



## Divine Intimacy



If you're anything like me you are on a constant search to find and walk in the perfect will of God. You're not looking for ways to sin. You're especially not looking for ways to fall short of God's will, you're really on a full-time hunt to find and do the will of God. When you discover what you've done is a mistake you know that you didn't set out to blow it. It's not that God's will is so hard to find, but we have so many natural and dark things that can become obstacles to finding His plan. He told us that if we commit our ways to Him, HE will establish our path. We're also warned that there is a way that SEEMS right to a man, but the end of that way is DEATH. So with that in mind we have to know that along with our diligent search to find God's will are opportunities to miss it.

In looking for God's will one day I read that the word *faith* or *trust* could be defined as "unqualified committal". I thought back to the day I accepted Yeshua/Jesus as my *Lord*. I was earnest in my decision to give my life to him, but as I look back on that day I also realize I had little idea of what that would mean in the days, months and years ahead. I realized

that our command to take up our cross daily speaks of an ongoing commitment. *Each day* we have to "count the cost". *Each day* we have to consider if we have what it takes to go up to battle against the adversary. Luke was the only apostle who told us we were supposed to *daily* take up our cross. The others just told us we had a cross to carry and eventually we would be asked to give up our lives. As I mature I realize sometimes it's more like a moment by moment decision to take up the cross and follow the Lord. I'm just glad it's God who is working in me both to will and to do of His good pleasure. Whew!

Paul in the book of Romans tells us that we are not our own, that we are bought with a price. That to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice is our *reasonable duty*. This same apostle told us that the things we suffer here are *light affliction*. If you consider the things that Paul suffered for the Anointed One and his anointing, you know in the natural none of it was light affliction. I don't call being stoned multiple times light affliction, but in comparison to death in the Lake of Fire or the deaths that Yeshua/Jesus suffered; it's a small thing to be stoned.

Perilous times are here. To say that they aren't is truly to be in complete denial. To see the way lost men think and act today is to see Sodom and Gomorrah. Just remember the events of 9-11 or the Oklahoma bombing. Think back to the earthquake and subsequent Tsunami of 2004. The wars and rumors of wars promised by the Lord are here. All the signs are in place. The fullness of the Gentiles is here. The time when men will not endure sound doctrine is here. The time when men are lovers of themselves more than lovers of God is here.

I have just returned from a nation

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that **USED TO BE** a majority of what we would call Protestant believers. Today, that is far from the truth. Sure there are Orthodox churches to be found, but they are full of folks who are faithful to the priests, but have little knowledge of the Word of God. They follow all sorts of traditions, but have no personal relationship with the Lord of Glory. There are a few faithful spirit-filled believers in Belarus. I've met with them. I shared my knowledge of what godly marriage is with their women. Most were very ignorant of the word and practical application of the word. What I thought should be biblical and foundational to a good marriage was foreign to the women who had been married for many many years.

I don't share these things to discourage you, but to perhaps call you to a deeper walk. We need the most intimate of relationships with the Father these days. We need to be able to hear His voice like it was roaring thunder, even when He whispers, "Go left". A child doesn't always understand why you tell him to obey your voice, but should he step out in front of an oncoming semi-truck you would want him to pay attention instantly and obey as quickly. So it is with God and what He wants for His children. We must hear His voice and be quick to obey it for our very lives' sake. I will leave you with a chorus He gave me earlier this year. I use it to remind myself of the goal ahead.

Oh to be so close to thee that thy whisper sounds a roar.

Oh to be so close to thee and love thee more and more.

Like the air that I breath, like the beating of my heart.

Oh to be so close to thee in every single part.

## Vexed

In my study of healing for the Body of Christ I have asked the Father many questions. One being, "Why are we not prospering like 3 John 2 promises?" He took me to 2 Peter 2:7-8 *"And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:(For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds.)"*

I've shared a little of this with you in the newsletter in the past, but after my stay in Belarus I want to go a little deeper so we can see the significance of receiving restoration in our souls.

Six years ago the Lord spoke to me to learn Russian and Chinese. I had no idea then why or to what end I was learning these languages, I love languages and so I began by delving into Russian. Only now after returning from Belarus do I know a bit more of why He asked me to focus on these two languages. Belarus is a small country in the middle of the former Soviet Block of nations. It is north of Ukraine and south of Russia. It is one of the most fought over countries in that region of the world. Belarus used to be predominantly Protestant or what we would call "born again". Not so today. During my five weeks there I saw some of the most oppressed people I've ever witnessed. I rarely saw smiles except on the children's faces or when the adults were drinking alcohol. (I don't want to make sweeping generalizations, but in the places I went and during my short stay I will share what I saw.) Open consumption of alcohol is the norm there. It isn't odd to see a man buy a beer and drink it on the bus. It is also not odd to see alcohol soaked drunks falling and fumbling just about anywhere you go in Minsk and the small towns around Minsk.

