenience so naturally you're starting to fuss and fume about what's going on out there. That was totally my prideful take. That wasn't it at all. Those things were probably playing a factor.

Ezekiel: Oh, they did - but be careful not to jump to the conclusion that he's being lazy.

Clare: There was more to it than just inconvenience. I kept saying, "Honey, you're going to love it, especially in the winter time and it will be a place to go that will still be green like the jungle." He would agree with that, but I could still feel that there was an undercurrent of resistance to it. In my pride and presumption to it, I wrote it off to, "He doesn't like the noise and the inconvenience of all this work."

Ezekiel: In your mind right now, you might be thinking, "What does that have to do with my ministry for the Lord?"

Clare: No one wants to call into question that their spouse doesn't believe in their ministry. We really do want to try and agree, especially when we know in the past disagreements have resulted in conflict that is hard and painful. In a sense, he may feel obliged to go along with and not put up a fuss. What would you say is the best approach with that?

Ezekiel: Try really hard to not force or push him to not believe in you. I know that sounds like a harsh statement but wouldn't you agree that it's more important to believe in the Lord and be close in the Lord... and come around to where he believes in the things you're receiving? You can encourage him in God's belief in him; not his belief in you but the Lord believes in you. Build him up. Don't tell him, "You don't pray enough, I think you need to spend more time in worship." Even if you say it in a subtle way he really doesn't want to hear that, because he's struggling in himself. He's already at the point where he is struggling with the Lord, he may be in a dry place, and it looks like you are charging ahead with, "The Lord said this" and "The Lord said that." It's hard to hear those things.

Clare: It makes you look like the "almighty prophet" in the relationship and that, as I had mentioned in my teaching, that also creates a problem in dynamics. I've noticed that if men see someone excelling in a situation in their lives, too, a lot of time they drop down and drop back. They figure, "Why should I compete with her? She's got it all together, so I can just sit back and ride on her coat tails."

Ezekiel: When someone says, “The Lord told me to do this or that” that leaves a person feel like there is no room to move. Well, God is the ultimate authority. Either your husband has to believe it or he’s a bad person - period. He doesn’t know what else to think about that or he has to be honest with his own feelings and say, “This just doesn’t feel right or sound right.” Then she might say, “Well, how would he know? He doesn’t even have the prayer life to back it up.” You may not know the place where Almighty God and a soul come together in a sanctified place with the privacy of a soul. That man may cry blood, sweat, and tears in the early morning hours while you are asleep.

Clare: We’ve kind of been in that place.

Ezekiel: Right, when one has really been praying and the other one doesn’t know it. There are different ways to pray.

Clare: I’d like to add to this, that we’ve really come to the place where I come to you and say, “Honey, I need your help discerning this about such and such. Would you please pray about it and see what the Lord says about it?” I’ve learned not to play that role of, “Honey, the Lord said this or said that,” unless you ask me and then I’ll be honest and share what I feel the Lord has been saying. I think you made a good point about him not feeling the freedom or liberty to say anything, because after all God said it. You know that goes both ways.

Ezekiel: Oh absolutely.

Clare: You can come to me and say, “God is showing me this and telling me that,” and I feel like I can’t say anything about that. What do we do when we’re in that situation? Typically we go into “lift it up to the Holy Spirit” discernment mode.

Ezekiel: First of all, we try to be real careful not to just throw that out all the time; “The Lord said this or that.” What we might say is, “We feel that the Lord is saying such and such.” Anything that is directive or corrective is highly suspect anyway.

Clare: When these things come up and we’re a little charged up, because we don’t agree with each other, we put it on the shelf and we seek the Lord. Sooner or later, the Holy Spirit clarifies what His real thoughts are about it. Because we’re both really submitted to the Holy Spirit, we’re submitted as believers, but I’m also submitting unto my husband. It’s a two-fold kind of submission and thank God He is submitted to the Holy Spirit.

When I talk about the husband having wisdom that is beyond what you would expect from someone who doesn’t have enough of a prayer life by your own standards - don’t think, “Well, I’m way ahead of them in prayer,” – that dismisses the fact that this is a union that God has created. The man is supposed to be the covering for the woman. Because of that, whether the man prays a whole lot or not, he will still come up with God’s will in many situations, because Jesus lives in his heart and because that is his job. He can’t do his job unless God puts it there.

Ezekiel: It’s not like you’re up the ladder and someone else is down. We’re kind of side by side and in this together. The Scripture says, “Let no man stand, lest he fall” (1 Corinthians 10:12). Humility is just the truth about anything; who we really are before the Lord. He has shown me and us how He can crush us into fine powder when we think we’re standing.

Clare: It's very true and I've been guilty of that. When we first came together, I felt like I was a little bit ahead of you, because I was in full-time ministry. I think that was something I was in a rude awakening for. The other issue to look at there is, I came from a single parent family with a mother had to wear the pants and who was a professional, grew up in the city and was hardcore. I picked up a lot of that stuff from her.

Ezekiel: And, in all difference to you guys, if we as men would stand up and wear the pants as we should and cover our families properly and our wives; you ladies may not feel you have to be so strong. Wouldn't it be nice if you did have some help and you didn't have to always be the one to hear from the Lord and to carry out His mandates? You've got to build this guy up. He's coming from a place of... you feel in love, you dated and had a relationship at one time that was probably not as deep, because you weren't used to each other at first yet. The following years, because you mentioned you guys were having some problems, you may feel like you're having problems - but this guy may have had the same thing in his gut from 12 years ago,, but someone shuts down eventually.

Clare: That's one of the things that the Lord brought up in the last teaching. It's really an art form and a delicate affair to allow a man to come back into the position. Maybe he's never even held that position before. Allow him the space to be in the position to be a true covering for his family. You had mentioned something that the Lord showed you once in a dream or a vision about that.

Ezekiel: It was actually during what we call dwelling or soaking prayer. It was very quiet and instantly I began to see something play out in front of me. I was sitting in a fishing boat and there was another person there. And in the boat there was a live well; a box that goes down into the water from the boat so the fish stay alive until you get to shore.

I would notice we weren't even fishing with pokes and these salmon would drift up alongside the boat and be on their side, like when a fish goes belly up or dying - but they were still alive. In one scenario, the person in front of me would grab a salmon and slam them into the boat and put them in the live well. We noticed they weren't staying alive, they were dying.

The scene switched to a replay of the same situation, however the person, I think it was Jesus, was now gently putting His hands into the water lifting them up very gently. A fisherman knows when you catch and release, you release them very gently and let them get used to the water again. He was handling them with kid gloves. Now the fish, He put them in a live well with oxygenated water and they were coming back to life and they were healthy.

Many of us as men and women are that way. We are broken from things that happened to us in childhood. We're all damaged goods. Yes, the Lord heals and frees us and by His stripes we are healed and set free, but it doesn't cover up the pain that most of us carry around with us. It's the walking wounded; soldiers that are in a real battle that have taken some real scars and real shot. There's a beautiful poster that I love and it says, "Understanding is standing under." Get beneath and under this man who is very fragile in your life, by the way. You could lose this man at any moment and the Lord could take him - then where would you be? How would you really feel about this man that you had distained possibly before?

Clare: When you went into the hospital that time and I was praying for you, I remember I had doted over you and waited over you that day. I loved telling the Lord how much I loved you and appreciated

you and all of that - but I wasn't going deep enough in my discernment as how I really felt. There were some ways I snided you.

When you live with someone, there's familiarity - like leaving your towel crumpled up on the floor, (which he doesn't do by the way) or leaving your shoes out in the middle of the room - which I DO do, by the way! There's a point where we lose patience with our partner and not even saying the demeaning words in an out-loud conversation but play out your dialogue on the inside. That is depreciating him.

The demons are working on that little job, the little foxes that spoil the vine. We're a vine together, the two are one. The little foxes are coming along and biting the grapes and spoiling them on the vine. These interior dialogues are going on inside of you and don't kid yourself: the devils are working just as hard as you as they are him. He might be thinking, "Why doesn't she have dinner on time? For Pete's sake, she knows I don't like to eat that - why is that on the table?" There are a million different ways we could show disrespect or downgrade our spouses that are just secret, quiet things going on inside the heart.

Ezekiel: Until you lose what you thought you had and that's exactly what happened. I died. I went through three surgeries and I flat lined and I was resuscitated. We don't know how long I was out or gone but it was a shakeup, wakeup call for both of us.

Clare: The Lord did talk to you about me and He had some things to say about you - but when you saw Him, He did have some things to say.

Ezekiel: Keep this in your hopper: you're going along in your marriage and your ministry and you feel like everything is okay. And your partner or someone in your life isn't quite there, but whatever, I'm just going to go along. All of a sudden, they are right at the edge of being taken or maybe they are. All I know is, I felt like I was sliding down; I could see the bed rails sliding down beside me and I was coming out of myself, my body.

I was instantly in front of the Lord. There were two things I noticed immediately, the first thing is there was a deep chasm between He and I. My first response was to say, "Oh Lord, oh thank you, God this is the moment I've waited for and I'm here," but then I realized it wasn't a very wide chasm, but it was extremely deep. He probably couldn't have been more than 4-5 feet away from me but He wasn't smiling. I was like, "Oh, no, Lord... what? What's wrong? No, this is my moment, my homecoming." He didn't say a word, He was downcast.

I began asking for mercy and He started to speak to me about things in my character, things in our character as a couple, and things within our body, the two as one and later reflected on the Body of the Church. Some of those points were, "*You are not being grateful and thankful. You are hurting the heart of My Father. You have no idea the pain you are causing My heart and His heart because you complain, you bicker, you judge one another, and you are ungrateful. You have got to stop complaining. You have got to stop judging and start thanking and being grateful for the gift you are to one another that My Father gives and that My Holy Spirit gives you.*"

I knew he was dead serious, eternally serious.

Clare: Yes, I knew that was a real wake up call for me, too.

Ezekiel: So please, just consider this person that you may have had some judgments about: they don't go to church enough; they won't go to Bible study. In our case I was standing before the Lord and I looked behind Him and I could see all the beauties of paradise; all the things I dreamed of, everything I'd ever wanted and I said, "Lord, what do I do? This is your call. Is this IT for me?"

Jesus said, *"It's your choice, but before you choose I want you to see this."* He showed me my wife standing in a hallway, with many people around her that had come. Her shoulders were slumped and her eyes were drenched with tears. She looked totally devastated. I thought, "Oh, Lord, I want this more than anything in this world but I can't do that to her. I can't put her through this. I don't want it to be like this. I can't come. I need to go back."

I could tell it was the answer He was moving for. The fact that this can happen to you and it could be your husband that the Lord brings up before him and is honest about the state of his soul but he's also going to be honest about the state of your soul. The Lord will give him an overview of everything. He will tell your husband, "It's up to you." What have you cultivated in this man so that he would say, "Lord please, I don't want to put her through that. I love this woman."

This is a man who works 40-60 hours a week, so that you could pray for you and your children. What are you going to do with that? Please don't let the Lord have to correct you like He corrected us. Don't let it get to that point. Pray and ask for the grace to be transparent and honest, to be able to be correctable by the Lord. "Lord show me." It's okay, He'll leave the good things and make them better. He's just going to take the things that will make you crash and burn anyway.

Clare: The Lord had told me, "You can have all the gifts, the teachings, the songs, the artwork and they can be in operation - but if you don't honor your husband, I can't use you. He doesn't want to replicate the disrespect for leadership and your covering within the Body. That's part of my nature. It will bleed through on my teachings, my songs and it will poison the Body. He would rather not use my gifts then. He doesn't want me growing that resentment and keeping it going within the Body.

Ezekiel: They say that you always water the grass furthest away from the sprinkler, but the grass closest to the water source doesn't seem to get anything. We have children, family, friends who watch and listen - many of them unbelievers. They hear how we speak and how we act, especially the younger women who look to you for wisdom. You don't want them to follow that example.

Clare: Right. The hardest, when the man doesn't feel like a covering or being respected as a covering and is not covering you, you can be misled by a Jesus look-alike. They are demons masquerading as Jesus who are extremely subtle and know how to talk very graciously. It will set you up for a fall.

Ezekiel: Why would you say the Lord would allow something like that in the first place?

Clare: Because the man isn't covering the wife and the wife isn't going to her husband to look for his covering. In the situation with us, when you had that near-death experience it really became obvious that the buck stops with you. The Lord was holding you accountable for my behavior, so part of you wanted to avoid confrontation on the issue and go along with it - and the other part was insecure about it.

I think what happened is, the whole situation turned out to be so painful, that you came to understand that the Lord does hold you responsible for the errors of your wife; if you're not correcting her when

you know there's a problem. Many of us believe in the Rapture and we're waiting for the Lord and some of us have set dates. Then the date rolls around and nothing happens. If the husband is not busy about the Lord's business; covering his wife with discernment, she could be running her entire household to end on a certain date. The repercussions of that are tremendous.

You think, "Well, there's no point in doing this, because that's not going to happen, because the Lord is coming sooner than that." A lot of people have done that and it causes disorder in the Body of Christ. If the man is asleep on the couch in his household, then his household is disrupted, because he's not discerning and taking the time to go to the Lord. He will also suffer a disordered household and disordered life because he didn't stand up and get to work and cover his wife. She could be going off on a crazy tangent and he could be saying, "Yes dear, yes dear." In the meantime, things could be falling apart in his family, things for the future, and things that should be done.

This isn't the case for everyone, but it can happen and the Lord will hold man accountable for those mistakes. He might say, "Why didn't you pray, listen to Me, and cover your wife to see to it that she didn't go off in a bizarre direction?" All of us believing in the Rapture is bizarre anyway, but we all know it's going to happen and we're all waiting for it. I just want to stress the point that the buck does stop with the husband. He could be keeping his nose to the TV or in the newspaper and he's going to suffer the consequences for not getting in there and discerning it.

Ezekiel: If he feels that his opinion just doesn't matter anyway, and if the Lord said this or that and he feels forced to believe these things, he begins to feel powerless. Like he doesn't have any use and he feels like he needs to submit to the Lord that is speaking to you, but he doesn't really know what's going on. You will have to build this guy up again, because his self-esteem is so low and his worth is so low, he doesn't believe God can use him.

First of all you need to ask the Lord, "Please give me Your heart and mind for my husband. Give me Your love for my husband so that I can naturally, not reading a script like a robot, can naturally build him up. So he can know, feel, and experience how precious he really is. I have to see that first Lord. Show me."

Clare: That's not to say that it's totally your responsibility that he is not discerning it's just to say we have a part in him having the hope and the trust, so that he can discern, too.

Ezekiel: We can all be lazy. Men shouldn't be slovenly. We do have times for different things. He needs a little time to relax and unwind but then the Lord is the only one that can convict him to get up and pray. It won't just come from conviction - if he falls in love with the Lord, the Lord will be so sweet. Your husband will throw the TV out and quit the newspaper. He'll run to be with the Lord and he'll run to be with you and to pray for you.

I can tell you from personal experience that's happened to me. I had to ask the Lord, "Please Lord, give me a new love for You," because I realized that I don't love You the way I should. Boy, you pray for that for yourself and your husband you'll both be so madly in love with Jesus and running to Him and you'll accompany one another and not abandon one another.

Clare: The other point to that is, you are the only love letter that your husband has. If by your love for him and your acknowledgment for him, and building him up, he begins to recognize what great worth he is in the eyes of the Lord.

Ezekiel: I have to say this, that my wife protects me. She covers and protects me. She makes me feel so loved, so safe, and so secure that I feel comfortable, relaxed, and rested enough to go in to prayer and nurture that relationship with the Lord. This also helps to love and pray for her and to back her up and to also have the courage to step up and say, "Honey, something just doesn't feel right."

Clare: I tell you when you come to me with that sweet, meek, loving voice, "Something's not feeling right," I know that you tremble before you come to me, because of my past with you. When I hear those words I really get down to business. I take it and put it up to question, serious question. If he has any inkling that something is off, I take it as a sign from the Lord that something isn't right in the water.

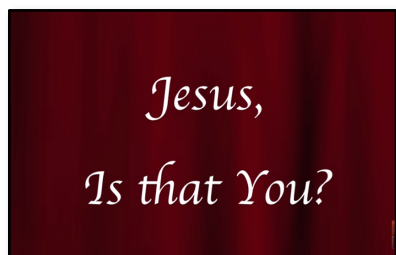
Ezekiel: We have a discernment shelf. It all comes down to respect. If you begin to love the Lord and fall in love with Him again - you may think you already do but you can always love Him more - you will start to see and love the Lord in your husband and he'll begin to see and love the Lord in you. You'll begin to respect and honor one another in the Lord.

Clare: Just so our Youtube family understands just how human we are... this wasn't easy for us tonight. We had to back over some things that were very painful; things that I didn't want to remember and things he didn't want to remember. We did that, because the Lord told me basically, "I am wanting to heal marriages; especially for those people who have prophetic callings." He didn't say that but that was the impression of His focus. There are people out in the Youtube family and God has called you to the prophetic and to be healers in the Body; to be used by Him.

The problem is that there is disorder in your family and that's an open door for the demons to come in and sift you. Again, it has to do with the husband's role. That's what He wants to address right now, because He needs the wives to bring the husbands back from the dead, cooperate with the Holy Spirit and raise them back to where they need to be. It isn't going to be easy. It's going to take all of our feminine whiles to accomplish it, I'm sure. It will be so worthwhile, because when a man covers you and you are equally yoked spiritually, it's really beautiful. It's worth all the work and all the tears. I just want to share that with you because it hasn't been easy for us, either.

My Sheep Hear My Voice

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Ezekiel: You know, I'd be a liar if I said that I'd never been deceived and never had some things that I thought were the Lord that didn't pan out to be the Lord. You gotta be honest about it and just say ok, if it doesn't quack and it doesn't have a beak and it doesn't waddle... it might *not* be a duck, you know.

So, there comes a time where that kind of honesty comes with, maybe the humility that only comes with humiliation and breaking, and I can look back on those times and see that Pride was getting in. Every single time that the Lord would let me fall on my face... we have the little quip about the poem "footprints in the sand" and we call it "nose prints in the sand" - "My child, I was just holding your feet, you know, I'll let you do a face plant if you need to, to humble you and bring you back up."

