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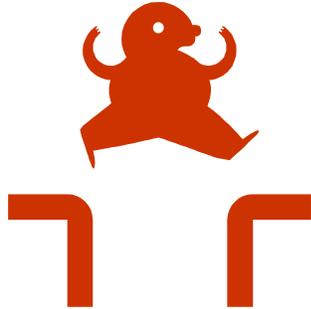
First Light Herald

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Without Faith?

Special points of interest:

- We continue to ask the Lord for rain here in West Texas as well as in New Mexico.
- We thank God for opening an effectual door of utterance in the mission trips Jeff goes on.
- We are asking God for men to partner with Jeff and be co-workers as he seeks to do God's will as an apostle in these last days.
- We thank God for opening a door into the lives of so many Russian women here in the Permian basin. We are seeing lives changed and many born again. We have one gal on her way to Russia now with bibles and handmade wooden crosses given as gifts to us from another ministry. Her goal is to minister salvation to several Russian women in Saint Petersburg. We covet your prayers as she shares the blessings God has given her.



Faith is mysterious to some and misunderstood by many. The word of God says that faith is substance, matter, and the ground in which we plant our trust. Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things we do NOT see. Understanding can be simple yet it can also be complex at the same time. To trust in a God which we can not see, for things that we need in the natural or material world is off the charts away from using logic and intellect. People want proof for just about everything, or at least that is what they say. How many people go to a restaurant they have never been to before and sit in a chair they have never “tried or proved” with perfect confidence? They eat food prepared by complete strangers and believe the signs along the roadway that led them to the very restaurant with promises of “great food”. How do they know that the chair will hold them up? How do they know the food is fit to eat? How do they know that the chef isn't a crazed serial killer? It's all a matter of trust or faith.

It's hard for me to believe in evolution. I have never seen animals evolving from one species to another. I have never seen animals morphing in the least bit. Sure they are more and more susceptible to the pollutions of the world, but if they were truly evolving as scientists proclaim they would be getting more immune to the pollutants. Instead they are becoming sicker and sicker and some are fading from the face of the earth. Now that's what I call believing in the unseen. I know loads of people who honestly believe every hook, line and sinker set out by the scientists who claim the theory of evolution has been proved. They take the proof of adaptation (part of the divine design) as proof for evolution. I personally see a great deal more evidence for divine creation than I have ever seen regarding evolution. The book of Genesis has so much proof to the divine touch that I put my total and complete trust in it.

So faith is a mystery, but faith to me is simply trusting what God said, says and is saying is true. After one trusts one must act upon that faith to put it to work. The woman with the issue of blood believed that if she touched the talit (tassels) on the Lord's garment she would be made whole. In the old covenant those tassels represented the entire covenant. Yeshua was the Torah or word of God made flesh. He was the living will and manifestation of God in man on earth. He was what God saw when He said, “Light be”. The woman with the issue of blood didn't stand around and say things; she acted her faith. She reached out and touched the hem of his garment. She did so with the fear of death and failure hounding her, but she did it nonetheless. She did what so many will never do. She saw herself dying in order to live. Her faith in God was greater than her fear of death!

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The things of this natural world flow at the same rate all the time and they flow down hill towards death. Faith is the uphill way of living. When you actually walk and live by faith you don't merely swim or paddle upstream, but you are lifted supernaturally or "divinely" above situations and circumstances towards the hill or mountain of the Lord.



I've used this illustration before, but it begs repeating. Faith is to natural spiritual living as the law of lift and drag is to flying. The average weight of a 747 is 975,000 pounds. If you drove it to the edge of a cliff and pushed it off it would plummet to the ground below. The law of gravity (a natural law) is at work, but there are higher laws that can supersede and work with gravity to change it into something awesome. If you drove the same plane down a runway of the prescribed length to build up the correct speed; employed the ailerons, props or turbine engines and the law of lift and drag that same *WAY* heavier than airplane would fly rather than do a nose dive.

Faith is to living just like the ailerons and the law of lift and drag are when applied to flying. The only problem with faith is truly with the people and NOT with the faith. The real problem is that most will never take the necessary leap when they get to the cliff. They get right up to it and just when they are about to take off, they stop and step backwards. Something scares them or doubts creep in and "BLAMMO" they back up. Other times people try to live off yesterday's faith (the memory of what God has said rather than fresh manna from a fresh and intimate walk with God.) They come up to the cliff and dive off and plummet to earth. You will hear those left behind say, "He trusted God and look where it got him." We must maintain a constant walk with God. We don't live off the memory of a baked potato, but eat it fresh each time. Why do we expect to live off of the memory of the last bread of life we ate? NOW faith is substance, not the faith from past victories.