Let's return to the word "vexed". To vex is to oppress or harass. We're told in 2 Peter that Lot was vexed by the filthy conversation of the wicked as well as seeing and hearing their unlawful deeds. Believers in America are vexed everyday by the "tares" or the children of the wicked one. They rub their filthy lives in our faces. I have little desire to watch TV these days because I've been vexed enough times by the open acceptance of homosexuality. I'm not ignorant of the enemy's devices and know his plan is to spread it like he did in Sodom and Gomorrah.

Now let's go back to Belarus and Russia. There are missionaries in Russia and in Ukraine because of the open doors. Folks aren't so likely to go where they will be openly persecuted and that is the case in Belarus. I don't even pretend to be any sort of aficionado on Belarus or Russian history. I do know that 1 in 4 Belarusian citizens were slaughtered in World War II. Most of the pre

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WWII buildings in Belarus were also wiped off the face of the country and the buildings that stand today have been built since that time. What I do know is that Christianity, which was the norm, is now the exception. The countries I visited have been oppressed since the 9<sup>th</sup> century. It didn't take much observation to see that the oppression has taken its toll.

Why do I share this? Because it is the way America is headed. If believers don't stand up and come out of the world and be separate and speak in spite of rejection or persecution, we'll join the ranks of the people of Belarus. We can't be quietly obedient or holy, but must go into "ALL the world" and live the gospel.

I won't leave you without hope. I attended a small church in Minsk. It was a full gospel, spirit filled congregation that met in an old bible college building. Three other groups of believers meet in that same building. There is also another full gospel church in Minsk with attendance numbering about 1500! There are believers there and so there is hope. These congregations are thriving for one reason, they are persecuted. I was told that every week the police come and harass this larger congregation. In order to hold control over the people, the government has made it next to impossible to buy land or build a building. The government has backed the Russian Orthodox Church and **only** the Orthodox Church. In every small community they are building little chapel-like Orthodox churches. They are cute, but they are tools of oppression. In spite of this type of government the light has come to Belarus and people are getting born again. I lead a 13 year old girl named Sasha to the Lord while visiting her in the hospital. She was in the hospital because of either abuse or neglect by her alcoholic mother. My friend Snezhana led her own brother Artur to the Lord just before I left. I also gave a bible to a young Uzbek man (Snezhana's 24 year old cousin Vitaley). His reaction surprised me. I had given him a CD player and headsets just before I left. I was lightening my load before I boarded the plane for home. He was overwhelmed with the small gift, but when I also gave him a bible and daily devotional he lit up like a flood light. He insisted I sign it and dedicate it. I wrote a short message and blessing in English and his cousin (my friend Snezhana) translated it into Russian for him. We gave him a short les-

son on how to study the bible and also how to use the devotional. He was much more thrilled with the bible and study book than with the CD player.

The young people are really curious and hungry for more than what their parents have. Of course the people are just happy to be able to worship, even if it's in the Orthodox Church. For so many years all worship was done underground.

We just really have to stand up for our faith. We can't blithely sit by and watch happen to the US what has happened to Belarus. If we love our freedom we will have to fight for it. I'm not talking about going to some other country and fight; I'm talking about speaking the gospel and living it out loud before men. We stand today free because our forefathers were believers and refused to acquiesce to the king and his state governed Church of England. If we don't walk by faith and do what God says He can't protect us. If we close our ears to preachers of righteousness and holiness, we close our ears to the mouth pieces of God. Men don't naturally choose to warn one another. It's far easier to just sit in ones' comfort zone and say nothing, ask Jonah or Elijah. It takes a sacrificial, unqualified committal to God to open your mouth and say, "ENOUGH". We are saying, "ENOUGH" to you today.