But the Lord will allow and does allow deception. The demons have been around way longer than us. These are created beings with high intelligence, they watch every move of every eyelash and they've been able to do that for over 6, 7, 8 thousand years now. So, they know the Scriptures inside out. They can get into your Scriptures. "It couldn't be the devil; I couldn't be deceived because the Lord gave me Scriptures." The devil can give you Scriptures, too. Maybe, to be more precise, they can get into your *interpretation of the Scriptures* that you think you are getting right now. The Lord may uncover you and let that happen, because you won't listen to anyone else. If you have a group of friends around you or people you've kind of gathered, we tend to get around people who agree with us and have an agreed reality.

You can check yourself the minute you start to feel insecure, or like, you have to protect something aggressively. Then there might be a problem. "Why do I feel so strongly that I have to protect this?" Because someone might take it.

"Wait a minute! Your salvation doesn't depend on whether you give this prophecy or not, whether you have this date wrong or not, or right or not" - but we act like it is. And we get people around us who are in agreement. And that's the sadness... the Lord sends us many other situations, but if we won't listen to the King or his son or his servants. If we won't take the little nudge and the little push and the bump... then sometimes He has to just pull all the slats out and let us fall flat on our face to humble us.

And then it's, "Oh my God! Well if *that's* been wrong, then what else has been wrong?!!"

I promise you, the world isn't going to end. The Lord will love you all the more if you're humble enough just to come back and say, "I'm sorry, Lord. Whatever I'm doing, show me." Your world won't crash, I promise. And the Lord won't cast you off and you're not damned to hell and you won't miss the Rapture.

Clare: And you're not a false prophet.

Ezekiel: Right, Right. It's like "Oh my gosh, oh my gosh, I've made mistake! I've heard a demon spirit or false..." Don't freak! You know, don't freak out! And I'm saying that because I've experienced it and I've had to go back through journals in past years. Now, after a while, there will be more teaching on this and sharing. But it's kind of like peas and gravel. You gotta listen to the Lord, you gotta pray or you're not gonna get anything. So when I said "peas and gravel", you gotta eat the peas, maybe they got a little gravel in them. Well, you spit the gravel out. If you don't eat, you don't get any nourishment. You gotta eat!

So, sometimes weeds do get in the wheat a little bit. We're not supposed to pull them out, we are supposed to grow up together and that kind of thing... but still, don't freak. Don't freak out, you know. It's ok. But it's so crucial and important to be able to say, "I messed up. I messed up."

Clare: You know, and some people disagree with me that the Lord will allow you to be deceived. But, with Ahab for instance, "Who will deceive Ahab and which one of the prophets?" You know, "How are you angels... (he called in the angels) I'm looking for a way to deceive Ahab going into this battle so that he'll be killed." And finally one angel steps forward and says, "I will. I will put lying spirits in the mouths of his prophets." And the Lord replied, "That will work. Go ahead and do it."

So, why would the Lord allow a lying spirit? Because pride is the most odious thing, it's the worst. It's the most destructive thing to our natures and to our relationships. So, because He loves us, and we're

not paying attention, He has to do something to really stop us in our tracks and get us to take a real good look at their lives.

“Why, Lord, did you allow this? Why did you allow me to be deceived all this time?” And I’ve gone through this. I’ve weathered these things and it’s like my whole world just fell apart. I was numb, be numb, for 2 and 3 days because you know typically I’ll hug the Lord or give Him a kiss on the cheek. I hugged a demon!! I gave a demon a kiss on the cheek!!! “Lord, how could You let this happen to me??” And basically, He said to me, “You had to go through this for Me to get your attention.”

Ezekiel: Because you wouldn’t listen to anything or anyone else! Myself as well. You know, I have to say that these are rare times that the Lord will allow you to be deceived. One of the greatest fears afterwards is, “Oh, my gosh - I can’t ever go to my Bible for a rhema or word again! How am I gonna pray again? What do I trust again? If they can get...”

No, it’s ok. He just needed to get your attention. Now, listen to the *real* Jesus and let him work on your humility and those hard things that you wouldn’t or couldn’t look at earlier. He’s not going to let you be deceived forever and ever. He might set you up and let you trip and fall just to get your attention and teach you a lesson. Most of us, it probably won’t happen 3, 4 times in our whole walk with the Lord. But it will happen.

Clare: Yeah, yeah, and if it hasn’t happened, then something’s amiss, because that’s part of the training that goes with this territory of being able to hear from Him and having that kind of a working relationship. You know, when you learn to type you don’t master it right away, you make a lot of mistakes but you don’t give up on learning. You go back to it because it’s an important skill to have. And I don’t think there’s any skill in this world more important than being able to hear the Lord honestly and clearly.

Ezekiel: Discernment of spirits, yeah

Clare: Discernment is huge! After awhile you know, when I make a mistake, I don’t cave in anymore.

Ezekiel: Right.

Clare: I realize, “Ok, Lord. You’re dealing with me.

Ezekiel: “What are you trying to say?” And we just stop, right there.

Clare: Yeah, and part of what He’s - a lot of times He’s trying to deal with our hidden attitudes of the heart.

Like say, for instance, I’ll start putting words in the Lords mouth or some other entity or demon will put words into the Lord’s mouth condemning someone for their behavior or downgrading someone. Boy, that’s a red light! That is a huge red light, because He is so charitable, He doesn’t do that. He says, more likely, He’s more likely to say, “I love this person. I’m working with them, they have many wonderful points and this is one area we are growing together.”

Ezekiel: Right!

Clare: Rather than saying, "That person's an idiot and a fool and I'm sick of them and I'm done with it."

Ezekiel: "They are deceived and I mean to deal with them." Be careful of the, you know, "brazen arrows and fiery swords" you know. It's just normally not His way.

Clare: His way is charity, charity, charity. You may be hearing from the Lord. He... you know, this is an interesting dynamic, because the knowledge... When I hear from Him, a lot of times He speaks to me with words, other times that I hear in my spirit, other times its an impression which I put into words.

Ezekiel: Well, He speaks to us in ways that we can understand. "The spirit of the prophet is subject to the prophet." the Scriptures say. So He's gonna, you know, it's gonna sound a little like you but just don't let it BE YOU, you know?

Clare: But what I'm saying there is that I may have bitterness, a bitter attitude towards someone. He may be trying to gently call attention to something and that's the infused understanding I get. But I may be taking my bitterness and injecting it into the situation and changing the words to be very harsh because of my bitterness.

And the other area where we go astray so often is when we're attached. I know I was talking to someone the other day and I said, "When I am attached to something and I have an extreme interest in the outcome, I almost cannot even try to discern, because I'm so wrapped up in whatever it is. And I want a certain outcome that I can't let go of it enough to trust myself that the Lord is speaking to me, because I may color it. I may be holding on to it so tightly that whatever impression He sends to my heart, whatever words He speaks, I twist them around to make it alright.

That and vanity. You know and the demons will use vanity against us and try and make us feel like we're special, like we're unusual.

Ezekiel: Yeah. Be careful. That "exclusive knowledge."

Clare: "We are exclusive, the knowledge that we have is exclusive. We're above so many other people. We are so special." The demons... when you hear something like that, boy, smell a rat. Because that is vanity. That's feeding your pride. When you hear that, really get a whiff. Because, something is not right in the water when that comes up! And that's one of the ways that I've been able to discern him when he's taken me off on a wild goose chase, really.

Ezekiel: You talked about attachments. You know, many times, almost all of us will kinda want or expect a certain outcome. Or, well many times lets say this, we want permission from the Lord to do this or that, you know, "Is this ok, Lord?" And it's kind of funny how we will look... almost write those things in between the lines that will twist it, turn it, curve it and make it permissive for us to do such and such.

And something that we don't want to do, "I just don't want to go to the nursing home Thursday, I just don't want to go!" You know, "My Scriptures today were all about prayer, so the Lord must be saying don't go to the nursing home..." You know, just be careful of it. Are you getting the goodies, and are you getting what you want? Or is the Lord getting what He wants and wants established.

Clare: I've noticed, on that note, I've noticed that He allows me to go off and think that it's ok for me to do something, in my discernment. If I discern a certain way. He allows me to do it. But then, after I've

done it I feel all icky inside. The bottom line was: I never did really feel right about doing it in the first place. So, I did it in self-will but He allowed it to sharpen my discernment because He wants us to discern from the gut. He wants us to know His heart and His mind for us. And not have to turn to external things all the time. But to sense in the gut this is right or this is wrong.

Ezekiel: There's a lot to be said for staying very little, and very hidden, because the minute you get the news letters and the name cards, business cards and letter heads - you're somebody! The minute somebody starts to write back and "Wow, you got 200 hits on your thing, you're somebody!" And there's a little part of all of us that feels stroked and feels good that someone is paying attention to us and it feels good and it feels validating. But, we can't let that taint our motivation for the Lord's permission or His leading or not, because then we're attached and the devil can use that.

Just try and go into it saying, "Lord, please make me as You say, make me willing to be made willing. Take my heart and make my heart and mind in such a way that I don't want this way that way or the other way."

And bringing this back around to husbands and wives, it's not important what I think, its not important what Clare thinks. What's important is what does *the Lord* have to say about any given subject. And if I need to take correction, I want that. If He coughed, I'd run to hear it. You know? When He corrects me, I run to hear it! It's not always easy but I love Him and I want to do what's right. And there have been times in the past that we all have to go to the Lord and say, "I don't love You the way I should. I don't think... I guess, maybe I don't want...my motives aren't as pure as they should be. Lord, make me more pure and honest and sincere about what is on Your heart and mind. What's your will."

Clare: Help us to be faithful, absolutely. Well, you know, to be honest with you, we've been at this for over 30 years, both of us. Discerning God's will for our life, hearing from the Lord and we still are not perfect and I don't think we will ever be perfect. I think that the Lord is still training and teaching us and He will continue to do so until the day He takes us.

So, don't get discouraged if you don't get it right the first year or the 2nd year or the 5th year or the 10th year, because it takes a long time to really be able to understand the movement of the Holy Spirit and to know when you're in the flesh and when you aren't in the flesh. Wouldn't you say?

Ezekiel: Oh yeah, absolutely. We want to thank you for listening again and trusting that the Lord would work through all of us to sit at His feet and listen and learn and just be open, little and humble and honest and sincere.

Well that's it for Heaven Talk today. Dreams, visions, comment and discussion on all things Heaven. God willing we will see you and speak again soon.

Clare: God Bless you.

song Still The Same

October 22, 2014



Still the same.
I never knew You but You knew my name,
I never called You but You always came,
You never left me on my own.

Still the same.
You always waited but I never came,
I know it hurt You how I used Your Name,
I never knew You really cared.

Refrain
So cover me,
I know Your Mercy's always there for me.
I don't deserve You but You cover me,
Still the same.

Still the same.
I'm always turning but You never change,
You come to help me when I'm blind and lame,
You come to settle all my fears.

Still the same.
That you still love me though I cause You pain,
I know I only have myself to blame,
And You forgive me even so.

song God The Father Sings a Welcome to His Child

October 22, 2014



Come to Me, can't you see just how much I love you?
Here you're free just to be all you've ever hoped for.
Now you're Home, you're not alone, you're family adores you.
My daughter, I welcome you Home.

Can you believe and just receive that truly you're My daughter?
Bride of Christ, His sacrifice has formed you in His Glory.
This is your Home, no need to roam, for all your dreams are real here.
My Child, you are finally Home.

Now rest in Me, I've set you free from fear and condemnation.
Your shining heart is set apart for endless celebration,
In harmony our Family will live life to it's fullness.
My Daughter, rejoice.
My Daughter rejoice, you are Home.

song Jesus Comes To Us Softly

October 22, 2014



All alone, sitting here in this soft and shadowed place,
I know You're here, if I could still myself enough to know,
To feel Your touch.

Deeply, softly, full and warm. Sweetly, clearly, deeply, surely.

All night long, lying in this called familiar place,
And I know You're with me as I rest my head upon Your hidden heart,
You keep me safe and sound.

Deeply, softly, full and warm. Sweetly, clearly, deeply, surely.

All alone, sitting here in this soft and shadowed place,
And I know You're here, if I could still myself enough to know,
to feel Your touch.

Deeply, softly, full and warm. Sweetly, clearly, deeply, surely.
Deeply, softly, full and warm. Sweetly, clearly, deeply, surely.
Surely. Surely.

song Search My Heart Lord

October 22, 2014



Search my heart and know me O' my God
Search my heart and show me who I am
Search my heart and know me O' my God
Search my heart and show me who I am to You.

Touch my heart and heal me O' my God
Touch my heart and gently make me whole
Touch my heart and heal me O' my God
Touch my heart and gently make me whole for Yo
Bless my heart and teach me O' my God
Bless my heart and show me now the way
Bless my heart and teach me O' my God
Bless my heart and show me now the way to You.

song Hold Me Lord, Ezekiel du Bois

October 22, 2014



Hold me, Lord. Part of me is dying inside.
Hold me, Lord. Part of me is cold.
Hold me, Lord. Part of me is hurting and so alone.
Part of me needs to know that part of You.

Hold me, Lord. Part of me is crying inside.

Hold me, Lord. Part of me is wounded.
Hold me, Lord. Part of me is grieving within my heart.
Part of me needs to know that part of You.
Part of me needs to know that part of You.

Hold me, Lord. Part of me is bleeding inside.
Hold me, Lord. Part of me is tired.
Hold me, Lord. Part of me is living upside down.
Part of me needs know that part of You.
Part of me needs to know that part of You.
Part of me needs to know that part of You.

The Righteous Bride Will Not Quench The Spirit, Intro

October 25, 2014



We live in very exciting times and I don't think anyone doubts that the Lord is coming for His Bride very quickly. What He has called us to share with you is the preparations that He is waiting for us to make so that we will be without spot, wrinkle, or blemish. On that note He has given me a five part teaching that He wants me to share with you. It's a slightly different perspective and it has to do with the things in the church that are really killing the anointing. It's the things that we need do to have a wedding garment that has

no wrinkles, no spots, and no blemishes at all.

Before I begin I want to share with you a dream that I had when I first became a Christian. I was swimming in a lake and all of a sudden this black panther came up out of the water and grabbed me and pulled me down. What ensued after that was a life and death struggle to get free from this creature. This was a very powerful animal and it had the ability to bring me down to the point where I could drown. I struggled so hard to get out of that place. It really was a life and death struggle. Sometimes I would win and I would be able to push the panther down and keep him under water. Other times he would win and keep me under water. This went on for a very long time. When I woke up I was just bathed in perspiration.

By the time this dream ended I had him under the water and he was no longer visible, but that had happened so many times before. He would then shoot back up out of the water and grab me again. I had no assurance that this time he was really dead. I didn't know what this dream meant for a very long time, and then the Lord had mercy on me and revealed it to me. It was a warning dream and has to do with my involvement with the world and it's distractions with little things. I used to be a nature photographer and I was engrossed with nature and things having to do with beauty. He quickened to me the parable of the sower in Matthew 13, "Some of the seeds sown fell among the thorns and the thorns came up and choke them out. Later Jesus explains this parable, the seeds fallen among the thorns refers to someone who hears the Word but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the Word making it unfruitful." This definitely appears to the side of me I call Martha, Martha.

A lot of what these teachings will be about are preoccupations. When I say preoccupations, I mean distractions: things that have our attention, our minds, and resources bound up in these preoccupations that are staining our wedding garment and getting in the way of a newer relationship with Jesus, so that when He comes, we are really ready for Him.

One of the things I'd like to mention is the demons are far more subtle than we give them credit for. When we think of demons, we think of monsters hiding in the corner getting ready to wrestle us to the ground. These demons really linger. They cause us to have desires that are inordinate things we don't need, like superfluities. A lot of these things pull our attention off of God. They are things that we dwell on to increase our social standing, our appeal, our popularity, and acceptance our income.

I want to expose these socially acceptable behavior patterns for the worldly habits that they are. These things that we get caught up in are accepted. We talk about our shopping sprees, our vacations that have to do with entertainment and pleasure and don't have a thing to do with the Lord - and it's accepted. It's normal. Our lives are not all about enjoying these things. The Lord said, "I have come to give you life and life more abundantly (John 10:10)." And later He goes on to talk about that life, "The Kingdom of God is not food or drink but righteousness, peace, and joy."

So, let's take a look at how we can increase those things in our lives and look at some of the venues that Satan uses to get us distracted into these things.

The first one is the love of money; entertainment, travel, beauties, clothing, health, food, the pride of life and the good life, mismanagement of time and money, and focus on frivolous things. We've known when we've blown it. It's what they call "retail therapy," right? When we've spent too much time in a place our conscious grieves and feel that the Holy Spirit is grieved. A lot of people and myself included just chalk it off to "Well, that's just living. After all, we do have to have a little pleasure and enjoy ourselves." Well, there is a time for that.

The second one is social status: Keeping appearances up, being accepted by the church community, keeping our ties and relationships on a level that is acceptable to the status that we're seeking, not seeking a relationship to those we see on a level below us, having them over for dinner. We keep relationships that we see worthy on a higher level according to what our status is. We involve the kind of people according to where we want to be in our lives and network with them. It also has to do with approval and getting involved in programs and activities that will increase our social status.

I'm going to go into each one of these in great depth, but let's look at that one, for instance. There are so many things we can offer to do in the church and it always feels good to be helping. But if the Lord wants you at home studying the Scriptures, or teaching your children, or taking care of your husband, and you're pursuing with great enthusiasm the programs at church but neglecting what's going on at home - then you're not doing His will. This is something to look at.

The third one is living a results and goal oriented life. I'm guilty of all of these and especially this one. That's the reason I'm sharing these with you, because my life is so happy now and so rich, because the Lord has unchained me from my preoccupation with these amusements. It took the Lord years to set me free from these entanglements, because I was very stubborn. No soldier who serves goes out into the world and goes and gets entangled in the world. He stays free of those entanglements. For those who are really serious about the Lord and His Kingdom and being a part of bringing His Kingdom to Earth, we need to take a razor edge look at exactly what are we doing in our lives with this time. Are we wasting our time? Are we spending it on frivolous things, things that will go up in the fire? These are things that are not God's will.

Back to living a goal oriented life. I used to be a nature photographer. I got very intense about my work. Everything I've done since that time I get very intense about. So, before I do a painting, record music, or sing I try to make sure this is what the Lord wants me to be doing now and that I'm not neglecting my husband, my family, or the poor that come to our door for food. I have had to learn to stop and put down something I considered needing a high level of technical concentration. I stop it in midstream and go to the door to make sure the family we take care of has food for the night or to take care of some little detail that is frustrating my husband.

