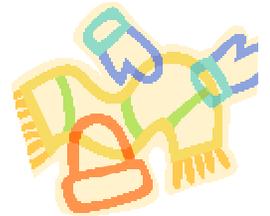




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Here we are at the end of another Roman calendar year and the beginning of another. We know the set patterns of this kind of calendar because it's been in use for around 2,000 years. As is the pattern with folks, we look back over the year and give a report. Since we live in both the Roman world and the biblical world we watch how they intersect and how they contradict one another. Here is our report:

We want to thank each and every one of you who has helped us financially in 2003. Your seed ensured that Jeff could focus on Abba Father and not on "making money". We have very few natural needs, but we do have needs and each and every one of them has been met by the Body of Christ. How exciting that God can speak to His children and they hear His voice and supply the need. The word teaches us that the natural is first and then the spiritual. You meeting our natural needs first allow us to focus on the spiritual. The natural just keeps cycling around us, the mortgage is paid, our electric bill is covered and the other monthly bills and then they come again. Your love and communication of it by giving to us keeps the natural things in check and we so appreciate it.

We also want to thank those of you who have interceded, studied, meditated and shared your divine gifts with us. The spiritual revelations you have heard for us have helped us pave a clear path and begin a strong foundation for First Light since August 27th 2002. We thank you and Praise God for speaking His heart to you!

We covet your prayers of protection, wisdom, understanding, and provision for the Roman year 2004. Please don't let up especially for protection. It is not uncommon for the adversary to slip in a physical attack here and there because you can't SEE the affect of your prayers. However, we feel those attacks when you let up and we'd prefer to have less of them than more! You're prayers are vital to our success, so don't stop. Jeff has always said that the most important thing for the success of any ministry, business, kingdom or family is prayer. Prayer is contact with heaven and you are the conduit that carries it. Your words of faith for us, for the will of God and for the Body of Christ are more important than even the money you send. DON'T STOP.

At present we are asking for prayer for an effectual door of utterance in the area of Northern New Mexico (the Taos area). We are trusting God for a clear path, for favor with Him and with men, for no obstacles that we can't overcome and for refining of the vision God has given to Jeff. Again we mention that Taos and the success we have there will have a profound affect upon the US, the world and Israel.

Metamorphosis

*Rom. 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye **transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

These words have been running through my mind over and over for many days now. It seems that I always have areas that need to be changed or transformed. I have **emboldened** these words because that is how they jumped out at me last week. I was experiencing alarming symptoms in my body and as is my practice I went to the word like some might go to the medicine cabinet for a pill.



Special points of interest:

- ?? We have a website with our newsletters available for print at <http://www.proverbialwoman.com>
- ?? Call for prayer at 432-550-7642
- ?? Email Jeff at firstlightconsulting@yahoo.com
- ?? Email Cerise at cerise@proverbialwoman.com

Metamorphosis

This whole situation is much like many other situations I've dealt with. When I face physical, emotional or spiritual lows I tend to pull aside and get in the word and get the word in me; I also listen for the Spirit of God to speak to me. He is always sending answers to those who have their receivers on. He reminded me of the words of another man of God as I was going through this "valley". "Healing comes from the spirit out to the flesh". I can hear those words clearly as if they were being said to me today. Another woman of God shared an analogy that the Lord showed her while preaching in the Philippines. She was looking at a fountain outside her hotel window. The water was spraying high and fast from the spigots of that fountain. The Lord taught her that as long as there was water flowing from that fountain no garbage could remain. We're told also in the word of God that out of our bellies (inner man) will flow rivers of living water. This will only happen if we have the word going in and flowing out. We aren't allowed to dam it up, store it in barrels or hog it for ourselves. Folks who study and study and never use what they are learning for others will end up with rancid, stagnant pools within themselves. I know folks like this. They hibernate, never associate with other people, hide behind fear and make excuses for never sharing the gospel. I used to be one of those people so I can see the symptoms pretty clearly. The Lord dealt with me about my selfishness in this arena and I began to step out and share the life lessons the Father had taught me. We are never to be transformed into the likeness of God for our own benefit alone. Sure we need to understand healing before we minister healing, but we don't receive healing so we can stay home, watch TV, and play on the computer, read novels or a thousand other diversions I used to take part in rather than be around people.

