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Seeing Double?



James 1:6-8 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

Proverbs 29:18 Where there is no vision, the people perish.

Judges 17:6 In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

(You can find these same words also in Judges 21:25, Psalm 36:2, Prov. 12:15, Prov. 16:2, Prov. 21:2 and many other places! Take the time to look these up for your faith's benefit.

It is far too easy to do what is right in our own eyes, but it is just as unproductive today as it was so long ago. Ultimately all the right ways of doing things are God's ways. All the wrong ways of doing things are the devil's ways. There are no in-between ways that we can call "our ways". God's way of doing things is called "righteousness" and the way of the devil is called, "wickedness". If you find God's way of doing something you find righteousness!

God told us many times and in different ways that we need to have a vision or we would perish. God didn't mean for us to get just ANY vision, but His view and His seeing. Some folks would have you believe that if you have a dream to become the next big star in Hollywood and get a vision of becoming that big star, you will fulfill some supernatural destiny. That would be true, but it wouldn't be a destiny from God but from the darkness of hell. God would NEVER put His children in the middle of such a cesspool acting and looking just like the cesspool. Yes, He calls us to go into the darkness, but we're supposed to get His will and go in and preach the gospel by casting out devils, speaking with new tongues, taking up serpents (to stop a plague), and laying hands on the sick so that the sick can recover. (Mark 16: 15-18) More folks have been taken captive by the enemy at his



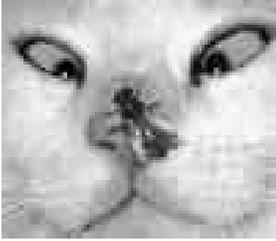
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Prayer Requests:

- ??Please continue to lift the following in prayer:
- ??Repair of our plumbing in our home
- ??Move to the land from our trailer
- ??God's direction for this new year of ministry
- ??Maturity as we step out in more challenging things
- ??Sensitivity to the Spirit and needs of the Body

Seeing Double.....continued



will by following the course of the world than have ever made an impact for the kingdom by looking and acting like the world.

How about double vision? Is seeing two different images the way to “see”? Ask a cross eyed person or a cockeyed person if they see clearly and he/she will tell you, “No”. Having a vision of God’s will and trying to maintain the purity of vision along with the world’s ways will cause you to stumble. You will lose depth perception when you see two pictures or are “double-minded”. Yacov (James), the brother of Yeshua/Jesus, told us that the person with a double-mind shouldn’t deceive himself/herself into thinking they are able to receive a **single** thing from God. So where are those of us getting things from if we’re half in the world and half standing on the word? I’ll leave you to think about that.

Sure it’s hard work to maintain single vision, God’s vision. God never said, “In this world you won’t have tribulation.” He never said, “I won’t ever have to be with you in trouble because trouble isn’t coming.” He told us we could purify our souls (minds, wills and emotions) by obeying the truth through the Spirit. (1 Peter 1:22) We are also told that if we walk in the Holy Spirit we would NOT fulfill the lust of the flesh. (Galatians 5:16)

It’s time for us to get a vision of God’s will. It’s time to listen with all our strength to what the Spirit is saying. There are so many voices in the world competing for our attention and we give our attention to way too many of those voices. The fight we fight is the fight to maintain our faith in God and His plan. He is a good Father, the only truly Good Father. He has seen and does see the end from the beginning. He knows every pit-fall out there. He knows all the wiles of the enemy. He knows just what it takes to trap each one of us and He’s giving us a way of escape if we’ll listen.

Here are some simple steps to hearing His voice and maintaining single vision.

1. Turn off the TV and leave it off until you know that you know you’re hearing God. If you have a hard time doing this ask God to help you this far.
2. Put down the self help books, we need THE Savior and we cannot save ourselves. (Matt. 16:25-26, Mark 8:35-36, Luke 9:24)
3. Pick up your Bible and read it. Don’t read the whole thing like it was a novel, read one verse and don’t go on to the next until you know what God is saying. Start with the New Covenant as it’s how the Old Covenant is understood. Ask God to help you understand the one verse.
4. Pray in the Spirit more and more, your life depends on it.
5. Acknowledge quickly when you sin, it keeps the devil off your case and out of your life. (1 John 1:9)

Whatever you hear God tell you to do, obey Him. God will walk you through as you step out in faith to obey. You may stumble, but stumbling is better than never stepping out at all.