Let's say one of my children show up at the door and it totally revamps my night and I must have hospitality to them whom I love very much. Being goal oriented is not a healthy thing. You see a lot of Hollywood movies about how some are highly successful in business but tragically unsuccessful in their marriages. Those are goal oriented people. These are people who are really serious about what they're doing to the inclusion to all other facets of their lives. The Lord has not called us to that. He has called us to love our brother as we love ourselves and to love Him with all of our hearts (Mark 12:31). Sometimes people laugh about these qualities and say, "Oh that person is a compulsive addictive worker." We chide each other about these things, but it really is quite serious. It wrinkles the garment that the Lord is wanting us to make pure and white for His coming. We must cooperate with the Holy Spirit.

The fourth one is fear of encountering the Lord. What I want to say here is that conferences are good. Bible studies are good. But these things are a ladder to help us to reach that beautiful intimacy with the Lord. If we get caught up in constantly going to conferences and hearing the latest speaker who comes into town, basically, running, running, running - is that the Lord's will for me to be doing that? Here's the thing: we become so busy with these conferences and activities at church that we don't have the time to dedicate to the Lord in absolute purity, worship time, listening for His voice, studying the Scriptures. It's that intimacy where you can hear His voice, He holds you in His arms, He comforts you, He warns you of busy work and busy studies; running here and there to be taught. If you have an intimate relationship with the Lord He will teach you directly through the Scriptures, life lessons that happen during the day, nature, so many different ways He communicates with us. He will teach you if you take the time to cultivate Him. He says, "Seek Me, find Me, (Jeremiah 29:13)". If you dedicate 2 or 3 hours to the Lord each day the intimacy grows and grows and we're more sensitive to His voice. The time you would have taken to go to a conference and learned maybe one or two things could have been infused in your heart and imparted to you from the Lord without all that travel and all the things involved with planning for it.

This fear of encountering God also has to do with the fear of who we are before the Lord. We have nothing to be afraid of, because He loves us so tenderly. When He shows us our faults it just melts my heart. Yes, it's hard to deal with your faults, but He is so tender and gentle about it. He prepares you with the antiseptic of love so thoroughly that you begin to lose that fear and become eager and ask Him, "Lord show me the things that get in the way of our relationship." I'm really looking forward to this teaching, because I was one to run to every conference and meeting, wearing myself out. One day my life changed rather drastically and I started getting really intimate with the Lord and realized, 'wow this has been here all the time and I've been out there looking for it.'

The fifth teaching covers worries, security, fear of the future, fear of getting old, health issues, fear of poverty, the need for us to do things ourselves, the need to get involved and trying to do things only God can do. For instance, some of us really long to help the children who are not saved and those

within our families, but prayer is really where it's at. Because God's arm is so long and anything you try to do pushes them away. Worry, fear, and insecurity are huge. Again, the fruit of being in His presence and encountering Him in an intimate way will produce the fruit of NOT worrying about the future. You will lose the fear of that, because you can totally trust Him and He proves Himself to over and over again.

Are we willing to look through the eyes of the Holy Spirit at those spots, wrinkles, and blemishes? I thought about that for awhile and realized wrinkles take time and pressure to build up in the fabric. They are deeply engrained patterns. They look not so bad from the outside but they mark the regal flow of the garment of the Bride. Wrinkles mess up a dress and break the lines up. Habitually sleeping in your wedding garment or if you're sitting in your dress when you should be standing and serving, will produce a lot of wrinkles. So, when the Lord said He is coming for a Bride without spot, wrinkle, or blemish, I think it's worth taking a look at the wrinkles.

Spots occur with our interactions with the world. When I lived in New York City there was a cabbie that went flying through a mud puddle and there were mud spots all over what we were wearing. The southern saying is, "If you play with dung long enough you'll get some on you." Well, that's what playing with the world is like. If you play around in the world long enough you'll have the soil of that interaction on your soul. It gets in the way of your purity of heart, because you're thinking of things involved in the world instead of thinking about the Lord and what's important to Him. Blemishes are another story and they are deep. A blemish in a piece of fabric would be threads missing and will cause it to unravel. In our body blemishes have to do with impurities in our blood. We must be without interior pollution or structural weakness. These things may be hidden but are highly important. As you know in a temple sacrifice the Jewish people never offered a blemished lamb. It had to be an unblemished lamb. The offering had to be unblemished in order before the Lord to accept it and that's what He is telling us about our wedding dresses. He is so into preparing us and preparing this wedding garment for us, purifying our hearts, our minds and making this garment without spot, wrinkle, or blemish but we have to be willing to look at what we might be doing to stain it.

The Bride Will Not Yield Her Holiness to Money

October 25, 2014



Welcome to the first teaching in this five-part series and it has to do with the love of money; that's part one. I want to begin with Scriptures of Luke 16:13 No servant can serve two masters. For either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be devote to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

The Scriptures say that the love of money is the root of all evil.

When we talk about the love of money, we're talking about a preoccupation with money and the things that money can help us attain to.

The repercussions of this sin are really far-reaching and difficult to calculate on the surface. You have to really delve into it to see how much your life is impacted by chasing after things of the world that money can buy. So, with an open heart the Lord has so many graces for us, and as I said before, the spots that we have on our wedding garment have to do with our entanglements in the world. We don't want to

have these anymore, because it's not long before the Lord's coming for His Bride and we're not ready. We need to be ready, so these are teachings to help us prepare to be His Bride without spot, wrinkle or blemish.

I want to begin with some examples and the simplest example that I can think of is: let's say that a person – let's say we're at church on Sunday and someone pulls into the parking lot in an old beater car. You've never seen them before, they just show up in an old beater car. Their Bible's kind of raggedy and their clothes are just kind of plain and simple. Maybe they're a little worn on the cuffs, around the neckline or jeans may have a few holes in them and nothing about them says "designer jeans." I mean, this is just a plain, simple person who's coming to worship the Lord on Sunday.

Well, when he walks into the church, immediately he draws a barrage of judgments from people ranging from, "Okay, is he going to want money for gas, utilities... or is he going to cause trouble?" Well, obviously he's not important so we'll just kind of ignore him and look away. He may need financial help, so we move on to socializing with our friends and the strata that we're a part of - or at least some people think. And we kind of ignore that person, but we may greet them in the Lord and do the usual things that we do when we greet people at church. But there's hidden judgments about that person and questions. Are they going to cause trouble? Are they going to ask for money? What's going to be their issue? Are they here to get something from us?

I'm not saying that does happen, but I am saying the attitude, the knee-jerk reaction that we have to people who appear poor can be like that and we need to be real honest with ourselves, guys. I'm talking about me and I'm talking about you and I'm talking about everyone. We really need to be honest. And if this attitude of heart is in you at all, you need to take a look at it. So, try not to get too upset with me for picking at these things, because these are things I've had to overcome, too... and I could fall in a heartbeat in the same way, again and again. The Lord is constantly giving me the grace to be His emissary; to be His lover of souls.

Some of us have actually sat next to angels in church and not known it and had judgments about the way they were dressed or what kind of car they drove and they weren't even earthly beings.

How does God look upon that man? Well, God may see someone who's a prophet, who spends a lot of time in prayer, who doesn't consider working in this world worthy of his time - rather, he helps people. He's always there when the drunk staggers home from the bars at night. He's there for the little boy who doesn't have a father anymore. He's there for the single mother who has holes in her roof and water leaking in. He's there for the elderly and the sick person. I mean, this could very well be a visitor who visits shut-ins. This could very well be who this man is, but he's just so plain wrapper and so on-the-edge of looking poor that he brings a knee-jerk reaction from those of us who are used to the finer things in life and are looking to other people who are well-heeled or well dressed.

Maybe the Lord sees him as a prophet, and he may even have been sent into the church with a Word for the pastor or a Word for you. And because you shied away from him, or because I shied away from him, I may not get that Word or that healing that he brought to the church. Now, that's a potential. I'm not saying that's everyone, obviously, but I'm saying God looks at him differently. If he is a Christian, then Christ dwells in him and it's a great honor to sit next to someone whom Christ dwells in. If he's not a Christian, Christ died on the Cross for him and the Lord wants him in heaven with Him and in eternity. In either case, this person has tremendous value beyond what our superficial judgments would automatically react to.

Okay, now, I'm going to get a little stereotypical here but I'll ease up as it goes on. Let's say, on the other hand, a well-dressed man, stepping out of a late-model car, wearing a large gold ring with diamonds, carrying a brand new leather-bound Bible walks through the door and heads turn. Wow, he must be someone important. Maybe he's a prophet. Hard to say, you know, he might be. Obviously he's well-to-do, he's a success in life. He was already noticed the moment he pulled into the parking lot because he had a really nice car. He sits close to the front and just being there commands attention. Heads turn and voices whisper, "Who is that man?"

Now, how does God see that man? Well, first of all, the Lord died on the cross for him and if he is a Christian then of course, the Lord lives in him. But, the Lord may see things that aren't apparent to us; hidden things. He may be a landowner with substandard housing. He may be involved in business deals that are a little shady and there may be tenants in his housing that don't have running water and he buys more property instead of fixing up the property that he has that he's renting to the poor. I mean, that's a possibility; we don't know.

On the other hand, he could be a family man that works day and night to make a living for his family. He's very faithful and devoted. He tithes and gives to missions, he may be on a sales trip and he's visiting this church and he's a good upstanding citizen and a good Christian. He does what he can to help. In any case, he's someone we want to get to know. He's someone that we're attracted to and drawn to because he is a success.

The Lord warned us about preferential treatment in James 2 My brothers and sisters, believers in our Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes and a poor man in filthy old clothes comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you right up in front" but you say to the poor man, "You stand over there or you can sit on the floor over here by my feet," have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Well those are difficult words: evil thoughts, showing judgment because of economic status.

You know, I had a friend once who had been in publishing and we were talking about this very same issue and he said, "I don't see anything wrong with that. I mean, after all, we should associate with people who are on our own level and our own strata." And I was really quite scandalized by that because I know there are many wonderful Christians who make wonderful friends, are very deep and economically they don't measure up. But isn't it about anointing and a relationship with the Lord and devotion to the Lord and brotherly love? Isn't that our standard? Why are we looking at rings and clothing and cars and making judgments based on that? And I want to say this much, in Proverbs 17:5 it says, to scorn the poor is a slap in the face of Jesus and cast not on the cross for it is written, he who mocks the poor shows contempt for their maker.

What I'm saying is that money has very deep roots in our consciousness and people with money have a certain meaning; people without money have another meaning. We need to take a very close look at our attitudes and our preferences for people based on their economic status. I'm going to give you another example but we're going to go from very small examples of how it corrupts a Christian walk to very big ways that it has an effect on the church.

Okay, so, our second example. There was a time in our lives where we went from being fairly well off in the historic district in Annapolis, Maryland living in a nice three-story historic building – house and we

went from fairly well-to-do to poor overnight. Bang! Just like that. We ended up in a tarpaper shack on the side of a mountain in the Poconos in Pennsylvania. Previously, we'd attended an affluent Washington, D.C. church and we were drawn into the circle with the pastor and the pastor's wife. They were fond of us and they were very, very good to us. Very good people. He was educated at Oxford and they were spirit-filled and very loving people, really very special.

But when we went from that condition, that social status or that income bracket into being poor and we moved away to a different area; when we walked into church with our four children, we drew some amazing stares. And the coldness and the rejection and the suspiciousness of people and of us was amazing. It just totally floored me! And I look back on that and I say well, you know? Doing without the nice things in life like hot water, you know, doing without that and shopping at thrift stores and whatnot, that's no big deal. But the social stigma that's attached to that, the way that people treat you, the opportunities that they close the door on to minister, the way that they judge you - that's a whole different matter. It's like, all of a sudden you've gone from being someone who could do something in the church, and make a contribution, and be helpful... to someone who's utterly worthless. I mean, after all, you're not a success. If you were a success, then you'd be dressed successfully. And so, if you're not a success, well, we shouldn't hand over the ministry-type jobs to you, because you obviously don't measure up.

This is universal. I mean, you know, we can deny it. We can say it doesn't exist, but you know it does and it's very painful. It's so terribly painful. And not only are we discriminated against in those situations, but our children are discriminated against, and we just aren't worthy of the opportunities that the wealthier class in the church get.

You know, I think of Proverbs 13:7 One man pretends to be rich, yet has nothing; another pretends to be poor, and has great wealth. I have to tell you that when we made this move, our spiritual life exploded in depth and in comprehension; in unity with the Lord, in His priorities, in our love for Him, in teaching our children. Our lives just went – overnight, went from being superficially engaged in all the trappings of a well-heeled middle-class family to focusing almost exclusively on the Lord: on integrity, on virtue, on loving Him, on worshipping Him, on learning about Him. Our lives changed overnight.

So, I love this Scripture, One man pretends to be rich, yet he has nothing. I mean, we had running water when it rained. That's what kind of situation we were in. We had to borrow a chainsaw to get wood to stay warm for the winter. Yet has nothing, and another pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth. So, one man pretends to be rich. When we were in Annapolis, we pretended to be rich. We had all of these things that kept us so busy. Getting the house properly manicured and properly decorated, and getting the right clothing and the right accessories for the right clothing, and just all the trappings of living. We were just going in a merry-go-round over these things.

I have to remember, Keith Green had a magazine cover, you may not have seen it... but if you did, it's kind of hard to forget. They're very famous for their artwork. It was a woman standing in a kitchen -- a yellow kitchen and a classic kitchen and she was like in a swirl of water, like she was getting flushed, you know, like whish! And the kitchen, it was just spinning around her, you know, and it was swallowing her. That's how we felt when we pretended to be rich. And another has nothing and pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth. How beautiful our life was at that time! How rich in the Lord it was.

I'm convinced that this fear of rejection, and not being given the opportunities in ministry or in the church, haunts a lot of Christians and even pastors. That they really feel obligated to keep up with what

they look like, the kinds of things they have, the kind of house they have, their cars. They feel that that's an important aspect of being a shepherd, and being a leader, is to present a prosperous image.

That brings us to our next example. You know, I don't think the Lord has anything against people who are wealthy and well groomed. In fact, those are the people that He has chosen to manage the funding of missions and other endeavors for the church for the spread of the gospel. And they are people with great integrity that He loves very much, that He can trust to do His will. Many of the wealthy are and that's a beautiful thing, so we're not going to – you know, we're not criticizing wealth or being well groomed. What I know the Lord doesn't like is to judge people by the world's standards. That's what we're talking about here, is judging people's worth based on their economic status. He hates that.

What about pastors who have an eye to expansion of their churches and big prosperous ministries and luxurious homes? Well, let's take a look at that for a minute. I've heard pastors talk about other pastors who are very wealthy and who have a lot of money and incredibly, extraordinarily beautiful mansions. And I've heard them hold these people up as examples of how they want to be and they want their Christian Body to be – their church to be. I think this is terrible. Because what are we talking about here? We're talking about all these trappings of the world. We're not talking about anointing, holiness – personal holiness, we're not holding up those examples. We're holding up examples of money. That has to do with the world. That can get us into a lot of trouble.

So, let's say for instance, a pastor of a small church - and he is very conscious of how he looks, how he dresses and his appearance at church. At the same time, there is a single mother there who doesn't have a car. Now, pastor has saved money, he has a job on the side, he's saved money so that he can go and spend three – four – five hundred dollars on clothing one weekend because the things that he has are getting a little old. And a woman comes to the church who is a regular church goer: she's a single mother, her husband deserted her, she's got children, she has no car. No way to take the kids to the doctor. No way to go shopping. No way to take them on outings. She's in a really rough position not having a car and she finds a car for sale for \$500.00 down payment - and that's out of the question for her. She doesn't have that kind of money, so she goes to the pastor.

Well now, here the pastor is going to be confronted with a choice. Do I keep up with how I'm supposed to look - this successful, prosperous image? Or do I give this money to her and go on wearing frayed shirt collars and the same old suits to church? What am I going to do in that situation? Folks, we should never have to make that kind of a decision. That should be a non-existent threat in our lives as Christians. That should be totally irrelevant to us, having to influence other people with our appearance to the point where we can't be very charitable with other people, because we need that money to look good.

Another example of a single mother at a conference. She's wanted to go to this conference for months, because she heard about this teacher who was coming, a wonderful teacher. She goes to the conference: she finds babysitting for her children, she has friends that watch her children, and she has a friend who pays for her ticket and they go together. Well, she absolutely adores the teacher and would love to have some of the tapes and books that this teacher has written. So, during the intermission she goes out into the lobby and she looks at all the things that are being offered for sale... and everything starts at \$9.95 and goes up to \$29.95, \$59.95, \$79.95. This woman is thinking about cough syrup for her children. She can't go to Walgreens and buy cough syrup and have one of these teachings on CDs - and she walks away frustrated, hurt and disappointed.

Well, maybe she writes to the teacher evangelist and asks if they would donate some materials to her. She gets a letter back – a polite letter that says, “I’m sorry, we only do that for people who are in the mission field overseas.” And the hard part about that is, the particular teacher likes clothing, loves to go shopping and talks about that pretty liberally along with her teachings. This is sad. This is just tragic that the woman should go without teachings like that. I mean, where are our priorities? Where are they at? We have such a need to appear in different clothes every time we go out to teach. Where we have to spend large amounts of money on clothing. I mean it’s fine that they’re probably given to the Salvation Army when you’re done with them, but what about those women who come to the conference who can’t leave with the materials they need to extricate themselves out of a life of despair and poverty and depression? And they don’t have – she doesn’t have a computer, so she can’t go online and get some of these teachings. She’s lucky if she has a CD player that works. This is another way that this whole culture of prosperity affects the little people and affects their children. Generations we’re talking about. Generations are going to be effected by this.

I want to quote 1 John 2:15-17 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world -- the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, the pride of life -- comes not from the Father but from the world and the world and its desires pass away. Goodbye! They’re gone. But whoever does the will of God lives forever.

Now, I’m going to talk about someone like that in just a few moments so, don’t get discouraged by negative examples. I’m just trying to draw attention to the ways that we really have cheated ourselves out of Grace and cheated others out of Grace by putting such a high priority on these superficial things.

I was once called to travail at intercession for a very famous T.V. minister. And after about the third hour in prayer, the Lord stopped me and He made me to understand that this man and men like him - evangelists and teachers like him who lead a very wealthy lifestyle; villas, private planes, expensive cars, chauffeurs, body guards – when they visit other countries, they bring this mentality to poor, innocent, developing country people who their first introduction to Christianity is, become a Christian; become rich! Look at this. I mean, you know, I become a Christian and I get an anointing for healing or teaching and I can be rich! I can fly around the world and teach. I can have villas, I can have houses, I can have expensive clothing!