2 Cor 3:18

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.
KJV



Let's go back to the first part of this verse. It says that we aren't supposed to be conformed to this world. The dark side of this world is made up selfish egocentric people. Even when they do good deeds, it is so folks will see them or so they can feel good about themselves.

As I was meditating on these few words, I began to see how my flesh would be **transformed** from what I had to what God wanted me to have. Have you ever noticed how a few words spoken by inspiration of the Holy Spirit can be like a seven course meal? I looked up the word **transformed** in my bible program looking for all similar occurrences. The Strong's number is 3339 for those of you who enjoy looking it up. Here are the times it is mentioned:

Matt 17:2

Mark 9:2

Rom 12:2

2 Cor 3:18

The first two scriptures refer to Y'shua's transfiguration! The last two refer to **our transformation** or "metamorphosis". We are to be **transformed** just as Y'shua was **transformed** before the eyes of his most trusted disciples. If you go back to the Greek root of this word you will see that we are to submit ourselves to a pattern and that pattern is Y'shua.

I enjoy sewing, I can use patterns, but I really like making my own patterns. In the kingdom of God we have an established accepted pattern and he is Y'shua. In my sewing class in 7th grade I was a rebellious student. I had sewn before I stepped into the classroom. I was used to doing things my own way. Now this is good when you need to make yourself a dress and haven't had any formal teaching. It was not good for me in that classroom. I didn't want to submit to the pattern that my teacher had drawn out. I didn't want to use seam tape or hem lace. I'd sewn dresses without aid of such things. In my mind they were frivolous and added to the cost of the garment. In my teacher's mind, she was thinking about teaching us tailoring. She was teaching girls how to sew who had never threaded a needle. I'd had other teachers (my grandma and mother) and was used to following their examples, but when you're required to submit to a new teacher you have to be willing to obey the rules of that new teacher.

When we are in the world we have many teachers. We have our parents, our siblings, our extended family members, our peers and of course our school teachers. Each "teacher" has his/her own

set of rules and patterns that you follow. When you accept God as your Father by choosing His representative Y'shua you submit to a whole new set of rules. The really great thing is that God's rules are written like those that might be engraved in granite; they never change! The more of these rules or patterns we know the more we are **transformed**. If we need healing and submit to His healing patterns, the better our bodies feel! If we need finances and submit to His financial patterns, the more prosperous we become. You get the drift. So the next time you are faced with some sort of obstacle, situation or circumstance why not consider looking for the pattern for success in His word. Get at least two or three different yet corresponding pattern pieces (scriptures from different places in the word that agree) and begin to meditate on them. Then pray in the spirit and finally listen for the Spirit of God to add to what you've just heard. You will find your situation being "**transformed**" or transformed and this change in your situation will prove what is God's good, His acceptable and finally His perfect will in your life!

Harmony

When you think about music and how it works you can see some wonderful things about God and His kingdom (us)! Consider how you can add two very different notes or even three notes and make harmonious sounds that are pleasing in our ears. That's how it can be with us in God's ears. He encourages us to play our own distinct notes together with one another and make harmony in His hearing. We are all so different, but when put together one with another, working and willing to do God's bidding it's so harmonious. It's a goal worth working for and towards.

How can we exhort one another to make this sort of spiritual music? It's so easy to be afraid of letting each other know about our frailties and shortcomings. It's so much easier to hibernate and hide from one another. It's so simple to stay in a comfort zone of self service rather than step out and touch someone hurting.