Whenever you read a story of someone obtaining a miraculous answer to a really horrible life situation you will see one law superseding a confining but nonetheless natural law. The blind man Bartemaus "saw" himself seeing before he actually could. He dropped his beggar's coat BEFORE he actually saw his first sight. He was acting on **the fresh living words of the Lord**. He even superceded his fear of death and failure by employing his faith in the words Yeshua/ Jesus.

Mary was friends with the newlywed couple who ran out of wine. She knew the promise that God's word could NOT return void. She had a lifetime of watching her son speak and whatever he said manifested. She had God's word about WHO her son really was! Her faith lifted her above the embarrassing situation of being without beverages for a huge party. "Whatever he says do", she instructed. All the fear and doubt of the men assigned to carry the water turned wine to the governor didn't interfere with Mary's faith at work. Mary believed, Yeshua/ Jesus (the living torah) spoke, the men obeyed (though they had to be shaking in their sandals) and last of all the governor was totally impressed and the wedding was supplied with the BEST

We are called to believe what God has said, is saying and will say over anything we see, smell, taste, touch or hear.

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wine!

We have daily opportunities to trust God in hard situations. Most of the time, we will find ourselves trying to figure out how to fix the messed up situation. When it gets really hopeless we may or may not go to God with prayer, but mostly it's a matter of wishing and not really believing. If we knew the will of God in our situation we wouldn't have nagging doubts, but would just believe and go on. When we are sick we go to doctors. When we are broke we go to the banker and ask to borrow money. When we are hungry we go to work to earn money and buy food with very little thought to God having provided the strength to work, or the food we eat. We might say "grace" before we eat, but it's more out of habit than genuine thankfulness.



No matter what age you find yourself at today you can begin again. You can stop doing things naturally and begin walking again only trusting God. It takes a HUGE leap of faith, but the bigger the leap the faster God rushes to answer the leap. It's not the best idea to wait until you are eaten up with cancer to go to God, but God's mercy is new every morning. He is patient beyond any natural patience.

Living by trust is like the best high I know of. It is really scary in the beginning. It's like your first roller coaster ride, but better. It's like your first date only way more awesome. It's like your first love only way more intense. It's like your honeymoon only so much more intimate and wonderful. Getting to know God and His faithfulness to make His promises good is the best thing I can think of. It's living on the edge of total terror and falling into the hands of the most loving Father ever. I've had a taste and it's the best thing I can think of! I suggest it to all my friends. He will NOT disappoint.

**Never give up in the
midst of the storm.
Jump into the
Father's loving arms
and allow Him to be
your "secret place".
He has promised to
be with us in trouble!**

When is White White Enough?



I was just folding laundry in our wash house this morning. I folded the Levis and the other dark items. I folded the brightly colored clothing, but when I got to the whites I noticed they weren't as white as I would have liked. Living in west Texas means the water is hard and has lots of minerals in it. One of those minerals is iron. Iron turns whites an odd shade of pinky orange. Why; because when in the presence of water it oxidizes and turns to rust. The only way to deal with the oxidization is to use something to bleach or whiten the whites once again. I don't like using bleach because we have a septic system and bleach kills the natural bacteria in septic

systems. I can use bleach substitutes, but those whites once stained are really hard to whiten again. There is a substance full of iron that whitens the darkest of stains. Do you know what it is? It is the blood of our Messiah Yeshua! His blood was rich in iron and as it fell it touched this poor corrupted earth. It may look like things are stained with sin beyond help, but look again.

White.....continued

God looked out at the beginning of time as we know it and saw utter and complete darkness. When He did He uttered these words, “Light Be” and it was! The light of the God was in His word and still is. He is working in this world both for His will and the doing of it to come to pass.



Instead of hearing negative commands when you read the Ten Commandments why not consider that God is promising that one day these things shall be true and it will be completely His doing. *Thou shalt have no other gods before me.* We hear this like we can keep all false gods out of our lives, but Abba Father is telling us one day there will be NO OTHER gods! *Thou shalt make no graven images.* One day we won’t be tempted to bow down to false gods because God the Father will remove the very thought of those other gods once and for all! *Thou shalt not kill.* Our hearts will be full of His word. We will be full of His love so killing will not be a glimmer of our thought in our hearts and minds so murdering won’t be a possibility. God has whitened our robes. God has imparted righteousness to us. God has proclaimed, “Light Be” and he was. He dwelt among us as the torah of God and he lightened and whitened our darkest loads!