The Lord stopped me after about the third hour, and I felt so nauseated I knew I had to go to the bathroom to throw up, because I felt so grieved over how the Holy Spirit felt over this - presenting Christianity in this light; an affluent, prosperous, money making, financial gain, status-building thing! What kind of example are we giving? Hollywood actors or holy Christians? I mean, the Lord was born in a stable and buried in a borrowed tomb.

You know, this man, and many like him, have been surrounded with scandals and divorce and the Scriptures say, Better a little with fear of the Lord than great wealth with turmoil Proverbs 15:16. And very often, people who have a lot of money don’t get any rest or peace from it. Their children fight over it. It doesn’t make life better in a lot of ways. It stresses life out.

Now, Paul talks about the evil effects of focusing on money and gain. He says, in 1 Timothy 6:5 People who think that Godliness is a means to financial gain. This is what I’m talking about. That’s abhorrent to the Lord. 1 Timothy 6:10-11 The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil and some people eager for money wander from the faith and pierce themselves through with many griefs. But you, man of God, flee from all of this and pursue righteousness, Godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Pursue

those things. That's the life the Lord came to give us. That's the abundant life, not a life filled with things.

Now, I want to give you my final example of how this kind of corruption can affect the Body on a large scale, another example of that. Let's consider a situation where a wealthy man joins a church and he really likes the pastor, he likes the teachings; he likes everything about it. So, he becomes an established member and he starts telling his friends and they join. So, he gets a little group together - after maybe three, four, five years, there's several very wealthy people in the church that have formed a little group. They're all friends and they hang out together and they form an elite but powerful clique in the church. Their tithes have enabled the pastor and his family to live a more prosperous life, to have a nice house, a nice car, because they're big tithers. To make plans for their children for a better education. And now the church has become so popular they want to have a building project. So they break ground for a new building, a new sanctuary.

One morning, the pastor is in prayer before service and the Lord convicts him of something, and he goes in and sets aside the sermon he had in mind and he teaches on what he was convicted of. He shares that with the congregation and there's an altar call and there's a lot of repentance and people come forward. But, this small, elite group didn't like that message. So they invite the pastor out to lunch and they have a little talk with him and say, "You know, I don't think that that's something you should be dwelling on and preaching on. I mean, that's really not that important and after all, it's just not that good of an idea to be preaching on that. I think you should be focused more on other things like missions" and so on and so forth.

Okay, so what's the option that this pastor has? Tow the party line? Or watch the tithes walk out the door. No one should be put under this kind of pressure. The repercussions of that is, if he loses that wealthy clique of men, forget the building project, forget the nice house and the nice car because you're going back to a much more modest living as a pastor.

So, this is how we get entangled in the world. We spot our garments. We have blemishes and we wrinkle our garments by these entanglements. They put us in precarious situations. Situations where our integrity is on the line. We shouldn't be having to worry about taking care of our family and not offending a certain group of tithers in the church. There should not be that kind of a struggle going on. How do you avoid something like that?

Well, here's where I want to bring up the good example. I want to talk about Heidi Baker. Heidi and Rolland Baker. You know, I may not have all of the facts exactly right in line, but I do want to share what I do know about them. And that is that Heidi went to Ontario to the Airport Church and got slain in the spirit and knocked off her horse for three days. She was so heavy that they had trouble picking her up and moving her out of the church and taking her to the motel. She just couldn't move. She'd been laboring with Rolland in Africa for, I think, a decade and they were highly educated. She had several degrees and she worked very hard in Africa and had maybe a handful of churches to show for all the hard work that she did.

When she was knocked out and the Spirit of the Lord took over and started doing some things in her, she came back up out of that and she started sharing with people about the wonderful things that happened there and about the Toronto Blessing. Well, the people who were backing her were ultra conservative, and they heard about this - and that was something they were very unhappy about. They gave her an ultimatum. You go there and you talk about that and we're not going to support you. Well,

she had plans for orphanages and all kinds of things back in Africa. She was coming to the States and planning to go back to Africa and get these orphanages built and help a lot of people. And all of a sudden, the people who were supporting her said, "We're not going to back you anymore if you endorse the Toronto Blessing, because we don't believe it's of God."

That didn't bother Heidi. She knows who her Maker is. She knows Who she serves. She totally ignored them at the chance of going back to Africa in poverty and not being able to do anything. She knew her God would provide for her. She ignored them and she endorsed the Toronto Blessing. Many other people were blessed because of that. She went back to Africa and the Lord used her to build the greatest ministry, to spearhead the greatest ministry that has ever been on this Earth as far as how many souls have been saved. In the history of the world, no one has had as much of an effect in saving souls as Heidi Baker – Heidi and Rolland Baker have had, without the backing of the wealthy people that didn't approve of the Toronto Blessing.

That's how we need to handle these things. There is absolutely no comparison between God and the wealthy. We have to stand up for what's right and not compromise. And if it means that we don't have an airplane ticket back to Africa, that He has to either bilocate us or we take the slow boat, it doesn't matter. God is going to bring great fruit out of that, because you were faithful.

I love, again, 1 Timothy 6:17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Our enjoyment doesn't come from expensive meals, fine dining, traveling and seeing the sights, going to shows or concerts or anything. Her enjoyment comes from seeing the fruit of the spirit, the fruit of her labors. All of these children being born into the Kingdom of God, that's where her enjoyment comes from. And if that's where our enjoyment comes from, then we won't be swayed by these compromises. We won't give in to them. We'll be able to keep right on going and say, "Bye-bye! Bye-bye tithes. Bye-bye. I hope you find a church you're more comfortable in."

1 Timothy 6:18-19 And command the wealthy to do good, to be rich in good deeds and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so they may take hold of the life that is truly life. Not worldly prosperity but the Pearl of Great Price, the Lord Himself.

So, now, I'd like to talk about the standards and qualifications of Christian ministers. What do the Scriptures say a pastor is supposed to be like? Well, in 1 Timothy 3:1 Paul says, Here is a trustworthy saying: Whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task. Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. Do you realize what Paul has just said here? Paul has just said that being quarrelsome, being given to drunkenness, being unfaithful to his wife is equal with being a lover of money. That's how important this is.

I've discussed with you probably five - or four or five different examples of how this corruption impacts the Body of Christ and how it messes everything up. It prevents people from coming into their full anointings because they're not of the right social status. It cuts off prophetic movements. It cuts off all kinds of things because of appearances, because of social status and money. Although, we will talk about social status in our next teaching.

So, Paul is saying – I mean, this is really revealing. Being unfaithful to your wife is a major thing and he's putting a lover of money equal with that. He's categorizing that as a serious sin. And saying that an overseer who loves money should not be an overseer. And you know, how stark are the words of Paul when he says 1 Timothy 6:6-9 But Godliness with contentment is great gain. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish, foolish, foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. You cannot serve both money and the Lord. Sooner or later, He will put you to the test. He'll put you to the test to see where your loyalties lie. He's going to sift you. He's going to find out who you're really serving. Are you serving yourself, because you want to be wealthy and prosperous and look good to the community? Or are you serving the Lord and you don't care what you look like to the community, as long as your Lord is happy with you?

So, I mean, the example of "if we have food and clothing we'll be content with that," oh my goodness. How many people in our culture would be content with food and clothing? That's not even mentioning a roof over your head or a hot shower. So, Paul is talking about some pretty basic standards here. I'm not saying that we should be that primitive, but I am saying that all these other entanglements that we get ourselves into to conform and to look good are very destructive and not pleasing to the Lord at all. And they prevent you from growing spiritually. I've struggled with these things for years. The Lord is showing me how much He could have done if I had abandoned these things much earlier in my life.

You know, in the end, we're going to be judged on what we did and what we failed to do and we're going to face calamity in judgment. The Lord warns us in Ezekiel exactly what that looks like. Ezekiel 7:19 They will throw their silver into the streets, their gold will be treated as a thing unclean. Their silver and gold will not be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath. It will not satisfy their hunger or fill their stomachs, for it has caused them to stumble into sin. Christian people, Christian leaders, Christian pastors: don't pursue money and wealth and that image, and don't teach your people to do that. Teach your people to be totally, 100% devoted to the Lord without compromising. Teach them simple standards of living. Teach them the important things and to cleave to those things with all their hearts. So much depends on that.

So, what I want to say in the end is please, you know, rethink your priorities. Please, rethink your priorities and what's being taught, what's being modeled for people. The kind of example that you're making. The kind of example that the elders are making. Don't elevate people that have money and put them on a pedestal and talk about how wonderful they are because they've got money. That's the way the world talks. If you've done those things, search your heart. Go before the Lord and ask Him, beg Him to show you the ways that you've compromised. And if you've taught that compromise to other people, repent of that and ask Him to forgive you.

You know, this message is coming with a Grace. It's coming with a Grace to change. It's here before you. If you're willing to look at these dark places in your heart, to give them up and to be 100% sold out for Jesus and for His Kingdom and for His agenda. Right now, the Lord is with you and He's going to give you the Grace to repent and to turn totally around and to show the world what it really means to be a Christian.

God bless you.

song **Nothing Can Separate us From His Love**

October 30, 2014



Out of the darkness into the Light. You are beside me, You are beside me.
Out of the darkness into the Light. You are beside me. You are beside me.

What can separate us from Your love?
Nothing above me, nothing below me.
What can separate us from our God?
Neither the angels, neither dominions.

Up from the darkness in to the Light. You are beside me, You are beside me.
Up from the darkness in to the Light. You are beside me, You are beside me.

In spirit I am willing, O' my Lord.
But in my flesh, I am so weak.
Who will save me from this state I'm in?
Only Your Goodness, only Your Mercy.

Up from the darkness in to the Light. You are beside me, You are beside me.
Up from the darkness in to the Light. You are beside me, You are beside me.

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Fear of Man Quenches the Spirit

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Social status and order are important as it applies to the world and the way things are categorized and held together – that's very important. But when it comes to His Church, the Lord abhors social status and things being done the way that they're done in the world. We've grown up from childhood being taught the world's ways of measuring man. I mean, these things go deep, they are from the earliest age we're taught: this is proper, this is improper. This is a person to look up to, this is a person not to look up to. And

most of the time, the standards are worldly and not spiritual. so let's take a look at the differences that are there.

Well, we've all heard the expression that man's ways are not God's ways. We know right away that God has one yardstick, man has another yardstick. So, usually on man's marker it has to do with being beautiful or ugly, rich or poor, intelligent or slow, talented or lackluster, highborn/lowborn. On Earth the most powerful and talented people are often the most ruthless in defending their "title". And that's not necessarily what the Lord wants us to be like. But, what are the markers on God's yardstick?

Let's read from Matt. 18 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "who then is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?" He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

Well, that's pretty interesting. What are the characteristics of a child vs. the characteristics of an adult? For instance, children tend to be innocent, adults tend to size up situations, be calculating and deliberate. Children are accepting, they don't ask a lot of questions vs. adults are more judgmental and discriminating. Children are without guile, where man is more cautious and subtle in how he deals with other people in sizing them up. Children are transparent – men and women are guarded and sometimes evasive. Loving and accepting is another thing – children tend to be very loving and accepting when they are young, unless they've been taught something very different. But people tend to be looking more at ulterior motives and opportunistic. We size situations up and decide whether or not this is something that is going to benefit us. For instance, children tend to be candid – sometimes they say the rudest things – things you wish they had never said. But they say them completely out of candor and simplicity of heart.

I'm reminded of a story my husband told once. The preacher man in the South being invited to dinner. At the dinner table is of course this big chicken that's been cooked,

Do Not Fear or Reject Intimacy with God, He Desires Your Company

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We're going to examine tonight, the whole idea of intimacy with the Lord. This is probably my most favorite subject because it's the most energizing and rejuvenating and completely restorative thing that we can possibly talk about. There's nothing, nothing more important than intimacy with the Lord and so many people have a real problem with that. They have a problem with being able to see the Lord and to hear the Lord and to really sense His presence in prayer.

So, we're going to explore some of the reasons why that is, because this is not what the Lord wants. He wants us to be intimately bonded to Him. We are bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh through Communion; heart of His heart. He died for us on the Cross; no one could love us more than He does. It's not His wish for us to feel distant from Him and not be able to hear Him clearly. When we're in Heaven, we'll hear Him very clearly. Why can't it be now, on Earth as it's going to be in Heaven? Well, the good news is, yes, it can be!

So, we're going to explore some of the things, the obstacles that get in the way of that. And, I have to say that intimacy is the very heart of our walk with the Lord. The more intimate we are with Him, the more rejuvenating He is, the fuller of His love and His light, and His joy we are and the more we project that out to other people and the more the Lord shines through us and the more we're able to touch people in tender places and bring healing.

So, I'm going to say something that might kind of shock you but, I believe the number one problem that we have with intimacy and why we don't have enough intimacy with the Lord; it's not our work, not our children, not our spouse, not entertainments, not sickness and not homelessness, not poverty, not wealth and not possessions. The number one problem we have is fear. Now, why should we be afraid of the Lord? Well, Satan's done a pretty good job of slandering His character. We're going to go into that. So, there is a lot of fear there, I think. Don't squirm and deny this, okay? No one is listening in on this but the Holy Spirit - so I want you to, if you don't think this is true of you, I need you to maybe turn the video off for a minute and think about it. Think about if there is some kind of secret, hidden fear or outright fear that you have when you come to be in the presence of the Lord.

So, we can be totally honest. Like I said, no one's listening except the Holy Spirit and we want this so badly so, it's important for us not to put up any barriers. Okay now, if this statement hit you right where you live, welcome to humanity because a lot of people feel the very same way that you do.

Why are we afraid of God? Well, feeling worthless and bad about ourselves, to put it simply. But do you know that the Lord healed lepers? Do you know that there is nothing hidden on this Earth that He doesn't know about? So, He has a total view of your life and where you're at and there's nothing, nothing at all that puts Him off about you. Not a thing. Not if you want to get close to Him. That's not off-putting to Him at all. And we're going to go into a little depth on that and why it's not off-putting.

Okay, so I feel that there are basically two sources for this attitude and for these feelings. The number one thing is the most common thing that we have: our own assessment of ourselves when we compare ourselves to, maybe T.V. personalities or church people or people that we assume have a better life and have more character and more goodness in them than we do. And, just comparing alone is so empty, I mean we have no idea what those people are like on the inside or what struggles they've had. So, comparing is something that we do. Society does it and it's just inescapable.

So, that's one off-putting obstacle. But the other one that's really important is we have some very experienced and talented liars whispering in our ears and they're doing two things. The first thing they're doing is telling us how bad we are, the accuser of the brethren. We'll go into that in the Scriptures that I have to bring up that support that. And the second thing, they lie about the nature of God. They lie about His character to the point where we become afraid to approach him. They say he's just like your father who beat you or He's like that mean school teacher that used to slam the ruler down on your fingers.

You know, the demons have just a potpourri of all kinds of ugly things to say about the Lord. They never run out of ugly things to say and to insinuate. So, let's take a look at that in the Scriptures. Now, when the Holy Spirit is dealing with us and convicting us of a sin, or let's just say a shortcoming, He never, ever condemns us. What the Holy Spirit does is, He very gently and tenderly quickens in our spirit that something is not quite right between you and the Lord, me and the Lord and we feel this dis-ease, this unease in our spirits and we want to know, you know, what have I done?

Now, the demons are opportunists, so they'll hitch up to that simple, loving, gentle admonition that something's not right... and they'll throw condemnation on it. And they'll just piggy-back along with condemnation so you'll get slammed with condemnation and self-hatred, as well as conviction. But the conviction part is the Holy Spirit. The other part is not Him at all. So, we have to learn to differentiate between these spirits, between God's Spirit and the spirit of the world and the spirit demons.

Now, in Revelation 12:9 it says, The great dragon was thrown down the serpent of old who is called the Devil and Satan who deceives the whole world: he was thrown down to the earth and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in Heaven saying Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ has come: for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night.

So, the Scriptures are very clear that we are under attack through accusation. I was talking to my son tonight and said, "Have you ever felt like you were just bad and you don't have any reason for it?" and he said, "Oh, probably five or six times a day." I said, "Honey that is not the Lord. That's an attack, a demonic attack against your character." And this is what we're dealing with, guys. So, we have a continuous litany of accusation going up before the throne of God about the brethren, about us. And then on top of that, we have them whispering in our ears and saying things to us that are untrue - lying spirits basically. I call this toxic streaming since we're all familiar with the internet. I call it toxic streaming, straight from Hell.

So, let's look at that a little bit. You know, if you doubt that what I'm saying is true, examine the Scriptures and it says well, we're going to talk about the roaring lion and how Satan is constantly looking for ways to devour us, to devour our faith, our hope, and our love. But, I want to talk about a young man. Actually, he was three years old, Colton Burpo. He's written a book about going to Heaven and this little boy at three years old had a ruptured appendix and he was dying. Well, fortunately the Lord saved him; he came back to life and he goes around telling people about what he saw in Heaven and I think in Hell as well but he talks about what he saw in the spiritual realms. And, he mentions something about there being demons and he was watching what the demons were doing and the moderator said, "What were the demons doing?" and the little boy said, "They were running around and telling lies to everybody." So there you have it. That's exactly what they're doing. The accuser of the brethren.

In 1 Timothy 4 it says the Spirit clearly says that in the latter times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits; things taught by demons. So, if you doubt that there is an interface, a demonic interface, that is saying things to you, there is plenty of scriptural evidence that there is indeed that interface and it has a very, very erosive effect on our joy and our happiness. We have to learn to see it and to know it and to recognize it when it hits us - otherwise it will just bring us down. We have to learn how to deal with that and the Lord gives us tools. He tells us how. So, these ongoing subliminal suggestions streaming into our consciousness are constantly eroding our confidence in the Lord, in who He is, and who He's called us to be.

In 1 Peter 5:8 it says Be of sober spirit and be on the alert. Your adversary, the Devil, prowls around like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in the faith knowing that the same experience in the suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. So, this is something that is common to all mankind. Welcome to humanity. This is the way it is.

Now, I'd like to just explore this for a moment. Have you ever watched lions hunt? I love National Geographic and the Nature Channel and we watch it occasionally. It's wonderful. And we have seen

many times how lions hunt. It's not really a pretty sight. I don't like to see the outcome. But it's interesting how they hunt. First of all, they look for an animal that's in a weakened state or separated from the herd. Okay, so a weakened state for us could be something like we're sick with something and it's difficult for us to cope with all of our responsibilities and it's just dragging on us and we're working so hard to just keep up with, you know, making a meal and taking care of the children or whatever has to be done.