I've eaten some very tasty food in my life. I've been blessed to try many things and once I'd enjoyed them I began to desire them again. A good T-bone steak done just right marinated to make it tender and juicy is worth having more than once. There is a restaurant we go to that used to serve the most scrumptious dessert I've ever had. It began with a dark chocolate crumb crust. The next layer was sweet buttery caramel. The largest layer was of Spumoni ice cream laced with dark sweet Bing cherries. The last layer was light and fluffy real whipped cream with a Bing cherry as garnish. It was such a big portion you really had to share it with someone. If you go to that restaurant today they no longer serve it. That doesn't make my desiring it any less; in fact I think it causes the yearning to be greater. That's how it is once you've experienced the heavy anointing presence of the Holy Spirit. Well the time has come for us to be united as in *Ps 133:1-2 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garment.* The anointing of unity should be the next goal in our hearts, because it is God's perfect will. How much sweeter will the anointing be when we get this unity down? When we are able to get past our own shortcomings, past the weaknesses that we see in one another and be willing to play our distinct sounds together for the Father's glory. He desires it like I desire Spumoni cake at my favorite restaurant. What God desires will come to pass!

Have you ever listened to a quartet of singers all from the same family? Their voices are very similar, but each brother or sister sings a different note. They come from the same lineage so that their voices blend so smoothly. It's such a thrill to hear them come together and take a song that four unrelated people might sing and sound completely different. That's how it is in the kingdom with spiritual brothers and sisters! When we make the decision to really believe the word of God, step out on that word and that word alone and pull together for one purpose! I've said it before and I'll keep saying it "There is nothing like being in the perfect will of God. One second in His perfect will is worth it all".

Ps 133:1-2 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments.

Eph 4:13

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

KJV



The Gift of You

It's amazing how the Father layers great things together when you just stop and listen for Him. This evening I was all alone except for our little dog Chorney. I watched a movie, something I don't usually do and the Lord just really spoke to me about one of the greatest gifts that we possess and that gift is each other. He said it best "It is not good for man to live alone". If I look around our little mobile home and examine the stuff that we possess and do a smidgen of soul searching I can honestly say that the cards and letters you send are worth more to us than all the other material goods. Now it's not the paper and the words alone that mean anything, but the fact that they represent our ties together. It seems that just when we're a little down, a little blue one of you out there writes. Sometimes you share something about yourselves, sometimes you just encourage us, and sometimes all you do is sign them.

I haven't always appreciated cards, but these days they are like little lifelines that help us when the tide seems to be against us. I used to think that cards were just obligations that people sent to sooth their consciences, but that was back in my skeptical unbelieving days. I used to believe that no one really cared about other people, but that was before the Lord put a spark of His life and love in my soul. Even now as I reveal myself to folks I find myself enjoying committing to more and more people because I really enjoy being part of a bigger whole.

What's really exciting is knowing that God has a marvelous plan based on perfected love and we're a major part of that plan. No matter how skeptical and black it gets out there, I'm excited because there are so many of you that are eternally knit to us. Whether we go to little Nogal, New Mexico or Pecos, Texas we have really important people that we love and are becoming entwined with their hearts. You are the greatest gift that God has ever given us. Oh yes, do keep your cards, letters, emails and phone calls coming!

Looking Back To See Forward

It's funny but when you receive a word of prophecy you really have very little clue to how that word will play out in your life. Sure you had ideas, you have fuzzy dreams of what you think will happen, but usually you are clueless until it plays out.

Ps 105:19 Until the time that his (Joseph) word came: the word of the LORD tried him.

OT:6884 (tried) tsaraph (tsaw-raf'); a primitive root; to fuse (metal), i.e. refine (literally or figuratively): KJV - cast, (re-) fine (-er), founder, goldsmith, melt, pure, purge away, try. (Biblesoft's New Exhaustive Strong's Numbers and Concordance with Expanded Greek-Hebrew Dictionary. Copyright (c) 1994, Biblesoft and International Bible Translators, Inc.)

