



A New POV

If you've ever had Jeff give you a "First Light" business card, you will see the line "A New POV" on the card. When we were inspired to write it we had no idea our new "point of view" would be a rear view mirror. It seemed quite appropriate to use this picture of a desert road in a mirror to reflect where we are today. We're becoming more and more mobile in our living and our thinking. It's quite a challenge to write while going down a bumpy New Mexico road. Thank the Lord that the folks in New Mexico are quickly repairing and replacing many of the roads we travel down.

The Lord has begun to open doors that are a little scary. Yes, some things look pretty scary the first time you glance at them. We've been invited by a very large ministry in India to come and preach there. Please keep us in your prayers in this regard as the area this ministry covers has the potential to reach over 70 million souls. Most of these have NEVER, you heard me NEVER heard the name of the Lord and have no clue about His love for them. Talk about a new POV! Wherever we may be going on this journey, you are in our hearts and your names on our lips as we lift your needs to the throne of grace.

Odessa Meetings Begin in June

We're blessed to add a new location for ministry to our schedule. Bob and Jeannie Coffee have generously offered to open their home to us on Wednesday evenings. Their address is 6342 Mecca in Odessa, TX. Our first meeting will be June the 11th from 7-9PM for all of you in the Odessa area. For more information you can reach the Coffees at 367-4284 or us at 550-7642. See you there!

A Word to You From Jeff

MY RESPONSIBILITY where the body is concerned is to pray for them. My responsibility is to support them. I've committed my life to seek God and receive revelation from God so that I can preach and teach the body.



Frances McGehee's Challah

The Gift of Hospitality

You don't know how much you need one another until you are around someone who is gifted with a gift you don't have. So it is for me as one who doesn't have the gift of hospitality. When we travel across eastern New Mexico and west Texas the Lord has blessed us with many who do have the gift of hospitality. These people don't mind cleaning and planning in preparation for our arrival. They always have marvellous tables set with all sorts of tasty delights. The ladies that work so hard in their kitchens worry and fret (I remind them that worry is sin) that the pie isn't perfect or the stew won't be tasty enough. I have been taking picture of their beautiful, flavourful creations and plan to add a couple to this newsletter.

We don't ever want to take another person's gift for granted because we'd hate to be without these wonderful gifts. When we're on our way to another town we never have to concern ourselves with the little details these gracious hosts fuss and bother over. We want to use this article to thank the following folks: In Tuscola, TX we thank Lou Bridges, Marianne Rankin and Linda Cook. In Lubbock, TX we thank Pamela Warren and Darla Deckard. In Midland, TX we thank Penny & Hank Malone and Dorothy Blackwell. In Seminole, TX we thank Beatrice Pittman. In Roswell, NM we thank Ray & Joy Hunt, Ed and Evalyn Swindell, and Shane and Tasha Olive. In Hobbs, NM we thank Kerry and Verna Evans and Bobby and Shannon Hester. In Ruidoso, NM we thank James and Maddy Inman. In Capitan, NM we thank Lawrence and Susan Lucas. In Las Cruces, NM we thank John and Martha Nygaard and Fred and Laurel Hofeldt. Because you all do your job, we can do ours!

CDs & VHS Tapes are available of all our teachings. If you'd like a copy of one, please feel free to contact us at: 432-550-7542 or the address below.



Working Out With Jeff Seed Set Apart To Bring Forth

What kind of roots are you entangling yourself with?

Matt 13:24-30

Jesus presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man that sowed good seed in his field. But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went away. But when the wheat sprouted and bore grain, then the tares became evident also. The slaves of the landowner came and said to him, "Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field?" How then does it have tares? And he said to them, "An enemy has done this!" The slaves said to him, "Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?" But he said, "No; for while you are gathering up the tares, you may uproot the wheat with them. Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; then gather the wheat into my barn."

Lets define some words from this parable.

Parable – 3850 – (Strong's) defines this word as a narrative of common life conveying a moral, a similitude

Seed – 4690 – sperma – (Strong's) defines this word as a remnant of good seed kept for planting

Tares – 2215 – zizanion – (Strong's) defines this word as false seed with its final weed resembling wheat

Enemy - 2190 – echthros – (Strong's) defines this word as to hate or hateful to act hostile as an adversary specifically satan

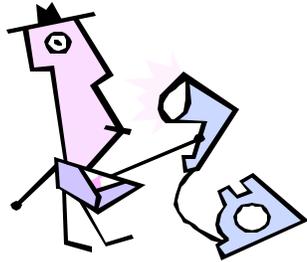
I was talking with a very good friend and brother the other day. Throughout our conversation what we were talking about brought this parable to mind. I realized that Jesus referred to good seed in this parable. I know you're reading this saying, "Jeff are you kidding? Everybody understands that He was talking about good seed"...and to that I would say, "yes" that's my point! Most everyone knows that Jesus referred to good seed, but have we over-looked the obvious? He is speaking about The Kingdom of God and what men ought to be doing if they are in God's Kingdom. I looked up many of His words used in this parable (as you can see above) and Jesus says **The Kingdom of God** is compared to... ALL the parables He spoke are to give us information about what it is like and what

to do if you abide in The Kingdom of God and The Kingdom of God abides in you.