*Rev 2:25 But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.*

*Rev 3:11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.*

## **Nigerian Connection**

I don't remember exactly when we sent the last box of English and Igbo bibles to Nigeria, but it's been months. I finally received an email this weekend (July 24, 2005) telling us that they had finally received them. Chima told me that two of the English bibles had been stolen (what a shame that someone lost has those bibles)! I found out also in the email that the English bibles are pretty easy for them to get, but the Igbo bibles were a huge blessing. The Nigerian customs people charged Chima for those bibles so funds had to be raised just to get them from

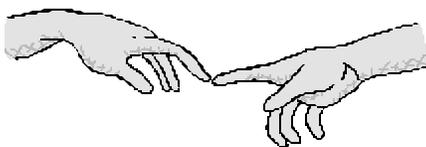
the customs people. This is part of the reason it took so long for them to receive and report to us of their arrival. The paperback bibles really are cheaper for them to get right there in Nigeria, but Igbo bibles are rare and hard to come by. They don't mind paying taxes and customs fees for the Igbo bibles, but it's cheaper for them to just buy English bibles straight out. We will be buying ONLY Igbo bibles from now on to send to them. If you would like to help remember that the Igbo bibles are around \$13.00 each along with shipping and handling.

This is another example to remind us that we should NEVER take our bibles for granted. The word of God is not to be taken lightly. I remember hearing of a Jewish woman who received Yeshua/Jesus as her Lord and Savior. She was disgusted at the way the bibles were handled in the churches she had been attending. They were dropped on the floor, kicked, and just plain abused. When we blessed a Chinese woman with a Chinese/English bible she just bowed and praised God for quite a while. We should be ashamed at how nonchalant we are in our treatment and ignoring the word.

I remind you of these fateful words from the prophet Amos:

*Amos 8:11 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD.*

## Hungry for His Touch



There is something new going on in my spirit. It's a deep and heavy thing.

I know it was stirred up by my visit to Belarus. I felt so helpless most of the time. I missed my life in America. I missed my freedoms, but more than that I realized I was missing something that I hadn't "felt" in a very long time. I missed a fresh touch from the Father. I know that my

spirit and His Holy Spirit speak together all the time. I have no doubts that He is sending mysteries from heaven to my spirit every single time I pray in the spirit. But I am also very aware that I am missing the supernatural manifestations I remember from my early spirit-filled days.

There is a difference in the amount of contact a father has with a baby and the contact he has with a grown child. A father with a new baby holds, cuddles, pacifies and teaches easy lessons. A father with a toddler has to allow that child more freedom, including the freedom to fall flat on his fanny when he's learning to walk. A youngster is less likely to spend a great deal of time with his father. He's busy doing school work, playing with his buddies and then and only then does he return home and run to his father. He will bore his father with endless tales of conquests and battles won. During the teen years there is less communication and even a tendency to avoid intimate contact in the search for independence. Only in the direst of circumstances will a teen child run to the arms of his father. A mature son is much different. He will hug his father and not let go. Hugs are few and far between and meetings are also rare. There is comfort in that hug, in holding onto ones' father.

Life is full of cycles, circles, lessons and stages. We seem to be on some sort of circular path all the time. My prayers are full of petitions for hugs and intimate times for all the Body of Christ. We really need that touch of comfort from the Father. It matters little which stage we're in, there definitely is a time to embrace as Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes.

## Confess or Deny

*1 John 4:2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus The Messiah is come in the flesh is of God:*

*2 John 7 many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus The Messiah is come in*



*the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.*

I know I know many of you are saying, “Jeff, Jeff come on you have told us this before we already know about this subject let’s get on with something new.”

First of all let me remind you that there is nothing new under the sun!

Secondly you say you already know about this subject yet many of you watch men and women who teach from the spirit of anti-christ all week long, everyday on television, you subscribe to their magazines and teaching tapes and listen to them on the radio. You even send money to help support them because of your misappropriated love for them, and because you don’t see the spirit of antichrist working in them. You tell me that you understand that I have warned you about this before, but you still watch and listen to them with an open mind, allowing the spirit of antichrist to get into your thinking. I am telling you as plainly as I can just as the apostle John did, “many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus, The Messiah is come in the flesh”. I tell you, “This is a deceiver and an antichrist”. It doesn’t matter how well they know the bible and all of its words, they deny that the Messiah has already come and are of the spirit of anti-christ! What fellowship does light (you) have to do with darkness (them)? You have believed a lie if you think they are “OK” with God because of some twisted teaching about that anyone can keep or be Torah observant. *Rom 10:9-10* “*If you shall confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you shall be saved. For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation*”. The ONLY way to be Torah observant unto salvation is to observe that Jesus was, is, and always will be the Torah that came in the flesh, was crucified and was raised from the dead by God. All that is required by God now is that you “observe” that you need His sacrifice because of your condemned condition.” This is true whether you be Jewish or gentile! We all have come short of the glory of God so

He sent His Son into the world; not to condemn the world, because we were condemned already, but to save all the people of the world. He came to give the Israelite a sacrifice for the sin by which Adam condemned the entire human race. To give the non-Israelite a sacrifice for the sin Adam condemned the entire human race with. There is no difference, the whole human race needs that sacrifice and if you are being taught by some man that calls himself a rabbi anything other than that QUIT LISTENING TO HIM!!! “Oh Jeff he is so peaceful and soft spoken and gentle.” You are hooked on brain candy falling off the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. You will be deceived to the same point so many others have, hundreds of other people I’m talking about that come to a place of deception that they themselves deny that Jesus is their Messiah! You say, “Jeff I would never deny that Jesus is my Messiah.” So did all those other people not too long ago.