Joseph had dreams and he had visions from God. He rehearsed his dreams before the people around him. Sure those rehearsals caused him to suffer in the short haul, but in the long run the result of speaking them brought them to pass.

Every man, woman and child has a word from God for his or her life. God has a plan and a place for each of us. If we allow Him to accomplish His plan for our lives we will come out with good things at the end. If we refuse His plan we will still be used by God, but the outcome will not be favorable for us.

The Psalmist writes about Joseph and his dreams. He tells us that we have moeds (appointed times) when the word God speaks about us will come to pass. He also tells us that until that appointed time comes, we will be tried by fiery trials. Most of us aren't thrilled about hearing the Psalmist sing this song, but if you're in a fiery trial and you don't understand why, you may begin to look at this differently. Another Holy Spirit inspired writer told us, *Proverbs 29:18 "Where there is no vision, the people perish"*. So it's clearly better to have a vision and go through some fire than to have no vision and die.

Looking at the life of Joseph again we remember the many trials of his faith which he endured. His mother dies giving birth to his little brother, his brothers hate him because his dad loves him, his brothers capture him, his brothers steal his beloved coat, his brothers sell him to passing traders, he is sold again, he is enticed by a married seductress, he is lied about, he is thrown in jail, he helps out two

1 Cor 3:13

Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.
KJV



Looking Back continued

men in jail, and last of all he is forgotten by men who promise to remember him. It's probably a good thing he didn't know he would have to endure all this before his dreams would come to pass, otherwise he might have declined. On the end of all of it we remember his great promotion and the reunion he has with his brothers and father. But that isn't really what we need to focus on. It's those fiery trials.

Each one of the fiery trials he endured purged something undesirable from Joseph and developed purity. That's where we need to camp out. Let's look at them in order. His mother dying at the birth of Benjamin had to be a hard thing. You have to really move around in the word to find and understand this. It's rather a passing thought in the bible, but if you've ever been faced with the death of a loved one you know it isn't a passing thought. What does death purge and yet develop in our characters and in our lives? The death of our son gave me a yearning to be with him again. It gave me a different perspective in life; it made me realize I was mortal and that the life force in us goes somewhere, but where? It made me yearn for God to eradicate death. But most importantly it made me compassionate towards others who had suffered loss. What did it purge? It purged self centeredness. It purged short sightedness, it purged worldliness. It is still working in my life to purge things that aren't important. What about the hatred of his brothers? What good could possibly come from that? I've had family members who thought they hated me and were jealous of me. I've been one who has hated and has been jealous and it caused things to manifest in those it affected. Having folks hate you can cause you to examine your life for the cause of their hatred or jealousy. It causes you to make the decision to purge qualities that might cause such extreme behavior. Having hate or jealousy in your life can be debilitating and it's something that must be dealt with or it will eventually destroy.

All of the things that Joseph suffered have been experienced by mankind throughout history, but those same things had differing effects on different people. Why? I believe it's because Joseph chose to have God as his founding stone. He really had to know His God in order to come out on top of all those trials. He could have become bitter and vengeful towards his family, but instead he chose to secretly rescue and love them. They clearly wouldn't have reacted to him positively had they known from the get go that it was him that stood before them dressed in Egyptian garb. Joseph also needed to know a few things before he revealed himself in all his promoted glory. He had to know if they were repentant for their behavior. He had to know if his father was alive. He had to know if little Benjamin had been treated as cruelly. He had to know where he stood should he reveal himself to them.

Joseph had a word from the Lord and he allowed God to purge and develop him into silver and gold tried by fire. The pure silver and gold were the result of the trying by fire. The silver and gold were the vision at the end of the trying. We shall all come out like pure gold, but only if we allow the word of the Lord to try us as Joseph was tried.

I've shared this before, but it is never more apropos than with this lesson. How does a silversmith know when all the dross is gone from the silver? He can see his own reflection. How do we know that all the dross is removed from our lives? When we see the silversmith, Abba Father reflected in our lives. Selah.

