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## Another Miracle



We praise God for the miracle of life. Life is precarious at best in this world. It is taken away in the blink of an eye and it arrives here with a slap of a fanny and the cry of the new born. We take it for granted so much that it can almost slip away before we ever take much thought about it. For those of us who have worked with all our strength to hold onto it, every second of it is a precious thing. So it is in the Welter home.

Some of you know what I'm talking about, some of you don't. Let me shed a little light on exactly what it is that I am talking about. Jeff was in the valley of the shadow of death less than two weeks ago. He had taught as is his custom on a Wednesday evening and after the meeting began to sense symptoms of sickness trying to climb into his flesh and take over. For the information of the reader we want you to know that we don't think of ourselves ever as the sick trying to get well, but the whole and the adversary is always trying to steal, kill and destroy us.

The following day Jeff was scheduled to drive to El Paso and then Mexico to help a brother. He spent a sleepless night fighting lying symptoms with his faith and struggled to get in his car and head to Odessa to pick up William Anderson who would make the journey with him. They set out to El Paso and in Monahans Jeff relinquished driving rights to William. By the time they arrived in El Paso at 11:00AM Central time, the lying symptoms had taken over. By the grace of God Jeff and his brother William were able to accomplish their task by 6:00pm and head back to the hotel stateside. Jeff spent another sleepless night fighting lying symptoms. The next morning they immediately headed back to Odessa and Gardendale respectively. Prayers had already begun as we were fully aware of what was happening here at home. Our house guest (Corey) and I had been praying ever since Wednesday evening so the seeds of faith were planted and in the spirit real things had already turned for Jeff's rescue.

William drove Jeff home non-stop as he knew that getting him home was vital. They arrived home Friday afternoon and the battle was full on. Jeff had a fever that went off the charts and was in such pain he couldn't function. He spent days in agony and we kicked into overdrive intercession. I want to add at this point that



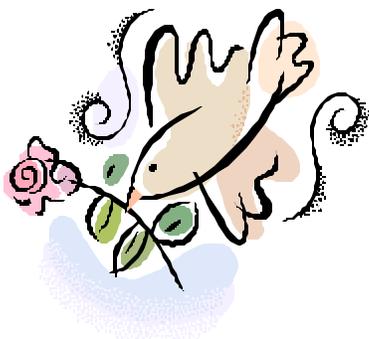
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### Prayer Requests:

- ?? Please continue to lift the following in prayer:
- ?? Barnabas D'Souza India
- ?? Pavel and Irina Belarus
- ?? Body in Belarus
- ?? Chima Nigeria
- ?? Anna and family- Mexico
- ?? Russian Ladies' Bible Study
- ?? Wisdom as we move our home onto the Gardendale land.
- ?? Children we minister to
- ?? Taos ministry

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we rejoice for having members in the Body we can turn to who will pray with power. I talked to very few people during this battle, but not allowing some trumped up pride in I wasn't about to battle this mess alone. I didn't have time or the ability to call every one, so if you weren't called please know that Jeff was and is always my first priority.

We have many spiritual resources in our home that we turn to in times of trouble. The first being praying in the spirit and we sure did a lot of that during this last battle. We also do a great deal of praising and when the battle rages hardest we keep the word going into our ears and eyes the best we know how (Prov. 4:22-26). We have healing scriptures on CDs and we had that running the entire time we battled the enemy's lies. I was asking for godly wisdom as most of what I did naturally for Jeff wasn't much help.

Jeff and I spend a great deal of time in the word and in prayer as a matter of habit. We don't try to survive in this dark, peril filled world without doing so. We don't watch much TV or spend much time with amusements. The devil is just too sly for us to be successful practicing such a lifestyle. We also watch our love walk with a microscope. Faith works by love and the moment you get in strife, envy or offense is the moment you open yourself up to sickness and disease. It isn't hard to see that bitter, unforgiving and ugly hearted people end up with all sorts of maladies.