God has a plan for every one of us and He is not hiding that plan. He does however require us to be diligent in searching for it. We must be diligent because the adversary is driven and willing to give his all to steal from us, kill us and destroy us. God is willing to reward us; He is looking for faithful, diligent people with His vision. Joseph was a man with a vision and he was sorely tried to give up that vision. You too will be sorely tried, but the rewards are worth the trying of your faith!

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

The Working of the Holy Spirit



*Mark 16:20 And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming **the word** with signs following. Amen.*

Last month we looked quickly at the working of the Spirit in the lives of people. This month we shall look at that work and cover just a little of how the Spirit of God works. We will look at Yeshua/Jesus' words to his disciples just before he left the planet to sit upon his eternal intercessory throne. First he told us what we should look for to determine true believers. There would be signs that folks are believers and signs that folks are unbelievers. The unbelievers do nothing. The believers do several things.

Mark 16:15-20 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; (1)In my name shall they cast out devils;(2) they shall speak with new tongues; (3) They shall take up serpents; and (4)if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them;(5) they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Yeshua sent his disciples to preach the gospel and then the disciples could discern whether a person was a believer by the things he/she would DO. Whether casting out devils, speaking with new tongues, taking up serpents to still plagues (a picture of lifting up the finished work of Yeshua on the cross), living through assassination attempts or laying hands on the sick the true believer is one who does something. We live in a covenant relationship with our God. That means there is an exchange. What is God's is ours and what is ours is God's. What we expect of God will also be required of us. He needs us to "destroy the works of the adversary" or for us to continue the work that Yeshua left us to do. So that being said we have a job to do and it is to believe. If we believe we must obey. When we obey then God does His part of the covenant. His part? His part is to *confirm the word with signs following*. That being said we must realize that the Spirit is the "life force" that confirms the word with the signs we desire.

The Holy Spirit confirms the word or causes the word to come to pass. If we speak our own words the Holy Spirit can't confirm the word, but the adversary can and will. If we make God's word our word the Holy Spirit can and will confirm it. For example: "*In my name they shall cast out devils*" is the word of the Lord. We can cast out devils with words. We use words and the Holy Spirit will send those devils packing. We just plain need to speak and act on God's word for the Holy Spirit to do his part.

We are pretty sure that the Body of Christ is in the shape we see today because men began to sit down rather than do the work of the ministry. The leaders quit preparing men and woman to do that work. Now we have buildings full of people who hear neatly packaged processed "spiritual" predigested food without anything for the Holy Spirit to confirm.

It is easy to see problems, but not so easy to see answers. What is the answer? It is to sit under the teaching of the apostle as they did amongst the early believers.

Working of the Spirit.....continued

Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

The apostle and prophet are called to be the foundation of the Body of Christ and to raise up those who desire to be known as “true believers.” They are to teach the first principles of the oracles of God. God continues to offer this to whosoever will. Ask God where to find your apostle. Let him direct you to the foundation that is secure and surely built on the finished work of our Lord, Yeshua/Jesus the Anointed One.

The Apostle's Doctrine

1 Cor. 3:10 According to the grace of God, which is given unto me, as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation, and another builds thereon.



How many of you reading this newsletter have been “going to church” for ten years? Twenty years? Even thirty years or more? How many of you started attending Sunday school so you could learn how to be a member in good standing in the denomination you chose to belong to? And that’s what you were taught week after week, years after year, decade after decade? You were taught what your particular denomination believed and why the others were off here and wrong there. In all the years you have been going did anyone teach you the first principles of the doctrine of Christ? The first principles, doesn’t that sound like it might be important and even the very first thing every believer should be taught? The word principle means; a basic truth upon which all others can be founded, an essential character or quality of something. A principle is a fundamental origin or cause of something and of course in this case it would be Christ Jesus.

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Have you ever wondered what the apostle’s doctrine was? We know according to Paul’s letter to the Ephesians that he lists the gifts of Christ that Jesus gave to the body of Christ were first the apostle, then the prophet, the evangelist, and the pastor. There is a reason for and to the order to Paul’s list. When a person receives Jesus as his or her Savior the first foundational teaching they receive should be the first principles of the doctrine of Christ. This doctrine is a revelation given from Christ, the head of the body, to the first gift, which was the apostle. The apostle carries this revelation in his or her anointing to place the new believers on an unshakable foundation of truth. These of course are referred to in your bible as the first principles of the doctrine of Christ. The reason probably most if not all of you reading this never received any teaching of the first principles is simply because you were not sitting in the teaching of an apostle hearing the apostle’s doctrine. Also the reason most if not all of us get slammed by the devil whenever he feels like slamming us it seems is because we are missing this important teaching in our lives. Again these doctrines are referred to as the first principles obviously because they should be. In all our church going years how many of us have been given these foundational truths? I won’t be so bold as to say in this letter that the time we spent in Sunday school was all a waste of time because fellowship is always good. However, if we left the same as we came in there

was no word of life released into us, but again the fellowship was good.