Folks, brothers, sisters listen to me and please don’t remain proud and ignorant. If you watch any Israelite rabbi that is not born-again he is of the spirit of anti-christ. I don’t know how to make it any plainer. Your only job in that man’s life is not to listen to his teaching but to show him his need for His Messiah that has already come in the flesh. To make sure he knows there is hell waiting for him and all others that die without Jesus as their Messiah! There will be no more Messiah coming in the flesh. That will never happen again. He was the final sacrifice once and **for all!!** Your job is to get him born-again because no matter how much you have come to love him and think he must know God better than you...he doesn’t!! Our bible says that there is one way to get to the Father and that one way is through Jesus-The Messiah.

Ignorant is a place of choice. The root of that word is ignoring. Have you already chosen to ignore God? Have you already chosen to ignore me again? Will you by choice remain ignorant to the fact that we have numerous warnings in our bible as to this subject? There is a way that seems right to a man, but the end thereof is truly death.

Here are only a few I will leave you with. These aren’t my words but the words of the original Apostles of the Lamb:

**1 Tim. 1:3-10** the law is not made for a right-

eous man (do you believe that?)

**1 Tim. 4: 1-7** every creature of God is to be received with thanksgiving (to eat) do you believe that?

**2 Tim. 3: 16** all scripture is given by inspiration of God, do you believe the New Testament is scripture?

**2 Tim. 4: 1-4** do you have a heap of teachers taking care of your itches?

**Titus 1: 14-16** self explanatory

**2 Pet. 1: 15-21** do you believe a rabbi that has not received Jesus has the Holy Spirit?

**2 Pet. 2: 1-3** has this already happened to you?

**1 John 2: 18-19** do you see this around you?

**1 John 4: 1-6** Do you ignore that you know this to be true of who you listen to?

**2 John 1: 7-8** have you already lost your reward?

**Jude 1: 3-4** have you allowed certain men to creep in unaware?

**Hebrews 5: 1-13** this letter was written to **Hebrews** that had become ignorant of their righteousness, which was Jesus, The Messiah... have you?

**Hebrews 10: 19-23** have you entered back into the old and dieing way, have you left the new and living way?

**Romans 5: 8-21** has someone caused you to forget rabbi Paul included himself in this?

Stop watching and listening and reading things from men and women that openly say they do not believe nor have they received Jesus as the Messiah. They are of the wrong spirit! I say again, **“WAKE UP!!!”**

## Belarus and Ukraine



**Please Pray for Sasha, I lead her to the Lord while in the hospital.**

I haven't had an opportunity to speak to all of you since returning so I will take a little time to share some of my adventure in Belarus and the Ukraine here. As you may or may not know I spent five weeks there, but was only in Kiev, Ukraine for a few days. I wasn't exactly sure why I was supposed to go before, during or immediately after returning, but am slowly seeing the significance of my journey. The first lesson I learned was that I will



**Galina & I clowning in shelter.**

NEVER again go that far from home without Jeff to lead, guide and direct me. I saw more than my share of unsubmitted misdirected women while on my journey and so the MOST important lesson I learned for the ump-

teenth time is the power of godly submission to husbands. (My husband ok'd my journey or I would never have gone in the first place), and because of my submission I had his covering, but covering wasn't enough. I was protected, but not directed.

I did visit orphanages, shelters and the branch of the Marina Gorka Hospital better known as “the abandoned baby” section. I saw my share of children without parents, but more importantly I saw a land full of adults without the Father (the true orphans of Belarus). This rings especially sad when you consider that Belarus was once the only Protestant or “born again” country in the Russian block of nations. I don't even remember who told me these facts, but it surely isn't true today. The only “authorized” church today is the Russian Orthodox Church. The Belarusian government recognizes this church and sanctions no one else. There are little Orthodox chapels and churches popping up all over Belarus. I saw many little “babushkas” cleaning and fussing over these little buildings. I actually stepped inside one during a service on “Trinity Day”. I saw lots of pomp and circumstance, but little power there. There were stores to buy icons and idols, but no one to pray the prayer of faith or tell of salvation through Jesus.