I must admit that this last battle was a learning experience on a grand scale. The day we had final victory we were all so tired we weren't very strong in our own minds (which was a very good thing). I fought fear on a huge plane, but fear is a low level devil so just a smidge of faith and love can send that nasty liar running like a dog with its tail tucked between its legs. It also helps when spirit filled sisters call and tell you do deal with ugly fears. I had been reading a book by Norvel Hayes called, "How to Live and Not Die" out loud to Jeff. I came to a chapter that dealt with resisting the devil and his tactics by resisting symptoms. I had read this book many times before in my own battle to live and not die. This time those familiar words just lit up off the page. I asked Jeff where he hurt. He would describe a body part and I would command the adversary to let go of that part. I'd ask him again and he'd say the pain was gone. I had had it with this mess (and I know Jeff was ready for victory) and just started using what I'd always used on myself only with the boldness that comes when God makes the right path rise up before you in your face. I knew I had to use the name of the Lord, Yeshua. I knew that I had to use our blood covenant rights in the Messiah. I knew that I had to take the authority and favor of God and use it. It was past time to sit and pray, it was time to take action. I knew that my faith unless acted on was going to die. (James 2:18, 20, & 26) We covered every single lying symptom and every oppressing devil that was causing those symptoms. We knew from the very get go that this attack was demonic. There are times when you have to stand bold against the adversary without a single sign of doubt and this was one of those times. He won't give up unless he knows you mean business and know your God.

We are a Body folks. We have to think of ourselves as such. We are THE Body of Christ (the Anointed One and His Anointing). We must function like a body in union and in unity. Jeff and I are a team and representatives of the Body in this home. Jeff is the head of the Welter "kingdom" and I am his body to care for. He has power over my body and I have power over his body. (1 Cor. 7) The devil is nothing but a liar. He can't come up with truth, but can only pervert. He tried to take Jeff's health and kill him with demonic lying spirits. It isn't happening as long as we are together and walking in love. When I am weak Jeff comes in like a storm to use what God has entrusted him with. When Jeff is weak I do the same for him. He was cooperating with his restoration by praising and praying in the spirit all the while he was being attacked. We stood unified as a family trusting solely on God and His word and we came through triumphant as always.

It's so awesome when we understand the word that God has given us and we stand on it. It felt like we had

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had the training wheels removed from our bicycles and “Dad” had let go of the back of the bike! We were soaring high as the wind blew through our hair. Praise God for the miraculous recovery from yet another attack of a defeated devil. I kept saying of Jeff, “He will live and not die and declare the works of the Lord”, and so he shall. Praise God. Praise His Holy Name. I truly do love God for saving my husband yet another time!

### A Work of the Spirit



Many times we find ourselves or see others in situations that seem hopeless. We search and search for what we should “do” to help and find no answer. Much of what God does is hidden or a work of the Spirit. It may require our obedience, but not in ways we necessarily understand. For instance; when we are instructed to pray in the spirit we do NOT understand what we are praying or saying. (1 Corinthians 14:14) This type of prayer is definitely a prayer based on trust, trusting that what God has said is forever true. For some reason we humans want to get our hands on everything and have control, but when we trust in God we must “Let go and allow God to be God”.

Most folks think that the spirit realm is a realm of spookiness and that it is filled with scary dark things. God’s ways are always ways of light and love and that means “no fear here”. That doesn’t mean we shall always understand every work of the spirit. The spirit realm and spiritual understanding does surpass the mortal mind, but that doesn’t mean God will withhold all understanding. He tells us in Proverbs 4:7 “*Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting **get understanding***”. The Lord’s brother Yacov (James) told us that we could ask our Father for wisdom and He would give it to us.

The natural realm came from the spirit realm. Everything we see, smell, taste, feel or hear came as a result of something in the spirit realm. The spirit realm moves faster than the natural, it moves at least at the speed of light which men measure, but it is here as well and not only exists in parallel but also exists concurrently with the natural.