The apostle's doctrine is the first principles of the doctrine of Christ and the anointing of the apostle is for the transference of that revelation from Christ the Head to you the Body. The gifts Paul lists in Ephesians, apostle and prophet, are for releasing revelation from the Head to the Body that are first and foundational on which the evangelist and pastor can build upon. Have you ever seen a contractor erect a building on dirt? No! There is always a preparation, a digging deep into the earth to find bedrock. The bedrock which we are built upon is Jesus (the word made flesh). Then after the builders find the solid rock they begin to lay a good foundation on which to build the building. The bigger the building the more reinforcement is needed to make a sure foundation to support it. There is no bigger building being built than the Body of Christ and it must have an equally strong foundation under it. Why? Because there are storms that slam against it and if the building is not on a sure foundation it will fall apart and perhaps suffer a total loss. We know that when Jesus builds His foundation it will be laid strong and sure so that when the storms of life do come, and they will, the building, (us) will stand strong in the midst of it all.

Folks, if this country begins to come apart at the seams financially or politically or even socially most of the Body of Christ will do whatever they have to in order to save their own lives. Clearly that shows us that there isn't much of a foundation laid under it for if we seek to save our lives Jesus says we will lose our lives. The body of Christ must begin to find apostolic meetings and sit continually steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine. CD's and tapes are OK but sitting in the anointing at the house in your city is where real revelation can come and questions can be asked and answered and you leave different than you came!

"Well Jeff, then tell us what these first principles are?" Not in this letter and possibly not in any letter I would write. There is not enough paper to put it down as The Spirit leads, and if I could put it on paper it would have to be a book just to cover the first principle, there are six principles. You would more than likely fall asleep reading it and not much spiritual life would be imparted. Find an apostle that is teaching these first principles and stay with it until you are on the foundational truths that Jesus is building His house on.

Kid's Stuff



We are approaching the final week's work amongst the children in our trailer park. We have been sharing the word with them for seven weeks and must now finalize the discipleship for the summer. It is a heavy burden in our hearts to see children who are the bi-product of divorce, adultery, drugs, and who knows what else suffer because no one seems to care. Dead religion falls short of God's plan because it was NEVER God's plan for men and women to "hole up" in buildings and play at worship. It shows a form of godliness, but denies the power of it. The Holy Spirit is the power of God and if never allowed out to manifest the word, we shall see no power. It's time for those of us who are willing to die to our own plans and stand for God's will to be done to stand up and do the work of the ministry. The rest who have created a little comfort zone of doing nothing are God's business. We warn but it is not our responsibility to cause folks to repent. Godly sorrow leads to repentance and we see very little of it being allowed into men and women's hearts.

Matt 24:12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Kid's Stuff.....continued



We will be having a barbeque for the children and their families at the end of the summer. We ask for those of you who are intercessors to be in prayer. We will be reaching people who either have NO idea about God and His family or who have some really messed up ideas. We have used love as the bait to bring their kids in and now we use that same love to bring their parents and guardians in. One soul at a time we reach out and touch. We desire to show them that believers aren't selfish creatures, but loving caring and involved.

It is a great deal of work to put oneself out to lost folks. We need extra strength, divine strength and especially God's guidance to do this. That's where your prayers for us come in. It takes a death of our wants and sacrifice of time to be available to more and more people. We absolutely can't be a severed body part working successfully. We need your spiritual input, your involvement, your prayers, your very lives invested in this. You are within our sphere of influence. You know about these things. If you know about what we're doing we trust you to invest yourselves and gifts in what we're doing.

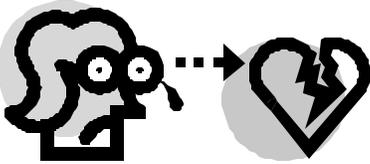
We are learning more and more about the families here in the park. Our hearts go out to them in order to bring them into the kingdom and the family of God. We are beginning in our Jerusalem, and then our Judea, then our Samaria and finally the uttermost parts of the planet.