So, we're in a weakened state. He looks for those times when you're in a weakened state and I can testify to that. I have four children and I remember there were times you know, when that time of the month would come that cycle when women get very emotional they get very edgy and it's difficult and you just wouldn't believe all the things that would come against me that week. The landlord would complain about something, people would be -- there would be noise out in the field -- people were fighting or something and a check would be late that I had to pay bills with. I just -- a lot of things came together that just hit me at my weakest point and this is how lions hunt. This is how the Devil does it, he looks for you in a weakened state or separated from the herd. If you don't have anyone as your back up, if you don't have anyone to talk to, to pray with -- if you're not going to church, if you don't have a group around you, you're very vulnerable. If you're alone, you're vulnerable. It really helps to have a few spiritual friends, at least.

And so, the lions -- one will crawl on his belly, you know, and not move the grass hardly at all and he'll get close, as close as he can and the other ones will cut off the avenue of escape. And then when the lead lion hits the chase and gets going, then the others will jump into and block off the escape route of the animal that he's chosen to bring down. So, they look for someone who is weak, isolated from the herd, they close off the escape routes.

Now, the demons work in a similar way. Let's just imagine for a minute an assignment against you -- a demonic assignment against you to cause you to be exhausted and just collapse because you have a big Christian event weekend going on and you are one of the ministers. You are part of a ministry team and the enemy doesn't want you to make your presentation. So he's going to do all he can to come against you and to cause you to go down before this weekend comes up, so you'll just back out of the whole situation. That is his goal. So, let's look at that.

So, a lying spirit. Let's just imagine this for a minute. And, you know, these are all tests. It's not like the demons have that much power over us. The Lord gives them permission, just so far. They're on a leash. They can't go any further but He allows these things to season us and to try us in the faith and to see how we'll deal with them and how we'll deal with our brothers and sisters at the same time.

So, let's look at this. A lying spirit stirs up trouble between you and your best friend, who happens to be one of the presenters on your ministry team. And you talk about it and you try to straighten it out, but you guys can't come to an agreement and there's just this grating against each other - and it's not good. Okay, that happens. Then another set of demons picks out a relative that lives far away and is very demanding and impulsive and sends that relative into town to stay with you without any warning. So now, all of a sudden, you've got company on top of everything else. And let's say we're dealing with maybe three days before the event, like a Wednesday.

Okay, then, your regular mailman got the flu and instead of your regular mailman there is a sub and you're waiting for a very important paycheck in the mail that you're going to use to pay your car insurance and your cell phone - which are overdue. And you go to the mailbox to get it and it's not

there. It should have been there three days ago. Okay, so you start to get a little nervous. Well, it turns out the sub put the check in someone else's box. Okay now, these are all things that have happened to me personally. I won't say they've happened on top of each other, but I will say they've happened to me personally.

Okay, so then you get to work and you get a call from corporate and the project that you're working on so hard has a deadline, but guess what? They decided to move it up a week, because someone's visiting from out of town and they want to have a presentation ready then. So, now you're under this extra pressure to produce something that you thought you had another week to work out... and you've got ministry coming up.

Okay, so your wife is not feeling real well. It looks like she's coming down with the flu, (just to add another straw to the pile) and you've got to take care of the kids; get them to and from school. And little Michael is pushed off the slide by one of the nasty boys in school and something happens to his ankle and he can't walk on it. So you have to leave work and take him to the E.R. and find out if your son's got a broken ankle.

Now, this is the way the devils work. They just lay it on as thick as they can. The greater the anointing that you have, the work that you have to do, the more you're going to come under attack. The more important your message is, the more you're going to come under attack.

So, it looks like this ministry event just isn't going to happen. You begin to crumble. These are all lions on the hunt. They've surrounded you. You are their prey. You're the target. And their whole agenda is to bring you down. They're closing out the escape routes. Your good friend, your wife, your children, your work, the overdue bills, the threat of losing your car insurance and your cell phone – they're closing off your escape routes. But, you cry out to the Lord, because you know He's faithful. You know He wants you to present at this event on the weekend, and you know He's faithful - and you cry out to Him, "Lord God, help me!" And of course He hears your prayer. And, He looses His angels, or just perhaps one Word, and things begin to snap and to snap and snap and all these burdens get lifted off of you and all of a sudden - you're free! That's just relying on the Lord.

See, these demons and these lying spirits, they work in tandem. So, a group like that? You probably have Lying spirits, Lying Symptoms that mimic sickness, spirits of Jealousy and Strife, spirits of Fear, spirits of Unbelief. And they love to work together in a nest and in tandem - and I tell, you when I pray against these things, there are so many of them, they have backup. They have those who sent them. So, "in the name of Jesus, I bind you lying spirits, I bind your backup, and I bind those who have sent you." And just get the whole slew of them bound. Send them to the abyss. Some people might argue with me on that but, you know what?

It works.

So, we'll go on. Now, you know the Lord promised that no temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful. He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. 1 Corinthians 10:13. But when you are tempted, He will provide a way out. So, we know for sure that the Lord is with us and that He will help us through, but we do have a real enemy and we're going to be continually buffeted and tested. It's up to us to use the weapons the Lord has given us to stay clear of these obstacles.

How do we recognize toxic streaming in our consciousness? Well, some people are better at it than others. And it takes a little bit of practice, but I can tell you for sure what it looks or what it sounds like. You'll have a feeling of fear or anxiety. And for no reason at all, you can't think of any causes as to why you should feel that. It's just a vague feeling of anxiety and fear and discomfort. You'll lose your peace. You'll be sailing along in joy and peace and be really happy and just pursuing everything God's given you to do - taking care of your family - and all of a sudden your peace will just evaporate. Now, if you did something, if you talked about someone or you judged or criticized, then that could be it. But, if you didn't do anything like that and this feeling creeps in on you, you're dealing with toxic streaming from demons. And by that, I mean toxic in the sense of saying you're worthless, something bad is going to happen to you, you're bad, you're children are going to get killed. I mean, they'll do anything subliminally to steal your peace.

So, when you start to feel that peace going, you need to suspect right away that you've got some kind of demonic toxic streaming thoughts into your head that are damaging to your peace and damaging to your faith. Also, you'll have doubts about the faith. All of a sudden, out of nowhere, issues that you have resolved in your heart and mind all of a sudden start pounding you again that these things are not really true. You might be feeling guilty or condemned and not have any reason to feel condemned. You might feel depressed or hopelessness or confusion.

Now, make sure that you're properly nourished, that you have had enough to eat, if you're on medication because of an illness make sure you've taken your medication. Make sure you've gotten enough sleep, because these things can be caused also by physical symptoms - so you want to eliminate that at least. But, nonetheless, as I said before, the demons are opportunists and they take advantage of those times when you've maybe forgotten your medication or you haven't eaten or you didn't get enough sleep.

Contrasting that, how do we recognize conviction from the Holy Spirit? Well, we'll sense that something's not right, in our gut or in our heart. Something doesn't feel right. I think I grieved the Lord. I spoke out of turn or I said something I never should have even thought, let alone say. I'll have a check in my spirit that something's not right and I'll feel a need to seek the Lord and find out, "Have I offended you, Lord? Have I said or done something to offend you? What is it that I'm feeling right now?" There are times even, a very beautiful thing - not easy but beautiful, when the Lord will be grieved about some situation and you'll pick up on His grief and He'll come to you for comfort. That's an amazing thing.

Now, there's also accompanying that sometimes a feeling of repentance, like you know you've said something you shouldn't have or thought something you shouldn't have and you start to repent. But there's absolutely no condemnation with this and if condemnation tags onto it then you're talking about demonic interference. The Holy Spirit does not work that way. He does not condemn you. Ever. That's just not His way. He gently convicts you and brings you to a place where you want to change.

Okay, so, we have these accusers over our shoulder night and day - is it any wonder that we are afraid to face God? This is what I'm talking about, is one of the dynamics that keeps us from that sweet, intimate wedding chamber that He has prepared for His bride. There is this fear in us. And how do we conquer these lies? Well, very often our first thought is how imperfect we are. And our second thought is that God is a strict judge. "Wow, He doesn't want to get close to me and I sure don't want to face Him. Not after the way I've been." So, we'll take escape routes. For women, they'll go nesting and cleaning and tearing everything apart and organizing and cleaning and getting into a big project that'll totally wear them out. For a man, he might stay and work really hard at night at his job. Or he'll sit down and watch

TV and start eating – bring on the chocolate. Or, we'll go shopping or we'll look for entertainment. Anything to avoid face-to-face contact with God.

And even this has happened to me many times. When something was going on that was very hard for me to confront, when I was deeply, deeply hurt and wounded and I would run from the Lord, because it was too painful. I didn't want to face how I felt and knew that if I got in front of Him and I felt His presence, I would break down and cry... and I didn't want to go there, so I ran from Him. I, sometimes in my early days I used to run from Him for weeks, weeks on end I would run from Him. Pretty soon my husband started to notice these symptoms and he'd say, "Honey, are you running from the Lord?" and then I'd have to sit down and examine what was going on.

Scripture does say though, (and you know, we need to know this) that God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world but to save the world through Him. John 3:17 The Lord is for you, He's not against you. He wants to help when you get to this place. He's given us a way out.

And that's the next verse in Revelation. Revelation 12:11 They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.

Now, in 1 Peter 1 it talks about the blood For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from this empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors but with the precious blood of Christ a Lamb without blemish or defect. That is, you were redeemed with His very own blood.

And the testimony in Romans 10:9-10 If you declare with your mouth, Jesus is Lord and you believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. Because, For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

So, Jesus already paid for our sins with His blood and in Romans, it talked about Romans 8:1-2 There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Why? Because through Christ Jesus the law of the spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. We belong to the Holy Spirit, we are under His rule now and it's a rule of love.

Now, while I was writing this and preparing for this, I came under attack. For two days in a row I was picking up on this toxic streaming and I was trying to fight it off. Finally, I asked the Holy Spirit, "Why are you allowing this?" and rather than tell you what He said, I just want to read from my journal.

So He said, *"Well, you're teaching on this, don't you think it's good practice? It's not easy, is it?"*

And I said, "No, it's a struggle."

"Exactly. This is what you need to get across to everyone, so they don't fall into condemnation. There will be a struggle, you can count on it. But just as I have taught you - they, too, will succeed in overcoming it when they shift their focus to Me."

And I'll go into that in a moment.

"They cannot combat it directly without being injured or getting toxic waste on themselves, but they can shift their focus so only one thing is on their minds. This will do two things. One, it will change the

subject and two, it will infuriate the devils who hate worship and adoration. It works quite well, actually. But, it does take practice."

Okay and then going on. He said, *"Shift your focus to me."* In other words, refocus on the Lord. If you're in the presence of Jesus or the Holy Spirit, I mean where one is the other is but, whatever it is that you're picking up on, whoever it is, shift your focus to them deliberately, because you can't think about two things at once. So, if you change what's going on in your mind to God, then you can't be receiving this toxic streaming.

Then He said, He went on and He said, *"Then they need to know the facts. You struggle, too, and it is work. Just like cleaning out the grease trap. It's not clean or pleasant work, but it must be done. The difference is, you can get a grease trap clean - but the well of condemnation goes so deep it seems like it will never end.* We have a well of condemnation that the demons draw on. Things from our past, our history, that they know about and they throw up in our face. It's a very deep well and this is something that we can't combat directly.

So Holy Spirit said, *"That's why you don't try to fix it or rationalize each event when you're looking back on what you did or someone else did. You don't try to fix it, don't try to rationalize it, you don't make excuses or explain away what happened or give shallow resolutions to forgive. Rather, state your fact. 'I forgive them. I forgive myself. It's under the Blood...' and then shift your focus. Today is a new day and I'm keeping my focus on God, not my grease trap."*

I love that imagery. That's just beautiful. That is – have you ever smelled a grease trap? – oh my gosh. I don't think there's – well if you've ever walked your dog, there could be a little comparison there but I mean it's bad, bad, bad, bad, bad.

Now, here are the instructions that He gave me, rather paraphrased. *"Things from the past are under the Blood. Keep your focus on Me. When you do this the enemy can't get a foothold, because you're not interested in anything he has to say. Negative thoughts are planned weapons against you, to cause you to stumble and take your eyes off Me. So, when these things come, as they most surely will - I guarantee it, immediately return your focus to Me, to My loving arms, to My beauty and My complete unconditional love for you. Let the sweetness of our union engulf you and let the barriers down and return your focus to Me."* That's His council on how to deal with this toxic streaming that comes against you.

Now, if you really want this intimacy with God and you think He's displeased with you, you're going to sit down and find out, "Are you upset with me?" And you're going to find that out. Rather than believing the lies, you know, rather than believing the condemnation that is groundless, the Lying spirits. Take the time to sit down and find out what's really going on here. And, the Lord promises in Jeremiah 29:13 'You'll find me when you seek me with your whole heart. You surely will find me; I will be found by you.' declares the Lord. You see, that's the very crux of it. If you really want Him badly enough; if you want this intimacy and this relationship badly enough, you'll pursue Him until He finds you.

Okay, now onto the second set of lies slandering God. I want you to picture this for a moment. So, here we are in Genesis. The Lord has created the springs of water to water the whole Earth and to make it fertile. He planted a garden. Can you imagine God planting a garden; how beautiful that must have been? I mean, all He had to do was think of a rose and the rosebush was there with roses on it. Or lilacs or lilies or anything, I mean... *He planted a Garden!* That's amazing.

He was planting it for Adam and Eve. He made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground; trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. He brought Adam all the wild animals and all the birds of the sky to see what Adam would name them. Oh, that's so precious. And the animals were submissive. He brings a tiger up and Adam looks at him and says, "Tiger." The Lord gave him all of that. And then, to top it all off, God Himself even walked with Adam in the cool of the evening and they had fellowship together. Then He created Eve for complete joy and satisfaction that he would have a companion like himself. The most perfect companion for him.

Okay, now there was only one thing that the Lord asked for in return, and that was that basically that "You trust Me and that you obey Me, because I'm asking you not to eat from the tree in the center of the garden. Because if you do, you're going to die." So, the Lord warned them ahead of time.

Now, what happened to this beautiful relationship? In Genesis 3:1-13 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat from any tree in the garden?" Did He say that? And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden but God did say you must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden and you must not touch it or you will die." "You will certainly not die" the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God knowing good and evil."

Well, there's an insinuation. God is trying to keep something good and useful from Adam and Eve. He is depriving them of something important. This is the inference that Satan is making here.

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realized they were naked; so they sewed leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

You see, Satan is constantly trying to lure us off track with clever packaging and an inference that we'll be better off if we take the offer and ignore God's counsel. He masquerades as a friend until we're hooked, then he pulls his knife out and carves up our lives and turns on the 24/7 streaming of condemnation for our foolishness. He'll goad you on to do something that you feel you shouldn't do and keep goading you and goading you and goading you. And you get weak and you give into it. Then after you've done it, he'll come in and heap the condemnation on top of you. I mean he takes advantage of you coming and going. He examines every way he can make you miserable.

So, going on with Genesis 3:1-13 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord as He was walking in the garden in the cool of the day and they hid from the Lord among the trees of the garden. But God called to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden and I was afraid, because I was naked. So I hid." And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" The man said, "The woman you put here with me, she gave me some fruit from the tree and I ate it." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you've done?" The woman said, "The serpent, he deceived me and I ate."

Okay, so you know, here Adam's trying to blame Eve and Eve is trying to blame the serpent. It just doesn't work though, doesn't come off. So, let's look at the dynamics of this for a moment. God created the perfect life for Adam and Eve. He asked only one thing: obedience. Satan wanted to steal,

kill, and destroy what God had created for Adam and Eve. He slandered God's character by saying that God was withholding something good from him and he also accused God of lying. "You won't die." The woman took the clever packaging and involved her husband and he sinned against God. Then, Adam was afraid, because he sinned - so he hid from God. Fear set in.

This is again the dynamic that can keep you from intimacy with the Lord. Don't let it. Don't let it keep you from the Lord. If you've done something that you shouldn't have done, don't run from Him. He's so merciful and loving and tender. He knows how you feel. It was not God's heart for them to be separated from Him for eternity. So, what did He do? John 3:16-17 For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world but that the world might be saved through him.

So, the Lord made a provision for what happened. That's how much He loves us. Not just any provision. He suffered on that Cross. Tremendous suffering. Suffering like we'll never know, He suffered. He's on our side. There's no reason to run from Him. There's no reason to hide from Him. There's no reason to cover up because of all our sins. He knows all that. He knows all the dirt on us folks, there's not anything He doesn't know. He's got all the dirt, but He's also got unconditional love.

You know, someday I'm going to share my salvation experience with you and my conversion. But I'll just give you a little taste of it. What basically happened was, I was inundated by this love. Well, first of all, I felt the weight of all of my sins and all of the things that I had done. I felt the weight of those sins and immediately on the heels of that I felt tremendous love and forgiveness. Just ecstatic love and I knew I was saved. That was a wonderful experience and that's the way He works. He loves us. He loves us. It's His love that brings us to repentance. We have nothing to fear from Him.

Now, to go on with the slandering, because I really, really, really want you to understand that it's important - really important to understand: the Devil is committed to slandering the character of God. Let me give you some examples of how he did that. In the New Testament Luke 6:7 The Pharisees and the teachers of the law were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus so they watched him closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath. What hypocrites. Oh, my gosh, how could the Lord bear with that? Looking for a reason to accuse Jesus that He would heal on the Sabbath. Oh, my goodness, that's amazing.

And then in Luke 23:2 And they began to accuse him saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar. He claims to be the Messiah, the king." Of course that was something you didn't do in the Roman Empire. There was only one head of the Empire. And in Luke 11:53 When he left there the scribes and Pharisees began to be very hostile and questioned him closely on many subjects. They were plotting against Him to catch Him in something He might say.

Didn't Jesus say, "*Whenever he speaks a lie,*" speaking of Satan, "*Whenever he speaks a lie he speaks his native language. He's the father of liars.*" John 8:44 But Moses wrote, God is not human that he should lie. Not a human being that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill? God is not a liar. He is true to His word. That's in Numbers 23:19.