There is much yet for us to understand about the spiritual, but it shouldn’t be a frightening thing. God is truly a God of order (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>) so we must learn the basic principles of the spiritual before we can go onto the more advanced. We will never come to the 12<sup>th</sup> rung of the ladder if we don’t climb the beginning rungs.

God isn’t hiding things from us, but for us. (1 Cor. 2:7) As we submit ourselves to the first things (the first principles of the oracles of God) we will be trusted with the higher things of the kingdom. However, if we refuse to be taught the basics; the “A, B, and C’s of faith”, we won’t ever be trusted with higher things.

*Luke 8:17-18 For **nothing** is secret that shall not be made manifest; neither **any thing hid**, that shall not be known and come abroad. Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.*

The Father sent the Son to set up His kingdom. He entrusted him with the souls of mankind and Yeshua/

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Jesus was faithful. He did what he was sent to do, nothing more and nothing less. He then sent us to go and do the works of the Father. (1 John 3:8). The Lord set up God's system of the kingdom. He set up the apostle, prophet, evangelist and pastor (all being teachers) and then went on his way trusting Abba's plan would be accomplished. He was setting up the "NEW" covenant after ratifying the "OLD" one. He paid the price of mankind breaking the first and then instituted a "new and better covenant". It looked for many years that the work he set up before he left would never be accomplished, but things are stirring in the spirit realm once again. God is calling forth the offices of the kingdom once again. God "remembers" His covenants and then reminds us forgetful humans of His covenant. God never destroyed the foundation He created in His Son and subsequently the apostolic and prophetic bedrock. Men (and women) are rising up that are not afraid to walk as apostles, prophets, evangelists and pastors. They are first learning for themselves the lessons that the Apostles of the Lamb knew. Next they must and shall step out and begin to teach the principles of the kingdom to the sheep of God's pastures. It is truly a work of the spirit. As we lay down our ideas of how things should be done and pick up God's plan He will manifest His will to and in us. When we are at last seeking first HIS kingdom and HIS righteousness (bought by Yeshua) because we really believe the word of God, then the signs, wonders and things will begin to follow us. We are so excited to be a part of this work of the spirit in these last days of His work. We hope that you will come and join us in this work of God' precious Holy Spirit.

## Tithes and the Blood Covenant Exchange



What is the tithe? Just like anything a believer does, he/she needs to have faith in the doing (which comes from God) in order to please God. Who is to receive the tithe from the believer? Why do we tithe? What should be done with the tithe? Where did the tithe begin? Why would God want the tithe? We should ask ourselves and our God these questions. God isn't afraid of our questions and is ever ready to answer them. He is the ONLY one who can reveal Himself to us.

*Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

*Rom 14:23....For whatsoever is not of faith is sin.*

Many people dump money in offering plates without a single consideration to what it is that they are doing. Some do so because their parents taught them to, but have never considered why they are dumping ten percent in a plate. Still others do so out of compulsion or because they have been manipulated into doing so. Some find they are emotionally moved about by some message brought forth and sow out of guilt or simply because they cried and "felt" like they had to. Still other "believers" split up their tithes among several "ministries". They pick and choose who they agree with most and then send their tithes. Another group of "believers" holds onto every cent they have. But we should always do things because we've received instruction from God and are moving in faith to please God and God alone.

We could just say, "Tithe because God tells us to in the written word.", but again we're told with all our getting to get understanding. Some of us already have understanding, but need to stir up our faith again be-

cause we're learning new things and don't want the old lessons to slip. For whatever reason, we need to consider this subject with faith and all the "truths" we learn must be tried or proved by the never changing written word.

Abram was a good picture of a tither. His first tithes is mentioned in Genesis 14. Before this we see the life of a man who is just learning about God. God has searched the world over looking for a man whose heart is perfect toward him and who will use His faith. (2 Chron. 16:9) His vision settles upon Abram and He begins to reveal His will and Himself to Abram. As Abram begins to step out and walk on what God has shared, Abram sees the "blessing" of God as it settles upon his life. God wants to make His covenant with Abram and the tithes is part of that covenant.