Working Out With Jeff About Him Or "Of Him?"



I want to share something that has been in my heart for quite some time. I believe now is the time for all of us to receive a greater revelation of the Messiah. People travel hundreds and sometimes thousands of miles in this country, and some run virtually all over the globe to sit and hear a man speak "about" God. They travel so they can learn wonderful things; all the equations of success, the

Ps 66:10

**10 For thou, O God, hast
proved us: thou hast tried
us, as silver is tried.**

KJV



Working Out With Jeff continued

many different ways to obey God's word so as to move His hand in their favor. Aren't you tired of showing up to a place every time you are supposed to be there according to the set schedule and after everything is over think, "Why did I come"? Don't you wonder sometimes why things remain the same, nothing seems to change except the names of the days passing, the number of gray hairs on your head or maybe the lack thereof? You see the same hurting sick people in the healing line week after week. It is time for the entire body of Christ to receive what John on the Isle of Patmos received. Paul received it, Peter, Matthew, Mark, Luke and yes even Yeshua/Jesus Himself received this; a revelation of the Messiah. Who He was! Who He IS! And what He accomplished in the lives of all mankind. You can't receive that revelation from me nor can you receive it from any man on this earth. It must come from the Holy Spirit by divine revelation. There is a verse in Joshua that glowed above the rest of the page as I was reading one evening...have you ever had that happen to you? Let's begin by remembering that your bible has Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy **before** the book of Joshua. The first thing we read in Joshua is that Moses is dead! Next enters Joshua to lead his generation into the Promised Land. Joshua takes them out from the land of sin and death by law, to a land of faith where God will do what He says. Joshua was with the old generation in the wilderness a very long time learning "**about**" God but had not, up to his entry into the Promised Land, had a revelation of Him. Even after all those years hearing and learning and even seeing miracles he knew about but not of Him. I would say Joshua knew much "**about**" God but had no revelation of Him. The verse I mentioned that glowed was *Joshua 5:13 "Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?"* He did not recognize the word of God when He showed up as help. Possibly because what God was doing with his generation was so different from the past but suffice it to say God's word is standing in front of him with sword drawn and ready to help in time of need and Joshua asked, "*Are you for us or for our enemies?"* That may be a fair and good question for someone like Joshua but not one we as the body of Christ need ask!

**"Do you know about
God or of Him?"**



There is a move of God beginning and it is for those who will receive a revelation "**of Him**". Let me tell you what will begin to happen; you will begin to move toward your God and His Christ as never before in your life. What this will mean to you is nothing will be more important than what He is saying to you. The devil you have been so busy chasing, binding, loosing and resisting and all his hosts of hell that are assigned to you will begin to fade in the darkness. They will become of no effect in your life simply because you have had a revelation "**of Him**" and not just a bunch of information "**about Him**". The devil and his demons must flee when someone is totally submitted to God. Yes we resist him but I see a change coming in the way God shows us that resistance. It will be more a type of force field if you will, a Psalms 91 secret place where the evil one touches you not simply because you are too focused on the voice of your Father and not bothered about the evil around you. When we begin walking in this will be a time of mighty exploits for God. When we lay hands on the sick they WILL recover. Not just at a special meeting by someone we would call famous, but folks like you and I at the gas station, in Wal-Mart, at Target and everywhere we walk. People will come to us just like the Canaanite woman in Matt. 15:22 came to the Lord. She came because she really saw something in Him that made her know that there was help present for her, and no matter what she was going to get that help. She recognized the word of God when she looked upon Him and she did not spend years and years in the wilderness learning **about God**! Well the people on this planet need to see in us what she saw in Him...the word that is made flesh for them! You and I were never meant to be sons of God for ourselves! We were given the gift of eternal life and His name, i.e. His authority for the lost and hurting people around us. Again I say it's time we received a revelation "**of Him**" as Paul interceded for the Ephesians 1:17-18 *That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him. The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling...*