Why do the devils lie to us about the character of God? I mean, really. What is the most important reason? I believe is that he hates for us to be intimate with God. He hates love for sure. But he hates us to be intimate with the Lord and to come to know His character. Because if we know how much He loves, and if we're healed of the wounds that Satan has inflicted on us (or we've inflicted on ourselves)

we'll be filled with His love, filled with healing and we'll bring other people into the Kingdom. So, he's terribly threatened by intimacy and he will do everything to stop you from having intimate time with the Lord. He will insinuate all kinds of things, I mean, I've had him say - you know, your children are in danger, quickly call, you know, such and such. I mean I've had him pull a lot of things on me and I'm getting to the point now, thank the Lord, that I'm a little more aware of when I'm being toyed with. But he'll do anything he can to throw you out of prayer; bring people to the door, make the phone ring.

I mean when you want to get into prayer with the Lord - and this kind of prayer, really... it's essential that you get all of your duties done. Let everybody know, "Mom's going into prayer with the Lord. She will not be disturbed." "Dad's going into prayer, do not disturb him." We really need to do that. So, if we know God as he truly is we'll tell others and then Satan's lies won't work anymore.

Well, on to the Lord's true nature and how He really feels about you. This is my favorite part of this teaching for sure. It is written, Blessed are the pure of heart for they will see God. Matthew 5:8 To have a pure heart, all you need to do is have a committed desire, "Lord, I want a pure heart. With all of my being I am committed to whatever it takes to have a pure heart." If you come before the Lord that way and you give Him your life and your commitment to work with Him on your heart, you already are going to enter into the benefits of a pure heart. God is going to take that as though it were a done deal. That means that you're going to see Him. He promised it. This is not me speaking. I'm talking about what the Lord promised. Blessed are the pure of heart for they will see God. Matthew 5:8. Nowhere in the Scriptures, in the Old Testament did anyone "see" God, and live. Supposedly.

Okay, so, we have a commitment to have a pure heart. Now, if your heart is divided or tied to worldly things - been there, done that - if you lose your temper with your brother and have judgements - done that too, and not that long ago either... (But you hate these things. I mean you despise these things about yourself. You don't despise yourself. You despise these attitudes.) Then you want to be perfect and you're committed to purity of heart. It's just a matter of time before you get there. He's going to work with you and He's going to take you through every attachment, every god, every idol, and you're going to have a pure heart. He's going to do it.

Now, He'll bring it to pass but I have to warn you, He's not going to bring it to pass unless you present yourself to Him. If you avoid Him, He will not be able to bring it to pass. You have to come to Him and allow Him to work with you and not run from Him. He promised, Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father and I, too, will love him and show myself to him. John 14:21. He promises this. This is scripture, He promises it. It's true. I've experienced it. My husband's experienced it. Millions of Christians have experienced it. So, if you're imperfect in obedience but sorrowful, He can work with that. He'll bring perfection in your obedience. He'll bring you around to the point where, "You know what? I'm going to obey. It's not what I want to do; I want to do something different. But I know the Lord wants this and I'm going to do it." That's what I'm talking about. He'll do that. He'll accomplish that in you.

Now, I think it's important here to take a look at how hard we try on our own to be holy. This is a big mistake. Because the harder you try the more you're going to fail. This is a job for God, this is not a job for us, guys. Consider that if you began today, by the end of your life do you think you could be perfect? Well, if you said "yes" to that, let me know how you're doing a year from now.

On the other hand, for the rest of us who answered "no", this is the good news. We can't change anything about our character. Not one thing without grace from God. And if we think we can, He'll let

us in for a little surprise because the Lord opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. James 4:6 So, if you come to Him wanting His grace, He's going to give it to you knowing that you're weak. But if you try to do it on your own, you're going to be in for a few hard knocks. Let's put it that way. And, you know, we're partners in this endeavor and He didn't come to call the healthy. He came to call the sick. I don't know about you, but I've got some sickness in my soul. There are things I'm not – that are not holy. And I have things that I need to be redeemed, and need to be changed – habit patterns. But He didn't come to call the healthy. He came to call the sick.

Now, when the scribes and the Pharisees saw that He was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they said to his disciples, "Why is he eating and drinking with tax collectors and sinners?" And hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick. I didn't come to call the righteous but sinners." Matthew 9:11-13. Okay so, He didn't come for the perfect, He came for the imperfect. So, if you can find one imperfection in your nature, Jesus is calling you. He's coming for you. He's there for you.

Moving on, you know, what a paradox this is. "I'm not calling the perfect. I'm calling you who know you're not perfect." So, a lot of people are saying, "Well, I'm not ready for God yet because I'm still bad." I don't think that's the case at all. I think they're not ready for God yet, because they don't want to change. You don't have to be ready for God. All you have to be ready for is to stop sinning and to want to change. That's all you need to do. You're never going to be ready for God. That's one of those lies again from the enemy. "Well, you can't go to God in the condition you're in. You have to change your life. You have to change your ways. You're not right with God, could never go to God. Maybe in a few years when you get it down you can." Nope, go there right now. Go to God now, don't wait because He's already got the remedies for you. He's already got the answers.

But the demons would like you to think that you've got no hope and no recourse. No hope and no recourse, because you're too dirty to go to God. What are they trying to do? They're trying to keep you from being intimate with the Lord. That's their whole agenda. Jesus is the one who loves you tenderly and can answer all of your questions and heal all of your ills and set your feet on the right path and make your life right. He's the one who can do this. So, if you are trying to wait until you can do it yourself, you are wasting your time. You're not going to be able to do it without His grace.

Well, let's move on to the most intimate, revealing Scriptures in the Bible: the love letter to His bride. The Lord's love letter. Now, the Song of Songs in the Old Testament is attributed to Solomon. It is said that he was deeply in love and wrote them for his bride. But all Bible scholars agree, and the church fathers agree, that this is a love letter. This is about His love for His Bride. Like so many other places in Scripture, there's a double meaning here. Not only was Solomon expressing his feelings, but the Lord was speaking through him about His feelings for us, and they are tender and beautiful feelings. The language is almost embarrassing it's so intimate. But when you realize that this is a spiritual love letter, there's nothing carnal about it. There's nothing carnal about the Lord. There's nothing carnal in Heaven. Everything is on a beautiful, sublime, spiritual level.

Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth, for your love is more delightful than wine. Pleasing is the fragrance of your perfumes and your name is like a perfume poured out. No wonder the young women love you! Take me away with you – let us hurry! Let the king bring me into his chambers. Song of Solomon 1:2-4.

Yes, the King wants to bring you into His chambers and love you into perfection. Preparing you for eternal life in Heaven and make you the most fulfilled and complete person that you could ever possibly not even imagine of yourself.

Now, He does want to kiss you and dance with you and explore the beauties of Heaven with you. He loves to be kissed. The pure exchange of hearts that He longs for from His Bride. He will kiss you in the spirit, because you are so dear to Him. His Bride-to-be and there will be nothing carnal about it.

At this point, when I was writing this, I really did feel the Holy Spirit take over and I want to share with you what I journaled and I felt that this was from Him.

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Again, beyond your wildest dreams. So, this is really what the Lord has in mind for us, Christians. This is what He wants in this intimate relationship. This is nothing to run from. This is something to rejoice over and run to and to take every measure in your life to protect your time and space with Him. And be faithful to do that every single day, whether you miss your time in the morning, do it in the evening. I mean there are times that are unusual where you’ll miss this time with the Lord, but if you miss it in the morning, do it in the evening. If you miss it in the evening, do it in the morning. Make a way to be faithful to this. Nothing is impossible with the Lord. No eye has seen, no ear has heard and it hath not entered into the human mind the things that He has in store for those who love Him. 1 Corinthians 2:9 So please, don’t waste any more time in prayer and study that has become barren and not bringing you into deep, intimate communion with Him. Something’s wrong with your methods if you’re not getting any deeper with the Lord. And you know, I had to let go of all my ideas of how to pray and enter into that place with Him. I asked Him to show me, because I wasn’t getting very far and I knew there was greater depth, so I asked Him to do it through me and He did.

We have so many preconceived ideas about how to pray. And if our methods are not bringing us any closer to God it's time to lay it down before Him and say, "Lord, teach me how to pray and how to enter into Your presence, how to worship You." I do this frequently. In fact, just about every morning. I confess to Him that I don't know how to pray. "Lord, bring me into prayer and into intimate communion with you, the way You want me to come."

Let me tell you a little story. We have a remote, wilderness retreat where I would go fasting and praying up in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains about 9500 feet, only accessible by an extremely rough road. Horseback in the wintertime and sometimes in the summertime you can make it up in a vehicle. You're completely alone up there except for the bears and the cougars and the elk and deer - and we've seen all of them on the property up there. We lived there for five years, but we still go there to pray. We have a little chapel up there. One weekend I really had some issues that I didn't know; I just couldn't resolve. I couldn't get any peace about it so I fasted and went up to the Mountain. And I was worshiping and praying and doing everything I could think of to draw close to Him for about 12 hours. I thought, 'Wow, the heavens are brass, what is going on here?' So finally, nothing was happening between the two of us and I thought to myself, 'You know, maybe I'm being a little bit presumptuous thinking that just because I fast and come up to the Mountain, the Lord's going to speak to me. Maybe I'm just a little bit prideful and presumptuous, or a lot prideful and presumptuous.'

So, I repented and I told Him "Lord, I'm sorry. Just because I fast and come up to the Mountain doesn't mean that You have to speak to me. I'm really sorry. I don't know where my head's at. Please Lord, lead me into that sweet place with You." Would you believe that, within ten minutes, I was sailing in His arms? That's all He was waiting for, is my confession of weakness. "I'm too little. I don't know how to do it, Lord, do it through me." That's all it took and we were engulfed in His love and His beauty.

So, no matter how good - how many people tell you they do this, they do that, how wonderful their prayers are - it's really up to the Lord how He wants to bring you to Him. It's really up to Him. And I suggest that if your prayers are not fruitful and ending in the sweet, intimate union with Lord that you put aside the books and allow Him to lead you and enter into His rest where all things are possible. If you have unresolved issues about the faith, He'll answer you. He'll lead you through the scriptures and answer you. Do you have unresolved issues about your marriage? Or your children? He'll put your mind at complete peace and explain to you what He's doing. Do you desire a deeper knowledge of Him? He'll reveal Himself in ever deepening circles and infuse knowledge into your mind that the scholars don't have. Your belly will burst forth with living waters John 7:38 and you'll be a virtual Eden going through this world bringing refreshment everywhere you go.

Didn't He say, Come to me all of you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart and you will find rest for your souls. Matthew 11:28

So, enter into His rest. Drink deeply of the living waters and then go to this hurting and lost world and dispense what He's given to you to other hurting souls. This is the God of Power and Might, but most of all He's the God of Love and Mercy. He will not condemn you for your sins and failures. The failures that have wounded you; the very things you can't forgive yourself for, He will pour His oil and wine upon your wounds and tenderly dress them with clean linens. Eventually all your ills will be brought to restoration.

This is the Lover of our Souls. He has nothing but good things to share with us. He will bring you insight into your failures and set the stage for new and wonderful learning experiences, so that the delicate petals of your soul will unfold and spread the intoxicating presence of Christ, fragrance of Christ in your world. All He asks of you is that you seek Him until you find Him, and that you turn your life over to Him and ask Him to change the things in you that are creating a barrier in union with Him. You'll be so

inebriated in your relationship with Him that you'll be walking in Heaven more than you're walking on this Earth. Your life will be supernatural and filled with consolation.

He'll seek you out and He'll reveal His tender and vulnerable feelings for you, and His sorrows. You'll rejoice in being able to console Him. He will bring His sorrows to you. He will lay His head on your heart, because it's a safe place for Him. Because you love Him, because you're seeking to have a pure heart and you're cooperating with grace to have a pure heart. So many people don't care. He's so wounded by the indifference of man. So wounded that there's so much ungratefulness - and when He finds a soul that loves Him with a pure love, He wants to spend time with that soul. And when He's hurting, He wants to be with that soul. Just like our husbands want to be with us when they're hurting. He loves you just the way you are. Unconditionally. He longs for one glance in His direction from you, even at the grocery store. He tells me, *"Look at Me once in a while. Think of Me. Thank Me."* He looks forward to the day when you'll be united to Him forever. He looks forward to that and boy, the surprises He'll have for you!

Beloved, you have nothing to fear from divine intimacy and everything to look forward to. Don't lose another day. Ask Him to accomplish this in you and watch Him bring it forth without harsh measures, without impossible things that you can't do like fasting or maybe going up on a mountain somewhere. Without striving. Lay down the striving and enter into His rest. Without striving. Without effort. Allow Him to bring you into the Bridal Chamber.

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Love Song of Jesus carousel

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In this time of morning light, with pure celestial taking flight,
A canopy of garlands fair surround You 'bout, Your locks, Your hair.
And on this holy carousel, You smile at me, Your eyes they tell,
The story of my wandering heart,
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Now endless time of solitude, the singing of Your soul renewed,
That waters all it touched as me,
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I find my day is longer spent, in countless tasks and useless care

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Have No Fear of The Future, The Bride Knows Her God

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I've been waiting on the Lord to disclose to me what it is exactly He wanted me to share with you, how He wanted me to share it, which Scriptures, and so on. He gave me a really good kick-start one morning.

I woke up to an electrical doorknob notice that said my electricity is going to be turned off in three days. We'd been waiting for a check, a donation that was normally on time and it was four days late. Well, I started to freak and He wanted me to

share that with you because He wants you to understand how weak I am. In His own words, *"If I can make her strong in My Word I can do it for anyone, that's for sure."*

I got hit really hard, my knees got weak, and my blood sugar went down. I'm thinking chocolate! Normal life stopped until that check came in. After I reasoning through it after awhile, and looked at the Lord's track record, I saw how foolish I had been. At the time you don't see that. You have to look at that in hindsight after you got over the shock quality of whatever it is you're dealing with. Really, guys I'm just very weak and a coward at heart. That's the bottom line.

My youngest daughter once said to me, "Mom you are really strong." I told her in no uncertain terms that I am not strong but the God who lives in me is strong and keeps me on my feet. We started out on this journey of a teaching ministry that the Lord has called me to. He cleared up some doubts I had. I told Him I was not a good choice. His replied, *"On the contrary, you're just perfect for the job. If I can have the victory in your life, I can have it in anyone's life. That's your mandate: Be honest, be transparent so even the weakest person can relate to you."*

So... are you weak? Guess what? I am weaker. If I can stand, you can stand, too.

Let me share with you how the Lord has led me. I have to laugh because this experience really hit me like a bomb. I decided to go the Lord and straighten some things out. The Lord called my husband into a prayer vigil for me. I have to put everything into perspective. When he goes into a prayer vigil for me, it really helps. He's the power and covering that keeps us going. I knew immediately He was preparing me for this teaching on fear.

So, I said to Him, "Lord I don't feel like I have any business teaching on this topic. Look at me! My knees are weak, my blood sugar is crashing and I'm not any example at all to be teaching this."

He didn't hesitate for one moment and said, *"Didn't I tell you this teaching was for you also?"*

Um, Yes.

He continued, *"Do you know how many times a day fear interrupts us?"* He means the ability to communicate together. *"You were bound by fears: fear of displeasure, fear of dying, fear of disease, fear of losing your husband or your children, fear of Me... Even as kind as I am and as gentle with you, you're still afraid. Fear of uselessness, fear of failure... Don't you see how controlled you are by fear? This is universal to man."*

Well, that kind of opened my eyes when He said that. I just knew right away He wants me to be honest with you and share with you how I managed to get through these things.

We live in a house in New Mexico. I have to say it's spiritually a very dark, dark place and there's a lot of New Age movement in this town. It's not easy to survive here. There has to be spiritual warfare on a constant basis.

I told Him, "Lord, I didn't want to hear this. I thought I was beyond those fears. Now I see that was pride and ignorance on my part."

He answered, *"No, it's precisely that you struggle that I'm bringing you into confrontation with your fears. Do you know that everyone - and I do mean everyone - has fear? Yes, even that teacher that you like so well, that lady teacher who is strong as a truck driver. She even has fear, too. She has her buttons, just like you do."*

I said, "But she's such a good teacher."

He said, *"Everybody has a button. There's a button somewhere."*

So, I said, "Oh Lord, pass the ice cream.."

He said, *"I am with you and I will hold your hand. but for now you need to be in touch with fear so you can administer peace to others."*

"Peace?! I don't understand it. How am I supposed to ministry peace while I'm fear-struck like this? My heart is weak, my throat is dry...please pass the ice cream!"

He laughed and said, *"No, pass the grace."*

I said, "Okay."

He continued, *"I have so many examples of My faithfulness in your life, but there still persists this nagging feeling of vulnerability that you're going to be undone. Even now, as we speak, you are still in the grips of it. It hits you like a blast of hot air."*

I wondered what He meant by that. Then I remembered waking up this morning feeling like a lily that was going to bloom... and now I feel totally wilted.

That's the bottom line... We want to stay on course with the Lord. We don't want to go to the left or to the right. Satan so often uses fear tactics to cause us to either derail or go just a degree off and when we go just a degree off when we are on a long journey, we are way off of our destination.

So I said, "Lord, how do I master this?"

"You apply the Word," He said. *"It's a poultice containing many medicinal ingredients."*

I don't know if you're aware of that word "poultice." Back in the old days, and even now, people who worked with herbs - they make a muslin sack with different herbs and they apply it to a sprain and it helps to ease the pain. He said, *"You apply the Word. It's a poultice that contains many medicinal ingredients. The Word, the Word, the Word."*

Well, I thought I was applying the Word, but obviously not soon enough or not well enough. This is a lifelong challenge for us.

I confess I struggle with fear a lot. I feel like a dartboard that the enemy throws a dart at and it sticks. I have to work it out using God's Word as the forceps and my history with Him as a clamp. I can look back upon my history and that holds me in place, and I can hold that wound while I use His Word to pull out that poisonous dart. It makes total sense to me that this would be the final teaching after intimacy, because without intimacy with the Lord you're really susceptible to fear. When we don't meet fear head on, it can become an underlying, motivating force that colors all of our actions and relationships and we don't even know sometimes how that's happening. We just respond certain ways, because there's a memory back in there that causes fear. It hasn't been confronted and it hasn't been dealt with. It becomes a button, really. We end up doing things automatically without even understanding "Why did I do that, why did I say that, or react that way?" This is universal to all men and women. It's fear of being ridiculed, fear of loss, fear of sickness, fear of rejection, fear of failure, fear of helplessness, and fear of poverty.