The blessing of God is the empowering of God for humans to prosper and is part of the covenant made with God. Many folks think that the blessing is money, but consider that Abram was rich BEFORE he received the blessing. Now mind you, he became much richer AFTER he received the blessing, but money isn't why Abram connected himself to God. In Genesis 12 we see Abram (high father in Hebrew). God begins to speak to Abram. He calls him away from everything familiar and promises him some great things for trusting and obeying (again part of a covenant). Everything God asks of Abram requires trust on Abram's part, but we must remember that faith comes from God in the first place. He has given each human **the** measure of faith (Rom. 12:3) and Abram was no exception. Faith can't just be left on the shelf, it requires action. So Abram hears God, believes God and picks up all his wealth and substance and moves in the direction God sends him. As he goes God continues to reveal Himself to Abram. On his journeys Abram is sent by God into a land occupied by other men. God makes covenant with Abram and commits to be God in all that godliness includes. He promises to make Abram a great nation, to bless or empower him, make his name great, bless those who are with him, curse those against him, and also bless all the nations that were dormant within Abram. He was giving Abram a clue as to the future promises He would give and fulfill in him through an eternal covenant.

Upon entering the land Abram must fight the occupants. After defeating several kings he is met by the King of Salem; Melchizedek (king of peace and king of righteousness). Melchizedek was a king, but also the priest or representative of the Most High God. He was sent to seal the covenant with Abram. We see that God is patient in His dealing with Abram and after sharing the conditions of covenant desires to finalize and seal the covenant. We see that after this covenant connection or exchange was made Abram and 318 servants go after the kings who have kidnapped Lot and his family. With 318 men Abram faces a king with amazing resources and defeats him without losing a single person. This is the evidence that Abram has the blessing over his life. (Sidenote: Melchi or malchi=king in Hebrew. Tzedakah or zadok=righteousness, thus Melchizedek is king of righteousness. By covenanting with God Abram was joining forces with the king of ALL righteousness.)

God made an eternal connection or covenant with Abram at the king's dale. The "blessing" that was tied to the tithes is just as effective today as it was so very long ago. The same priesthood (Melchizedek) has been called of God to set up the order and covenant of God. It was set up before the Lord left and was neglected for over a thousand years. The blessing that was exchanged in the covenant that God made with Abram was passed down to his son Isaac and then to Jacob/Israel and all the way down to Yeshua. He then passed the responsibility of it to his apostles, the apostles of the Lamb. The office was forgotten as was much of the foundation truth that the apostles laid down in the early history of the ekklesia or "called out". Just as the pharaoh and children of Israel forgot the covenant made in Joseph and Jacob with the pharaoh, we have forgotten and neglected our covenant. But God NEVER forgets and ALWAYS remembers His covenants.

We were told way back in Deuteronomy 8 that the Father gives the faithful and obedient the power to obtain wealth to establish HIS covenant. He wants us to be tied to Him so that He can act as our God. What is God's job? His job is to be our protector, provider, director, healer and very life. Many give just a part of

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themselves to the Lord. They want the salvation without the total commitment to do HIS will. The blood covenant that true believers have with God requires a complete committal. How can we say we love God with ALL our strength if we won't let go of our natural resources? How can God give us HIS true wealth if we don't make our paltry natural resources part of the exchange? The Divine Covenant means that ALL we have is God's and ALL He has is ours. Now considering He wants the filthy rags we offer so that He can give us eternal white robes, I'd say the exchange is worthwhile. The tithe belongs to the Lord. He has asked us for it and set up HIS priesthood to administer it. The Levitical priesthood received tithes for those who were under the law of sin and death. It was a flawed priesthood because of the flesh. These men had to have blood sacrifices made for their own sins, but the Lord Yeshua was the blood sacrifice for all of mankind's sin and he needed no one to die for him or for sin. He was the originator of the Melchizedek priesthood

and he has called it to be reinstated in these last days.