God uses seeds to do and explain everything. The measure of faith is a seed. His words are seeds. His first word (Aleph) and His last word (Tav) lived and lives among us. He went into the earth to clean it from the core all the way to the seventh heaven. He sits patiently as the right arm of God on His right hand. He left as Ben Yoseph (a suffering servant) and will return as Ben David (a conquering king).

God divided Himself so that He could have children. Not all will receive the wonderful gift of God’s righteousness, but for those who do will come great rewards. Our first reward is that we have dipped our dirty rags into the blood of the Lamb of God and come out with robes of righteousness. Not of our own doing, but by declaration of God.

Why Do We Still Sin?

We call ourselves the righteousness of God in Christ or Messiah Yeshua. The word righteousness speaks of a clean and upright life. If that’s the truth then why do we who call ourselves righteous still sin? Sin has been dealt with by Yeshua, but it was, is and shall ever be a work of faith. Faith is sown as a seed. When a seed is sown in dirt it doesn’t bear fruit immediately, but takes time. It takes about 104 days for corn to go from a kernel to full ears of corn on stalks. It takes roughly 21 days for a chicken egg to produce a baby chick. It takes a human seed approximately nine months to “germinate” and produce a human. Elephants take a year and a half. Bamboo takes five years. I think you get the idea?

God in creation set boundaries and limits to everything? Why? Because God is omniscient. He has the ability to see backwards and forwards. He saw the end from the beginning. He

Philippians 4:8
Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Why Do We Still Sin.....continued

knew BEFORE He created the fallen angel we call “Satan” that he would do what he did. He set limits on Satan’s reach. He gave him only 7,000 years to mess with mankind. He had a plan to put Himself in man long before He did so.

John tells us that He manifested His son to destroy the works of the adversary. He began the work in Adam, but He Himself would take on human form by the division we see in every-day fertilization of a seed.

A fertilized seed divides and multiplies, divides and multiplies. In the first book of the bible God uses the word divide five times. Five is the number of grace we see throughout the word. God scattered His seed and it caused increase. After He spoke all the creative words those words began to work in the earth. Soon they began to multiply. At the same time the enemy was working to undo the work of God. He exalted his throne or place of authority, but God of course had seen his plans. He is after all God. The dirt was Gods and He gave it to man. Man was made of dirt. When man gave the dirt to the adversary he gave him the right to mess with the dirt. We are still part dirt. When we give ourselves to God we give Him the power to recreate our spirits in the likeness of His son. Our minds and bodies are not renewed because they are still the temporary property of the fallen angel. As long as he holds the title deed to the dirt he can sow seeds into it. Thus comes temptation.

Proverbs 11: 24 There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.

Renewal of the soul; mind, will and emotions is an ongoing process. Complete regeneration of our bodies is to be done AFTER the 7,000 year period so that the fallen angel can’t touch us once he is thrown into the lake of fire. As long as the “Snidely Whiplash” of angels holds the title deed to earth we will see sin sown by the enemy. He has been defeated, but he has a legal (though stolen) right to our dirt. In Ezekiel God reveals the thoughts of this angel. The fallen archangel wants to sit on the thrones of our hearts. Some will ignorantly allow him to do so. Others will do so voluntarily. Those of us who have chosen to trust in the finished work of Abba Father through His son Yahowshua Hamaschiach still have dirt to deal with. We cast down vain imaginations, we cast out the devil when he tempts us and we resist him steadfast in the word (in Christ). We take our dominion seriously and stand in the midst of the storms of accusation. We confessed Yeshua as our Lord in reverence and acceptance as YHVH’s choice and Messiah. God Himself couldn’t step from heaven and die or all around us would have ceased so He divided Himself in order to multiply Himself! He manifested His sons to destroy the works of the adversary. We are told to consider ourselves dead to sin (because it has no access to our spirits) and alive to righteousness (Yeshua) by whose stripes we WERE healed!

Selah!



Are you focusing on the perilous times or on the goodness of God? Are you more in tune to the natural realm or are you spiritually minded? Guard your heart for out of it proceed all the issues of life. The real you is eternal, the flesh body is temporary at best.

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 life with you!**



JEFF & CERISE'S JULY 2011 SCHEDULE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sabbath
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3	4	5	6 Gardendale Meeting	7	8 Hobbs Meeting 207 W. Alston 7PM	9 Roswell Meeting 2401 N. Grand 2PM
10	11	12	13 Gardendale Meeting	14 RLBS	15	16
17	18	19	20 Gardendale Meeting	21 Hobbs Meeting 207 W. Alston 7PM	22 Roswell Meeting 2401 N. Grand 2PM	23 Mission Trip
24 Mission Trip	25 Mission Trip	26 Return	27 Gardendale Meeting	28 RLBS	29	30
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