These are huge things that really impact people's lives. I'll use me as an example. Let's say I feel very strongly called to serve the Lord. I really feel like there's an agreement in that area from peers and people around me. I think to myself, 'I'm called by the Lord, so I'm going to finish college, I'm going to get my house paid off and then be used for ministering opportunities.' Now mind you, that's the world's prudence talking. The Lord may want you to get on the next plane to Africa to work with established missionaries and to learn from them. That's more of His logic. I'm not saying He's always impulsive like that, but there's a great deal of prudence that comes from the world and colors our responses to the Lord's call.

Let me share - the world's priorities often have nothing in common with God. When Peter left his net to follow the Lord he had a lucrative business, a family, children, and he worked at this for many years. And all of a sudden, he sees and hears the Lord and drops everything to follow the Lord. Nothing prudent about that. Nor was Elisha prudent when he followed Elijah. He took a yoke of oxen, slaughtered them, boiled their flesh, and then gave it to the people to eat. He then followed Elisa and became his servant 1 Kings 19.

In my own life, my father-in-law bought us a brand new station wagon. We were thrilled. My husband was going to school and his father had bought us this beautiful station wagon. He probably got tired of hearing the calls about the car breaking down again. I never had a brand new car in my life and I was thrilled to have that security for my family. At the same time, the Lord began tapping on my shoulder and my husband's shoulder and calling us to the ministry in the mission field. It was a mission to go to Holland and there was a deadline for it. We tried to raise the \$5,000 dollars that it would take to get us to Holland and pay for our courses, etc. The only way we could have done it was to sell the car. We could have gotten the \$5,000 for the car easily.

We thought and prayed about it and decided to be prudent not to sell the car and destroy family relations. His parents were not Christian and that didn't make it any easier. They were really nice masons and were very good to us. He wouldn't have understood our motives and they would have been looked down upon. We just wanted to do the prudent thing for the family.

I had a dream not long after that. I was on a ship somewhere and on the ship I was called to the lower deck by the captain. So, I went to see the captain. He looked up at me with blue eyes and blonde hair. He was very handsome and had a sparkling presence. He said, "The Lord called but you missed Him. He'll call again." Then the dream ended and I woke up. Immediately I knew that was the Holy Spirit talking to me in my dream and He was telling me that I had missed the Lord by making this choice for security, money, and family rather than choose the Lord. This has been a life long struggle with me.

I want to share with you how I finally overcame a major part of it in a little while. This has been a serious setback for me, having this affection for the world and the need for security. It seems like there's no end to the fears that the Father of Lies can conjure up against us. In my previous video, I had to say... if you think there aren't things that cause a fear response in you, then it might be a good idea to take a few moments to think about it. Think about the things that can cause you to go off the deep end because of fear. You don't have anything to lose by doing that and everything to gain. Knowing yourself is what allows you to put the devils to flight. We are our own worst enemies and that's the sad truth.

Let's get back to the Lord's remedy for fear, which is the Word. I have to say the Word won't do you a great deal of good if you don't know the Lord. People who don't have a relationship with the Lord and quote the Word is just empty religious jargon. It's just history of the Jewish nation. But the Word to a Believer is a vital, living force that transforms and translates us from darkness into light on a daily basis. It's so powerful.

If you don't have the relationship with Jesus, it's so easy to get. It's about the intention of your heart and a few simple words. "Lord I give you my heart and my life. I want to know you. Come into my heart, lead me and teach me. Amen." That's an invitation that He can simply not resist and your life will change overnight from dull, boring, confused, and dark to brilliant light, full of wonder, full of challenges that you thought you would never be able to overcome in your life. It's a beautiful thing when you give your life to the Lord.

Because without understanding my relationship with Him, the words of the Scripture meant nothing to me before I was converted. I'd fall asleep while looking at them, thinking 'What do people get out of reading them? I don't get it.' When the Holy Spirit came and transformed my life, then I understood. It was like opening a book where it was 3-D pictures and history were going on right in front of me. All of a sudden my understanding was expanded. The Lord has done so many miracles in my life that there is no excuse for me to have any kind of fear.

If you feel that way, too, don't feel bad. There is an explanation for that. I used to look down upon the Israelites who contended and complained to God about being in the desert. They were full of discontent and ungratefulness. I thought, 'How can they be like that after all the Lord has done for them?' I had my own take on the Israelites but now I recognize I'm not one wit better than they were. I'm just like them. In hindsight it seems incredulous, after crossing the Red Sea, they could have doubted that Moses would return down from Mount Sinai. I can't understand that. How can they think that after the miracles that took place after delivering them from Egypt? They doubted and they gave their jewelry to Aaron to make a golden calf. This is in Exodus 4.

The Lord had given Moses three supernatural signs and the name of God to convince the people of his mission. He had a staff that would turn into a snake, that then turned back into a staff. He had a power to make leprosy appear on his hand. When he tucked his hand into his shirt and pulled it out again, the leprosy left. When he poured water on the ground it turned to blood. He was given these signs and wonders even before he was delivered from Egypt. Now, the Israelites witnessed a lot of plagues first hand to where they saw when the Egyptians suffered loss - they were protected. They had that in addition to it all. The flies, the livestock dying, the destructive hail, the darkness for three days, the death of the first born... They had seen all of it and walked away from it unharmed. People were handing them gold ornaments and silver just to get them out of their lives so they wouldn't have to deal with them anymore.

Even after all of this and crossing the Red Sea and being kept on dry land. They even witnessed the Egyptians being caught in the middle of the Red Sea with the waves closing over them. They saw all of these wonderful signs from God of these miraculous provisions. *Even after that* they still complained and doubted. They thought the Lord brought them there to starve them to death. They thought, 'Moses must be dead so let's make a calf. The waters may be poisoned and we'll die of thirst. At least in Egypt we had meat and bread. The land is full of giants we haven't got a chance against them.' So, these were some of the things they were up against and they objected to.

If we take a moment right now and think about all the wonderful things the Lord has done in our lives we'll be able to spot some real miracles of things He's done for us. Looking back on those miracles we would come away a little bit shame faced and say there's no reason for me to doubt the Lord's provision. He's done a lot for me and He's not going to stop now. What do we do when were threatened? We apply the scriptures but obviously it wasn't effective enough or persistent enough to please the Lord because He brought it up again to use the word...Use the word. He was chiding me to use it. We have a book called *The Bible Promise Book*. It's short and sweet and to the point. It's organized by categories such as: fear, laziness, Holy Spirit, lust, money, jealousy, lying, enemies and so on. It's a very handy tool when something hits you and you need to apply the Word. We also use the Psalms a great deal. Sometimes the Holy Spirit opens this book for us when we pray and gives us a scripture we needed to hear and we wouldn't have found if we went looking for it ourselves. We do trust Him with that. Recently, a woman died from the Hantavirus here in New Mexico where we live. The Hantavirus in the four corner regional area has happened before but right here in our town was a little bit threatening to me. I went to the Lord and went to *The Bible Promise Book* and the Psalms that He gave me from the scriptures was Psalms 91:3 "Surely He will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with His feathers and under His wings you will find refuge . His faithfulness will be your shield from rampart. You will not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness , nor the plague that destroys in mid day. A thousand may fall at your left side and ten thousand at your right hand but it will not come near you." Beautiful. Sometimes we'll abbreviate that and we'll take it and put it on index cards. We'll keep them by the refrigerator or where we do the dishes, or in the bathroom.

Anytime we're struck with any kind of fear we pull that card and read that Psalms. I may abbreviate it to read, "Surely He will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. Surely His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the plague destroys at midway." I may shorten it just to make it easier to remember. Keep the basic feeling and promise there.

Now there are times when an undefined, menacing feeling seems to be in the air and we don't quite know why it's there but something is ruffling our peace. It could be a thought, or suggestion, or

something that we are aware of peripherally but not really understanding what it is. It could be a projection from a demon and we're not the content of it. For those times, I use my personal Word of Life box. I'm sure you've seen the daily bread boxes that people put on their table and there are Scripture strips in it. Many times I know they minister to people and they've really ministered to me.

What we do is a little bit different. We take all the encouraging words that are important to us and write them down on an index card. We have them in a little box and go to them from time to time for encouragement. This will be something that we've dealt with before and the Lord has given us a word of encouragement for it and it reminds us of His faithfulness. That's a little tool we use. I encourage all of you to begin one of these and you'll be amazed at the results. They are personalized and it's like tucking the Word away in your heart and you save it. The Holy Spirit will bring it back to your remembrance for encouragement. Go to that box and pull a card and you'll be totally amazed how much He is on the same page with you.

In my last teaching I talked about Lying spirits and how they slander the Lord's character. The same applies here. When they try to inspire fear in us, they use lies that denigrate His faithful character. The Lord is faithful. What the enemy would like you to believe is that He's *not* faithful. So, he lies to you. I do rebuke Lying spirits. You can bind Lying spirits as well as applying the Word. That's another tool the Lord has given us and it's important. We need to use it.

Another medicine against fear is singing praises to the Lord. That accomplishes two things: it helps us to worship the Lord and be in His presence and also helps us to recall His faithfulness... and it infuriates the demons. I love to infuriate the demons! I think they deserve to be infuriated as much as we can do it. Just by singing praises to the Lord with thanks, it infuriates them. A lot of times that will break it. The demons can't stand to be around all of that so they'll leave. Whatever you're battling against will just vaporize.

When my husband was in the hospital suffering from a failed attempt for a procedure that was very uncomfortable and very painful, I went off to a quiet space and I began to sing the Lord's praises. When I came back the doctor had finished the procedure and it had gone so well. He hadn't experienced any pain. That was a beautiful thing. That was the Lord's faithfulness and mercy. Not only was I uplifted by the singing but the demon's projecting the fear ran because they couldn't stand to hear it.

The Word of God is a blazing sword of lightening that cauterizes the wounds of lying darts that try to provoke us. It's very powerful. We cannot see in the spirit what really goes on but it's powerful. During most trials the idea of praise does not appeal to me at all. Maybe you're different, but I have a hard time praising in difficult situations. I know it's the right thing to do and with the Lord's help I enter into praise and that always changes the situation or the environment around. It's difficult to pull away and praise sometimes when it's a situation where there are other people involved, but you can always go to Scriptures and affirm over and over again God's faithfulness until peace is restored. I've seen that happen so many times. When my daughter-in-law was in labor she had to be air lifted and I went with her. I got deathly sick in the plane but I kept praying and singing the Lord's praises and she finally delivered the baby safely. You can truly count on this.

The more we invest in seeking God and truly getting to know the Lord, the more convinced we come of His absolute providential nature. The more we realize how faithful He is and how intimately involved He is in our lives with the littlest things. In Matthew 10 the Lord said, "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your father's care and even the very hairs of

your head are numbered so don't be afraid you are worth more than sparrows." That's a beautiful Scripture to recall when you're being hit by fear. It's comforting to visualize ourselves in the palm of the Almighty. The Father is holding us in the palms of His hands and protecting us.

I want to share a little incident that happened in my life. I was in the parking lot of Wendy's eating a hamburger and I saw this little sparrow on the ground looking for something to eat. There weren't any crumbs out there. I was going to pick off parts of my bun and throw them out the window, and when I looked back - the sparrow was on a bumper of a car picking off butterflies, moths, all kinds of insects. He was having a feast. The Lord brought that car all the way from Texas with a grill filled with choice morsels for that little bird. How beautiful His providence is. How beautiful.

For 30 years we've lived almost exclusively on the supernatural providence of the Lord. He gave me a lesson to share with you two days ago and today He pulls back another layer of fears to conquer. That's so much like Him. He protects us when we're taking little steps and He encourages us because He knows that bigger challenges are going to come. Rather make us feel badly, like "Okay, you passed this little test... but there's a bigger one coming!" He cheers us on, just as we cheer our children on when they take their first little steps. One day we know they will have to walk two miles to school in the wintertime and cross a slippery parking lot to get to class. We understand that by then they'll have the skills necessary to make that trip. The Lord is the same way. We'll never arrive at complete security. There's always going to be a situation where we're not quit up to, and actually that's a good thing, so we don't become too self-confident and arrogant. It keeps us humble for sure. I recall the Lord's faithfulness and how many times we've had those electric shut off notices and how many times He's come through.

We're in November and I'm watching our woodpile dwindle down and I know some how He'll bring a donation of wood to our door. Every year He sees to it. Although my husband has some health issues, we could go out and collect wood with our chain saw. We could do it, but then we wouldn't be obeying the Lord. This is our portion and what He's asked us to do. We can't do both things. We don't have the strength and the energy for both. That would be being disobedient of us, so we wait on God's providence. We got criticized for depending on the Lord and not working a secular job, but the Lord has assured us over and over again that He does not want us in the market place or in the world. He wants us in prayer, in worship, studying the Scriptures, and serving the poor. It was not His plan for us to get a job.

We've been weak at times and my husband has gone out and applied for jobs. We both come from a healthy career motivation before we were converted. He never gets a job. It's just not God's will so He blocks it. Instead He brings us what we need. One day the Lord said to my husband, "*Well, you have a choice here: you can go out and make your own living or you can continue to do what I've asked you to do and I will cover your expenses. Which do you choose?*" Well that's no contest unless you're afraid of what people think. "They'll think that I'm lazy." There's that fear again. If we were to bow to the fear and run out and get jobs, that wouldn't be in the Lord's will.

Falling into fear can change the whole course of your life. If you're dedicated to serving the Lord, the last thing the enemy wants you to do is serve the Lord. He wants to put you back out into the secular world and make you too exhausted to serve the Lord. There are people who are called to make tents and to teach. That's up to God. He makes the choices with His servants what He wants them to do.

Back to what the Lord told my husband, *"You can either believe me to cover your expenses or you go out and make your own living."* The Lord brought to my mind that I want to share with you. John 6:28, "Then they asked Him what must we do to work the works God requires and Jesus answered, 'The work of God is this to believe in the one He has send.'" That's work. That's hard work because you will get tempted and criticized for believing and not taking action yourself and not providing for yourself. You will be criticized for that, so it's work to cleave to the Lord and cleave to His Word and not allow those things to shift you into a different direction.

If you feel exhausted facing an undetermined outcome, understand you are contending for the faith and that is work and mental work. In Luke 12:22, "Jesus said to His disciples, 'Therefore I tell you do not worry about your life, what you will eat, your body, for what you will wear for life is more than food and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens they do not sow or reap they have no storeroom or barn yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds. Who have you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing why do you worry about the rest?'"

How beautiful. The Lord has given us a complete understanding of how He wants us to operate. He's left nothing unstated that needs to be stated. *"Take hold of the faith and contend for it and not be shifted by man or by the enemy or by our flesh. "*

I love to make pesto for my family. Sometimes we don't have the resources to buy sweet basil. Just a couple of days ago I asked the Lord to please send some sweet basil in. The very next day we get this cold produce from the markets and we collect it and distribute it to the poor. As I was going through it, removing the fruit and vegetables that were rotten, sorting things out and cleaning them, there was a little bag of sweet basil on the bottom. That night we had pesto! It was wonderful. He has done this for us over and over again.

There is no excuse for me falling into fear and crumbling into a ball and becoming an ice cream addict when things don't go right. Why do I get intimidated by this? Why? I'm weak, I'm short sighted, I have short-term memory loss and again, I'm very human.

The Lord said, *"If I can do it in your life, I can do it in the weakest person's life."* and that's why I'm sharing this with you. He manages to keep us on our feet and moving in the right direction. He wants us to contend for the faith. If the Lord, for some reason, should allow the electricity to be turned off in the winter time, we'll put the food in the ice chest, get the candles out and we'll pray and worship the Lord without electricity. We've lived without electricity for five years on a mountain, so we know how to do that. It's no big deal. The point is, it's up to His discretion. If He wants us to have electricity He's gonna pay that bill and bring the finances in for it. If He wants us to have a period of time in seclusion for prayer He may not pay that bill, and we'll make things work without. That's okay. Now we're talking about personal preference and attachment. Secretly, I don't believe He's going to do that, because it's necessary for us to mandate the work we have to do right now. But I made up my mind if He does it, then there's a good reason for it.

That's one of the secrets of keeping your heart in peace is knowing He is in control. We'll go into that a little deeper in a moment. Conviction of *"whatever He allows is to our benefit"* is so important. Eventually we'll be able to look back upon that time and see what He was doing. We may not be able to see it now but we must know by faith it's for our good and the good of the Kingdom.

There's another work here and that's abandoning the purse of our own opinion and resolution and follow whatever the Lord allows. We're far less of a target for the enemy's arrows when we're that detached. However, walking around with lots of opinions and expectations makes us look like a broad side of a barn. The enemy will think we're a nice target for his arrows. The less you have, the less you are of a target in that area.

Much of my walk over the last thirty years has been about letting go and learning to receive the transforming wisdom of God without complaint. That has been the majority of my walk, having a grateful heart and being able to worship Him in all situations. I haven't arrived yet. I'm still in transit. I see a big difference now between the way I am now and the way I was before.

Continuing in Luke 12, "Consider how the wild flowers grow they do not labor or spin yet I tell you not even Solomon and all his splendor was clothed like one of these. If that's how God clothes the grass of the field which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire how much more will He clothe you O you of little faith." Later on in verse 29, "Do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink...don't worry about it for the pagan world runs after these things and your Father knows what you need but seek His kingdom and these things will be given to you as well."

Thank you, Lord, for that bag of sweet basil and the many years we have gone without health insurance. Every time there's been a need, it's been covered and there have been some serious needs. It's a wonder and a marvel to me that the early Christians were so focused on the Lord that they cared little for their lives or for their possessions. Those are the main buttons of fear: our lives and our possessions. I believe that the presence of God in their lives was so strong that those things lost their significance. They were able to sell their properties and possessions and lay the proceeds at the feet of the apostles. Acts 4:35. That's how much in love with the Lord they were and how sure of His providence for them. They paid a great price, beside which the whole world had lost its luster: our Lord Jesus.

I really didn't know how liberating it was to put myself totally at the mercy of God until my second call from the Lord. It happened during the course of two weeks. We lived in a three story historic building in an art district with antiques and all the fineries. It was a beautiful house with fireplaces in almost every room overlooking the oldest estate in our city. I, of course, had a matching wardrobe from Laura Ashley. We went from this to a tar paper shack on the side of a mountain in the Poconos in a forest in two weeks. Two weeks! That's all it took.