Abba Father, the Creator of the Universe has HIS perfect way of doing things. His way is the way of love. He manifested His son to destroy the works of the adversary (1 John 3:8). He began the work in the first apostles of the Lamb and desires it to continue in the apostles of the last day. They are part of the foundation that the Lord Yeshua laid down. We as individuals can no longer do "whatever seems right in our own eyes". We must do what is pleasing in His sight. He gave all authority to our Lord and High Priest Yeshua. Then the Lord Yeshua gave orders and gifts to men in order to accomplish the will of God. If we continue to do things just because someone tells us "It's the way we've always done things" we will get the same pathetic results we've been seeing for years. Yeshua gave gifts unto men, the apostle, prophet, evangelist and pastor (all being teachers). He called the apostle to receive the tithe under the Melchizedek priesthood and then distribute to all who had need. He NEVER told pastors to receive the tithe and then build huge edifices that sit empty five of seven days in a week. (Acts 4:35) We see all through the word where those who had no business touching the tithe touched it and suffered deadly results. (Acts 5, Joshua 7:1, Malachi 3:8) The tithe was meant to be a constant supply for the people, not just for those who received it. It was meant to supply the need of **everyone**. The first believers understood this and gratefully made an exchange. Just as with every seed sown, the enemy does come immediately to steal the word of truth sown in our hearts. Ananias and his wife lied to the Holy Spirit of the covenant and kept back part of the purchase price of their land. They lied and gave a part of the promised price. Both were taken out dead in front of the whole congregation. That would sure have an impact on a few churches today. This manifestation of the will of God is coming back, mark my words.

We see men extract ten percent and use it to build huge homes, huge edifices called "churches" and the people who they extract them from are in debt up to their necks and have nowhere to turn but to a pagan governmental system. This should not be, God forgive us and forbid it. We should have asked years ago, "Why do we pay tithes and what does God have to say in His word about the tithe?" Instead we allowed ourselves to be duped into hearing men tell us we had to pay our tithes like men pay taxes and that it is our obligation to do so without asking, "WHY?" We were intimidated by their paper degrees on the wall and the intelligence of truth twisting hirelings. These men will extract money from widows and orphans and never consider that they (the widows and orphans) are starving and naked with no hope. God is watching us always. Nothing escapes His sight.

We are not called to sit in pews, sing sad little hopeless songs and then leave unchanged week after week. We were called to:

# Tithes.....continued

*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; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; 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.

We can't be satisfied with the status quo because the status quo is killing us. We can't disobey God's word and be blessed (empowered). We must give up our lives, our plans, and our comfort and do things His way. If we attempt to save ourselves by being our own gods and making our own rules we shall truly face a God who is higher than heaven itself. Judgment must begin at the house of the Lord so let us consider what we are doing and ask, "Is this thy will O Lord?"

## Children's Ministry

### The Making of Mighty Soldiers

We are in our fourth week of Bible Club for the kids in Gardendale. We have started with the kids in our trailer park and they have brought in some from surrounding areas. We know that we've only just begun. We are working hard to disciple these kids so that they can become soldiers of the Lord; able to fight the enemy on every spiritual front. Please continue to lift Corey and I up as we use our clowning talent to teach them deep things from God. It is quite exciting to see them grasp things that many adults don't know. Oh yeah, it's pretty fun too. Here are a couple pictures of the kids we're teaching this summer.



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# Jeff & Cerise's Schedule July 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Prayer Day	Thu	Fri	Sabbath
For information concerning meetings call Jeff or	Cerise at 432-550-7642	We do visitation too, so if you need anointing or the	Prayer of faith please holler.			1
2	3	4	5	6	7 Lovington 7-9PM 2227 E. Waters Hebison's	8
9	10	11	12 Odessa 12 Antebellum 7-9PM Godwin's	13	14 Hobbs 7-9PM Doc Dean's office	15 Roswell 2-4PM 2401 N. Grand McCutcheon's
16	17	18	19 Odessa 10 Louisiana Cove 7-9PM Bailey's	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Odessa 12 Antebellum 7-9PM Godwin's	27	28	29
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