When one little boy heard that all humans are the adversary's property until they ask God to take them into His family, his eyes were like huge saucers. His hand was up asking for salvation before I even offered. He was ripe for the love of the Lord to change his life and his heart. The thought of spending an eternity with the devil just wasn't the least bit appealing to him. He was in perfect peace after he made Yeshua/Jesus the Lord of his life. He was changed in the twinkling of an eye! That one little boy was worth all the work we've been doing, but there are so many more. Join us in our mission field!



Murmuring and Complaining

Ps 77:1-3 I cried unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me. In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted. I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah.

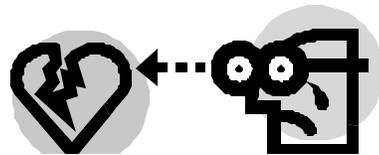


Humans have the tendency to murmur and complain. In America we have actual TV programs dedicated to nothing but complaining. If things don't go our way we immediately begin to complain! When I was in Belarus the Lord began to deal with me about complaining. Now don't get me wrong, He is still dealing with my whiney ways. I've had some obnoxious things happen in my life in the past year and each time I've caught myself either complaining or about to complain. Then this verse comes to mind.

I don't remember where I read it or in which version it was that I read it, but it went a little differently. It read, "I complained and my heart failed me." I began to meditate on the heart or spirit of man. It is after all where faith is manufactured or grown. If my heart fails me then my faith will not be able to grow.

Murmuring & Complaining.....continued

I remember walking down the street in Minsk and my feet were hurting. I had lying symptoms elsewhere in my body and pain from those symptoms. Rather than complaining to God (which is what I wanted to do) I began to quietly say, "Praise God" over and over. The symptoms didn't go away immediately, but they did lessen. By the time I reached my destination I was completely restored and although my feet were tired and my mind was weary by spirit was soaring.



Each day I spent in Belarus I saw sad and hopeless people. I just wanted to encourage them, but the language barrier was greater than my faith at the time. I thought if they can make it day in and day out without any hope, what right do I have to complain?

Jeff and I spent a week in another country amongst some of the poorest people I've ever seen. In spite of their poverty they were so cheerful. The native men, women and children work for very little money. As natives they were ignored and rejected by many of the transplanted citizens, yet they accept their place and walk with smiles and their heads held high. I never heard them complain that they weren't allowed in the bathrooms of the professional businesses. They would work all day without food or water or bathroom facilities. I can't imagine a single American person living under such circumstances without contacting their congressmen and demanding their "rights".

I am learning in everything to give thanks and to resist the urge to complain. Whatever ugly circumstance comes my way, God surely wasn't taken by surprise. With this attitude I find that I tend to be less stressed when nasty things happen. I still have a long way to go, but I am now more aware that I may be affecting my faith by complaining. If the joy of the Lord is our strength and God gets joy when we walk in truth, I can envision that every time I resist the urge to complain and rejoice in the trial, my strength has grown! Instead of whining and murmuring I plan to "Praise God!"

Fourth Anniversary



It has been four years since we stepped out into fulltime ministry. There have been some challenges, but we both agree we're having the time of our lives. God has been more than faithful to take care of us and to equip us to do whatever it is He asks of us. Those first few weeks seemed so tough, but as we look back they were full of miracles. We didn't just begin to walk by faith four years ago, but the faith we learned before we stepped out was tried and really proved. Armor is proved in a battle and so the we continue to "fight the good fight of faith".

One thing we know for sure is that one never achieves a single thing in the kingdom alone. Many will claim to have personal ministries, but we quickly learned that we are just two amongst the cells of a huge Body, the Body of Christ. We are so interwoven with those of you who we communicate with and who communicate with us that it's hard to know where we end and where you begin. The more we reach out to hear God for the Body members we are connected to the more knit together we become.

For this reason we want to thank each and everyone of you who has prayed for us, written to us, called us, visited us, invited us to your town or into your homes, supported us financially, sat under our teaching or a thousand other things that have encouraged us. As we look forward to another year we trust that we shall be a blessing to you as you have been to us. God bless you and keep you, may He make His face to shine upon you and grant you great grace and peace.

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Jeff & Cerise's August 2006 Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Prayer Day	Thu	Fri	Sabbath
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6	7 Lovington Meeting 7- 9PM 2227 E. Waters	8	9 Odessa Meeting 7- 9PM 18 Ante- bellum	10	11 Hobbs Doc Dean's office 7-9PM	12 Roswell 2401 N. Grand 2-4PM
13	14	15	16 Odessa Meeting 7- 9PM 10 Lou- isiana Cove	17	18	19
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