It's time to stop being the sick and begin being the believers that signs follow. Stop following after signs and begin to have the signs follow you. This will happen as the unveiling of the Lord in our hearts begins. We are beginning to perceive the Lord as He really is in us. More and more there will

be a thunderous cry of prophetic intercession from those receiving the revelation “**of Him**” so He, the Anointed One and His anointing, can go forth through the church He said He would build and prevail against His enemies. The anointing of God is so prevalent in my den as I type this I am watching my fingers go and the words come forth like I am a spectator. The body of Christ will begin to have true discernment, the discerning of the Christ, the Messiah. When we begin to discern Him all else (everything that is not of Him) will be obvious. The measure of discernment in any person is given to know whether someone is of our God or not. There is no way for anyone to discern anything except first they receive a revelation “**of Him!**” When it was revealed to Joshua just who this person was standing in front of him he fell on his face and worshiped, it was at that time he was told that the ground under him was holy. The hour has come for the body to grow in the revelation “**of Him,**” who is our head, even Christ.

Meeting the Needs

Once more we want to let you know of the needs of folks in the Body that can be met with just a modicum of effort. We also want to share the needs that have been met.

Because of the gifts of those of you who are part of First Light, we were able to bless a family with a Chevy van. When it was delivered it was licensed and insured for six months. The folks that received the van had just had their car die on the road a couple months earlier so they were without personal transportation.

One family donated a large sofa to a family who had a need and they were very blessed. Thanks.

Money was donated for flooring for Alice B. Jackson which we purchased and now Jeff is looking for time to get the old floor pulled up and the new floor laid.

Money was donated for a new thermostat for our mobile home. It’s nice to have a heater when we don’t want to use the wood stove.

A family in New Mexico donated a cord of wood and another couple drove the wood to Gardenale and then cut it to sizes that would fit in our stove! Jeff and I had prayed the prayer of agreement two days earlier for a cord of wood!

A lovely sister in New Mexico donated half the funds for a new heater for our travel trailer. We’ve been using space heaters, but they tend to kick the breakers in private homes so we need to replace the gas heater.

Speaking of heaters, Jeff and I went to deliver a little gift to Alice B. Jackson and discovered she has no heater in her home. We really believe that God wants her to be warm in the winter so this is our new focus. She told us she uses the burners on her stove to stay warm and we are pretty sure that this is really dangerous.

We have two cars we want to repair so we can get them out to other folks who need them. We have a lovely elderly sister in New Mexico that needs a small automatic car that gets good gas mileage. We have a car that might fit that need if the repair on it can be done. Jeff believes it needs a head gasket, but hasn’t had the time to really check it yet. We also have another small car that he believes needs a new clutch and Jeff has done research and found out that parts will cost around \$108 to take care of that car himself because it’s over \$1000. to take it to a shop for that job. We also like to make sure they are licensed and insured before we send them out. We give them to folks where the initial expense of such things would be a stretch, so we want to take care of it for them.

Patricia Bachtel is doing great and back home after falling with a broken hip. We thank you for your prayers, but ask you to continue to pray for healing from the initial stroke she had as well as complete restoration of her hip.

**It’s more blessed
(empowering) to give
than to receive.**



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Jeff & Cerise's Schedule January 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dec. 28	Dec. 29	Dec. 30	Dec. 31 Jeff & Cerise's 26th Anniversary	1	2 Tuscola, TX	3 Tuscola, TX Lou Bridge's 3-5PM
4 Tuscola, Sweet- water, Abilene area	5	6	7 Visitation & Prayer day	8	9 Hobbs, NM Hester's 7-9PM	10
11	12	13	14 Visitation & Prayer day	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Visitation & Prayer day	22	23 Roswell, NM	24 Roswell, NM McCutcheon's 2-4PM
25 Ruidoso, NM	26 Ruidoso, NM	27 Capitan, NM	28 Alamogordo & Tularosa, NM	29 Las Cruces, NM	30 Pecos, TX	31 Gardendale, TX