The sad shape of this nation is evident on the faces of its people. The vast majority of the people I saw were expressionless tired and appeared hopeless. There is open alcohol consumption in both Belarus and the Ukraine. I even saw one man who had been so drunk he had fallen and split his skull open. He was openly bleeding on the subway in Kiev and no one seemed to notice or to care. My lack of fluency in Russian frustrated me as I could do nothing to communicate my concern for him. His helpless condition steeled my dedicated to become fluent in Russian.

There were so many challenges to be overcome in Belarus, but there were many opportunities for ministry as well. The Lord opened the door for me to proph-

esy at the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a spirit-filled church. I'm still in awe at how the pastor opened his pulpit for me to share and am still taking in all that happened there.

There were many examples of the effects of American "religion" on Belarus. Some would be satisfied with just the salvation of a soul, but I'm one who believes the saved should be made disciples. The "graduates" from the orphanages are good examples of what happens when one is saved from one sort of death, but allowed to flounder and die another kind of death in the long run. Considering there are 33,000 registered orphans in Belarus (who knows how many go unregistered) and that only 3% make it to normal successful adulthood, I'd say the job of those in charge is to actually do more than just to give them a fish.

I actually heard a pastor say, "American missionaries have a bad reputation in Belarus". I never had the opportunity to find out why, but I saw some things that lead me to many ugly conclusions.

I didn't write this to leave you with a bad report. My heart says more than ever that first we need to find repentance in our own homes. The Body needs to be re-fired, recommitted, rededicated and restored to the place of authority and power. We are a weak reflection of the Lord. We as the bride of Messiah need to be spotless and without wrinkle. We need to be submitted **and** directed by Yeshua/Jesus as our groom. He has set up the kingdom and we need to follow his plan.



**Russian Orthodox Bell Tower being built in Gatava.**

## Fools Rush In



One of the most challenging lessons any of us can learn is that even when we think we know something spiritual, we really haven't even tapped the surface of it. I hear the words, "I know" come out of my mouth and I immediately know that I'm in trouble. When I say those words I basically make myself unteachable.

*Prov 18:2A fool hath no delight in understand-*

*ing, but that his heart may discover itself.*

Here we have a verse that pretty much says it all about the foolish. He/she never shuts up. He/she is only interested in what he/himself or she/herself has to say. No matter how often you hope they will hold their tongues they go on and on. You know that they are sowing seed like a child on a merry-go-round holding the seed bag with a hole in it. Seed is whipping around like wild and you see nothing but waste.

Now mind you we all have foolish tendencies that we have to deal with. We will blab when we're overly nervous. We'll cover up our ignorance of a given subject by going on and on about something we feel more confident. We all will find ourselves changing the subject when we're uncomfortable with the subject of conversation, but do we have to stay foolish? I say no.

*Prov 13:16 Every prudent man dealeth with knowledge: but a fool layeth open his folly.*

*Prov 14:16 A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident.*

We have lots of examples of foolishness in the bible. The fool in Psalms says, "There is no God". If you are a child of God you have made the decision that the Yeshua/Jesus is not only your Savior, but your Lord as well. That means you are NOT YOUR OWN. Your words should be few. Our pattern is Yeshua/Jesus. He NEVER spoke his own mind. He only spoke what the Father spoke. Now there's a challenge and a half for all of us. Samuel had to be one very strong-willed man. The Lord was with Samuel and an amazing thing happened. I'll let the bible speak for itself in this case.

*1 Sam 3:19 And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.*

*Prov 17:28 Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.*

Last but not least:

*James 1:19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak.....*



# Jeff & Cerise's August 2005 Schedule

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7 Rivers of Living Waters 10:30 AM Odessa, TX	8	9	10 Odessa #18 Antebellum 7-9PM	11 Andrews 1109 NW 12th PL 7-9PM	12 Hobbs Doc Dean's office 7-9PM	13 Roswell 2401 N Grand 2-4PM
14 Ruidoso, NM Cerise Taos, NM Jeff	15 Ruidoso/Taos	16 Ruidoso/Taos	17 Ruidoso/Taos	18 Ruidoso/Taos	19 Ruidoso Jeff returns from Taos	20 REST!
21 REST!	22	23	24 Odessa 10 Louisiana Cove 7-9PM	25	26	27
28 Rivers of Living Waters 10:30AM Odessa, TX	29	30	31	Please pray for Jeff while he is in Taos!	If you have prayer needs CALL. 432-550-7642	Email: firstlightconsulting@yahoo.com

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