Let me tell you God exploded in our lives. The time we had with our children was so blessed. Before, we'd be rushing here and rushing there doing all these things that go with this middle class lifestyle. There was so little time left with our children. We had running water when it rained. In the winter, when the well froze, we had to haul water from town. I had just given birth to my fourth child. Our lives were turned upside down. Everything that was superfluous was gone. It was just the necessities. That's it. We didn't even have enough wood to stay warm until someone lent us a chainsaw. My husband would then go out and cut wood. My prayer time went from 'Hi God. Bye God' in the morning to 2-3 hours of substantial worship and prayer. I entered into a prayer life that I never dreamed would be possible.

The Lord rewarded us mightily for this change. He was part of the major factor in doing that. It was a choice that we made and when we did it was wonderful. I'm not afraid of losing anything anymore. What we have He can take if He wants it. I would like to hang on to the equipment and tools that I need

but if I don't need them anymore, why would I hang on to them? That's His call. He gave us beauty for ashes quite literally. It's the world's ashes and the beauty of God for that.

In Philippians 4 Paul said, "Not that I speak from want for I learned to be content in whatever circumstances I'm in. I know how to get along with humble means and I also know how to live in prosperity. And in any and every circumstance I've learned the secret of being filled and going hungry."

Having pesto...not having pesto. Having ice cream...not having ice cream. Paul continues, "Both having an abundance and suffering need, I can do all things through Him who strengthens us." There's Paul's secret. The Lord strengthens us. If you give up things in your material life and simplify that's makes more room for God. The dynamic is so beautiful you can't lose. If He asks for a sacrifice He gives us the grace to go through that sacrifice.

I found in times of extreme trial, maybe you have, too, the Lord's grace is greatly magnified. It spreads over your heart and mind and allows you to walk through every situation. The loss of loved ones, sickness, and death still carry a terrible sting and it's difficult to deal with, but the Lord promises in 1 Corinthians 10, "No temptations has overtaken you but such as is common to man and God is faithful who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able but with the temptation can provide a way of escape so that you will be able to endure it."

He's so compassionate and faithful. In 2 Peter 2:9 he says, "The Lord knows how to rescue the Godly from trials." That was Peter talking. I always keep this Scripture in the back of my mind: "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him who have been called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28). We can trust that. That's His Word and that His track record in my life. "Those He predestined He also called, those He called, He also justified, those He justified, He also glorified" (Romans 8:30).

When God entered our lives He began guiding us to the degree that we were willing to let go - it was a supernatural event. He took us under His wing. He made a commitment to us. That commitment was a process of transformation in that very moment that will continue on in our life, until we are in front of the image of the Lord Himself. That's a very reassuring thought, so that in anything that's going on, it's the work of God to transforming us in one way or another. Maybe even if we don't see it until later on, we'll rejoice over it.

How can we justify fear? The Lord is never lax on the job. He doesn't miss anything. If we truly get this concept into our hearts, the enemy will be frustrated in finding something to stimulate fear in us. Fear of the future, the fear of the unknown.

I want to share a story with you. A horse rancher had bought a champion stud for his horses. All the people in town said, "Oh, he's beautiful. That's really good." The next week the stallion ran off and all the people in town said, "Oh, that's too bad. That's not good." The week following that, the stud came back with a whole herd of mares. The people in town said, "Oh, that's great! That's good!" Then, the rancher's son was riding a horse; he fell off, and broke his leg. The people in town said, "Oh, that's bad." Well the following week war was declared and all the men in town were drafted so the people that were left said, "That was pretty lucky that your son broke his leg. Now he's not drafted." The Lord writes straight with crooked lines.

Our life is a patchwork puzzle that's all over the place, but we can see what He's been doing in our lives. There's not exactly a rhyme or reason to it and people don't always understand; but the outcome is good in our lives. It's good fruit. We never know how the Lord will bring what's good out of situations but we do know one thing for sure: He'll bring good out of it because He loves us and we're called according to His purpose. When things start to go awry in our lives, I think it's time to say, "Okay, Lord, what are you doing here? I want to understand." Take a step back and tuck in with Him and find out what He's doing and then cooperate with Him. It will take the power out of the demon's guns because you're not going to fall into condemnation against the Lord or the lies about you. Say, "Lord, I cooperate with You. You are in charge. Help me to see what You're doing. I receive it." That takes a lot of power away from the enemy.

In my very first Youtube video called "Overcoming Fear" I shared that most of the time the enemy is not allowed to touch us, but he is allowed to threaten us with a smoke screen filled with fear and fearful possibilities. He's allowed to do that, but they're not allowed to touch us. People spend their entire lives being influenced by these smoke screens. He allows them to threaten, to cause fear, just like the movie Monsters, Inc. I've heard it said that demons feed on fear just like fire feeds on fuel. I don't claim to know the answer to that for sure, but I know that they generate a lot of fear about things that will never happen or may happen... but not in your lifetime.

For instance, people listen to the news, search the net, fearfully surviving from moment to moment preparing for the worst. Their lives are all tribulated in this fear thing. Still, calamity that was supposed to happen has not happened yet - but all this energy and sickness has been generated by fear for years and years. I know how it feels, because I used to get on the net and see: "Is it the end of the word yet?" I did that, too, and the Lord called me to task on that. He said, "*I don't want you reading that. That's fear mongering. You need to keep your eyes on Me, because I'm faithful. You don't need to know about those things. I'll take care of you. When things go down, I'm going to be there and take care of you, because you've been serving Me, you're faithful.*"

Don't get tricked into following all of these fearful stories...wars and rumors of wars. Keep your heart in peace and spread that peace. That's what I'm trying to do here. I've been guilty of it and it can be an addiction. "Is Israel going to get bombed today?" We're looking for those things because we're waiting for the Lord to come back, but we get skewed with that and we end up getting into this amusement park wheel-of-fear that keeps going round and round. We can end up becoming addicted to the latest news and that's why the Lord says not to interest yourselves in those things. Keep your eyes on Him and stay in peace. The thing about fear is, it knocks us off course and steals the witness of our peace.

Our peace is one of the things that is a witness to whole world of the power of God in our lives. If we're running around scared, tense - then we'll look like just the world. That doesn't point to Jesus. That points to our flesh and to the rest of the world and what they're doing. He wants us to be a witness to the world by not getting involved in these things. Keep our hearts and mind stayed on Him. We should declare the Lord's wisdom and providence to people who are in that state of nervousness and anxiety all the time. Encourage them to calm down. You love God? He loves you more. You can't provide for yourself better than He can provide for you.

There's also another thing that can get us into trouble. There's no end to fear that can be generated unless you deliberately observe a 'no negatives' rule, forbidding talking about things that threaten, destroy, and discourage. We make a point to keep those things out of our lives and refuse to engage with other people over them.

In our mission, we have people who come here and they are fearful about the future. And I have to say, "Not today, let's not talk about that". I'm not saying ignore everything. There are some things you should take care of. But this mindless gossip and going over and over again about how bad the environment is, how bad the financial crisis is - it doesn't serve any purpose at all. It takes our hearts and minds totally away from the Lord Jesus Christ. We're the temple of the Holy Spirit and He doesn't want to see it or hear it. That's what He told me. He has said, "*I live in your heart, I don't want to hear that and I don't want to see it. This is My temple - you need to protect it.*"

We work hard trying to protect it. We have a track record. In the past, we've been very critical and one thing I've noticed is that when couples get together and they're talking negatively about something - they end up getting into a fight between themselves. It's almost like, what you put out, you get back. We are very careful in our hearts first of all not to think negatively or talk negatively about people. We're not perfect, but we try hard.

If you have marital strife and you talk about other people with your spouse - that very possibly could be the open door causing the demons to get in and cause strife in your marriage. When we closed that door, it made a huge difference in the way we looked to each other and spoke to each other. You've probably experienced this: you'll have an amazing day or go away on a retreat... and your husband will come home from work and be so angry and frustrated at what went on. Or your little one will come home and say, "Georgie pushed me off the slide". Your child is hurt and crying and you want to go and throttle the other child. Well, the first fleshly response is to find that kid that hurt your child and make them pay. That's the world and that's the flesh.

Here's an example of the devil's character. He sees you're making so much progress with the Lord and you've had a beautiful day. I had a wonderful time in prayer and it just happened to me today. I come out and there's anger going on, on the property and I had to deal with that - and then I got angry and I had to deal with *that*. Then after it was all said and done and we made our apologies, we got quiet and still in prayer for two hours and got our peace back. We don't want to live our lives without His peace.

You've probably experienced that before. And be careful not to lose that beautiful thing going on when you come out of prayer time. The enemy hates it so much, that he foments trouble to cause you to lose the graces that you got in prayer. We need to be smarter than the devils, folks. The Lord promises us that we are more than conquerors. In

Romans 8:31 it says, "What then shall we say in response to these things: if God is before us who can be against us? He that did not spare His own Son but gave Him unto all, how will He not also along with Him graciously give us all things?" Also in verse 35, "And who shall also separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or the sword? As it is written for your sake we face death all day long. We're considered as sheep to be slaughtered but know in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loves us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers neither height nor depth nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

That is unless we consent to it.

We consent from being separated from His love. That's our choice and that is the whole motive behind fear. That's the devil's agenda. When he causes fear of any kind it's to separate you from God. The

Scriptures say that “Liars separate close friends”. That’s in Proverbs 16:28. He will constantly try to alienate you and separate you from God or to lie about the nature of God as we covered before. If we don’t consent to it then he can’t do it. Jesus said, “I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble but take heart I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). That’s what the Lord promises and He has given us the tools to do it with His help.

I’m convinced that, in our culture that is so technically advanced, we have a very idealistic view of what life should be like. Everything becomes convenient, available, and achievable to anyone. We have Hollywood pictures of happily married couples, kids with all the latest electronic gadgets, two cars, an RV, a motorcycle, and college funds. It’s a picture-perfect life, right? It runs smoothly and it’s full of everything we need, and there’s all the opportunity for advancement in the world. Frustration is in the world, yes, but you can always overcome those because you have everything you need. This is so often portrayed in the movie industry. We have Hollywood pictures of life to some degree and because we bought into this picture-perfect lifestyle, we’re afraid to suffer loss or have want. We are a target for the enemy to stimulate us with fear because we’ve got so much stuff. All the enemy has to do is threaten this or threaten that and fear wells up inside of us. Our affluent comfort zones become the norm and anything that threatens that stirs up fear.

I have to say I’m guilty as charged. What would I do without Ben & Jerry’s Cherry Garcia ice cream? (Well, I found an alternate brand that’s pretty good, so I’ve found away to get around that...chuckle...) I’d probably lose weight for one. You look at the Internet, TV, communications, cell phones and they are such nice conveniences and anytime they get threatened fear comes out. So what if you do lose your cell phone? We are attached to these things and they have become a part of our daily lives.

A man like Paul was centered on the teachings of Jesus and he was content with the most humble of surroundings because Christ was his entire possession. Nothing could dim or dull the life because the presence of God was so powerful and strong. It’s quite simple - the more we have, the more easily we can be strummed into fear. The more we have, the more we are a target for fear. Even Paul looking forward in his life to him being beheaded, that didn’t dim his view of Christ. If our treasure is Jesus, then that will be a blessing to us. It’ll be the greatest gift anyone could give us. If we’ve given our entire life to serving Jesus, why do we worry about sickness and death? If you don’t understand what I’m saying here you’ll need to listen to my other teaching “Why Wasn’t I Healed” to understand my view point. If He takes me out of public ministry, I’ll be in my private garden praying and worshipping Him privately. If He takes the house were living in it’s because He wants to move us on and the house is in the way. If I don’t have money for ice cream, I just might lose weight. I’m saying that for all of my sisters who are just as weak as I am. We are sisters and we love chocolate.

We can’t go wrong with less when Jesus makes the choice for you. The Lord revealed this to us in Florida. We had quite the experience there. Once day He started dealing with me that the whole world is my mission field. We had three children with us at the time. He was speaking to my husband’s heart at the same time He was speaking to my heart. We said, “Lord, if you want us to walk away from everything here, we will.” We had an RV, a van, and a two story furnished house with simple things. The next day a couple showed up at our church and they didn’t have anything. The mother was nursing a baby and they didn’t have a place to live, no clothes, and no car. We saw that as an answer to our prayer, so we made preparations to walk away from everything. We took sleeping bags, backpacks, hammocks to sleep in between the trees, and we disappeared into the everglades. We just started walking.

Well, through a series of events we finally met a pastor from Columbia, South America and he invited us to come and share prophetically and to also share the choices we made in our lives with the people. We didn't know at the time that the guerillas were killing missionaries in Columbia when we went over there. We heard about it was a dangerous place to be, but we knew the Lord was calling us there and He would protect us. That was a big step in faith. We ended up in Columbia, and I remember one night in particular. We lived in a farm house on the outskirts of town. It was made from cement. It had open windows with no glass, just a few bars, and no doors. It was open to the air. At night we could hear the bats flying down and swooping in to eat the bugs. It was pretty primitive. We did have water and electricity, but mostly primitive.

I was homeschooling at the time. I brought our children's books with us. On that night, we heard the guerillas coming down from the mountains. When they marched, it stirred up the dogs in the neighborhood. The dogs' barking increased as they got progressively closer. We knew they were coming down where our little farm house was. We just had to pray and ask the Lord to be our confidence and trust that He would save us from being attacked by them. Sure enough, they kept on walking and went into town. They had relatives there. The Lord did protect us while we were in South America. My children still tell me all the wonderful things they learned and how grateful they were for that trip. I have to admit it was a little scary, but we knew it was His will. We got our chance to talk on the radio and at churches. It was a good, rich time of ministry. We encouraged the Columbian people not to run after the American dream. Don't run after that lifestyle. Keep your simple lifestyles where your family and your faith are your absolute priorities. They listened and I'm sure the guerillas we're listening, too, by radio. They already knew about us before we got very far, because they had spies everywhere.

If I die, then I know my work here is done and I can be with the Lord. We have a website Heartdwellers.org and on this website is our book of experiences. The Lord has taken us to Heaven and still does many times. We shared those experiences in *Chronicles of the Bride*, which is a free book you can download. We have music to go with that, that is also free. I encourage you, if you have any fear of death or know someone who is dying and they have a fear of death, look into that book. If you write to me I'll send you a hard copy at no charge. Share the book with anyone who is afraid of death or what comes after death. What we shared in that book is only the tip of the iceberg of what has actually transpired since that time. Maybe we'll come out with other volumes.

Getting back to fear, if he takes my husband He has a plan. If He wants more of my time, then He'll be my companion, like before I was married. Mind you, I'm reasoning a lot with myself. I'm not to the point where I'm totally without fear. I haven't arrived in that place at all. Don't get that false impression, but I have prepared my heart and my mind to be as detached as I can from the different possibilities that the devil might use to steal my peace.

In summary, when threatened with fear, may God be your refugee until the storm passes. You remember the scripture when the apostles were in the boat with Jesus. He was asleep in the back of the boat. They were threatened with being swamped with this tremendous storm. They were threatened with being capsized and all dying and the Lord says, "*Peace be still*" (Matthew 8:24). All of a sudden these probably 20-foot waves calmed down just like that. He's Lord of the storm. Many times, when there's a storm that hits us of some kind, He reminds us He is Lord of the storm. He has proven it so many times over. He is our refuge. Tuck in and seek Him and ladies take your dark chocolate with you.

The next step is to be humble. Take a step back from the situation and ask the Lord, "Lord what are You trying to do here?" Trust in the Lord with all of your heart. Don't lean on your own understanding (Proverbs 3:5). Trust that the Lord is for you. Jeremiah 29, "For I know the plans I have for you. Plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." Recall the good He has done in your life with an attitude of thanksgiving. He has a track record. Psalms 4:5, "Many Lord my God are the wonders that the things you planned for us. None can compare with You. For I can speak and tell of Your deeds. It would be too many to declare." Refuse to rely on your own wisdom and rely on your prudence. They are very shortsighted. Rely on the Lord and cooperate with Him and what He is doing.

The next point is not to allow gossip or negative talk, which will magnify the situation. Be the temple of the Holy Spirit and be peaceful. Be free of offensive criticism and news and remove yourself from every occasion of fear. If you talk back and forth with your husband about critical things and gossip, you're probably going to get some backlash where you'll end up being at odds with each other. Avoid doing that. It is a sin anyway to judge people and for the health of your marriage. Waste no time combating the fears with an anecdote of Scripture. Go to the Scriptures to get a Word that you can stand on and repeat.

Set your heart on that Word and it will protect you. 2 Corinthians the tenth chapter, "We live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not weapons of the world; on the contrary they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretention that sets itself up against the knowledge of God and we take every thought captive and make it obedient to Christ and to the word He has given us." Take those thoughts captive. Don't let them take you captive.

In Luke 10:19 He said, "I've given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and overcome all the power of the enemy. Nothing will harm you." Then have confidence that God is in control and the enemy is on a short chain. The Lord is totally in control of what the enemy can do and not do.

Remember, we're more than conquerors, as it says in Romans 8:31, "God is for us, who can be against us? And in all these things we are more than conquerors."

In John 16:33 He says, "I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace in this world. You will have trouble but take heart I have overcome the world." Not only has He overcome the world but He has given us the tools to overcome the world as well.

1 Corinthians 10:13, "And God is faithful and will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you can bear. And when you are tempted He will also provide a way out for you."

You must live with a holy perspective. Start letting go of things with material value, except to be used as a tool for the Kingdom and as God wills. The frills and the nice things can be distracting and can be necessities in your mind or my mind... like, "you have to have it." The more you deem things necessary, the more of a target you'll be and the devil can attack and steal your peace. The more complicated your life, is the less time you'll have for the Lord. I'm totally convinced that whatever He removes from our lives He will fill us with so much more of Him in return for that. Hide the pearl, the pearl of great price in your heart that all others things may be stripped away if necessary (Matthew 13:46).

We are living in turbulent times right now. We don't know what will happen tomorrow or next year but we'll know one thing: the Lord is timeless and he is the pearl of great price. Don't let anything compromise that relationship. Don't let any fear come in and pry you away from Him.

Finally, the last Scripture I want to share with you is 1Timothy 6:8, “For we have brought nothing into this world so we cannot take anything out of it either. If we have food and covering with these we shall be content. And those who want to get rich fall into temptation and the snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destructions.”

So much of the world is out for money and things. Half the battle in overcoming fear is detachment and setting priorities according to God’s will. The other half of the battle is to trust in the Lord, that He has complete charge of your life of what comes and what goes. So, those are the other main points. In America, we’re undergoing one financial crisis after another and the Lord has spoken to me about why He is allowing this. That’s going to be my next video. I think you’ll be shocked at what He has to say. God bless you all and thank you for tuning in.