I know this sounds obvious but I see and talk with many people and I see that we are learning a lot of information about God and very little about His or should I say "our" Kingdom". If we say we are born-again and know it then we should be hearing from our Father by His Spirit on ways to live in His Kingdom on this earth. His Spirit was left here for us. He is here to teach us ALL things and to reveal ALL things that Jesus said. If we go back before the day of His death, burial and resurrection and study, what we find is information foretelling His death, burial and resurrection that is to come! On this side of the cross it has already happened! Do you realize you are living in His resurrection? You were buried with Him! You were raised with Him! You now live forevermore in The Kingdom of God! Death has no more power over you! You are an eternal creature alive eternally you will NEVER die. Yes you will leave your body one day and the doctors will pronounce you dead, but they are wrong! You will be present with The Lord and forever be with Him. Jesus told Martha and Mary at Lazarus' tomb, "I am the resurrection and life and that who ever believes in me though he were dead yet shall he live". The apostle Paul also wrote about being alive and present with The Lord immediately after separation from your body. There are those that still today believe that they actually die and just lay there in the ground sleeping until the last day when the resurrection of the dead rolls around. Well my bible tells me that my Father is the God of all the living not the dead. And to be absent from the body is to be present with The Lord. For what it's worth I've been separated from my body in what the world would call death but though I was separated from my body I had no part with death. I was present with my Lord and there was no dirt where I was, in fact there was no darkness at all, only light. All good and no doubt no fear only Love and Peace. Don't buy the lie that you are going to just lay around in the ground dead waiting for the resurrection. Jesus **IS** the Resurrection and The Life!

Now, some more of this parable...tares! Tares, tares, tares why tares? We could stay there for quite a while but today I want us to look at just the fact that Jesus said **IN** the Kingdom of God an enemy plants tares in the field. Oh yeah! Look at verse 41 angels are sent to gather everything that offends throw them out of the Kingdom and into a furnace of fire. The man that planted the good seed in the field tells the servants of the field that want to go pull the tares, to leave them alone and let them grow together with the good seed that has come up. Because you see they both came up together. They're roots are intertwined together so if you were to pull up the tare you would inevitably pull up and do damage to the wheat. The man that sowed the good seed also knows at harvest time the tares are to be gathered first and bundled. They are bundled so they can be burned and then all those righteous in Jesus, the wheat, will be gathered but not bundled. No need to bundle them they want to be led of their Father. They will walk into The Father's barn and will shine forth as the sun in the Kingdom of their God.

Good seed planted by a good God have good roots to produce good fruit! Be very cautious with which roots you entangle yourself. See ya next month.



Answered Prayer

We're in the new 34 ft. travel trailer and once again a tad overwhelmed. No more crowding into little "Gracie" and trying or leaving things at home simply because there just wasn't enough room. We've learned many lessons on faith, as "Gracie" was our first real "faith stand" as we believed for something tangible for the ministry. We can't thank each one of you enough for praying, for agreeing and for helping us along this new pathway. We're learning that this new life is truly one that goes from "faith to faith" and "glory to glory". We are rejoicing and praising God for one more answered prayer.

The little family in Midland is rejoicing for answered prayer as well. They have been blessed with two of the three air conditioning units they believed for. Listening to them cheer and having them call us to tell us they had to use blankets for the first time since the heat wave arrived is pretty great. Thanks for hearing and obeying to give.

Miss Alice Jackson is also rejoicing for her answered prayer. We've asked her each time we visit her if she has any needs or wants and her last request was a bottle of "White Shoulders" perfume. A trivial request to some, but if you've never had perfume it can be a really big thing. I'd like to share the awesome story of Alice's answered prayer.

Alice asked me for the perfume and I told her "ok". One of you who I mentioned her request to said you'd like to get it for her. I let it settle there and the next time we visited Alice we told her that someone was "on the case". She would call from time to time to let me know where we might find the mysterious bottle of perfume. I chuckled and told her it was coming from New Mexico. The day I brought it to her was such a blessing. It was lovingly wrapped and placed in the Neiman Marcus bag it came in. The person who bought the perfume bought an entire set of perfume with a bottle of cologne and lotion. She opened the gift and asked if she might not keep the bag as well. Smile. I said, "It's yours Alice". Not long after opening it a person came to the door with her lunch. In hand was a bottle of perfume, but not what Alice had asked for. The person said that the decision had been made to simply get her a bottle of perfume and if Alice didn't like it they'd "think" about getting her what she'd asked for. Aren't we blessed that God doesn't give us substitutes to what we ask him for. It makes me think of the scripture where Y'shua said, "If you ask for a loaf of bread will the Father give you a stone"?

We want to encourage each and every one of you to be specific when you ask the Father for needs and wants. We all know better than to consume the things God gives us on lusts, so we will skip dealing with that issue. If you know that you're asking according to His will, you know He hears you and IF He hears you then you have confidence to know that He

will give you what you ask for. Don't settle for less than what you are using your faith for. God is faithful and He will supply the need if we do our part.



My life in a nutshell...

Before my awareness of the fact that there was a devil and he was at work in my life, I had no idea he was killing me, stealing from me and destroying everything that concerned me. I can now look back with understanding and see his subtle workings. I thank God for his grace, as without it I would most assuredly be dead by now.

In 1977 I married and the challenge began. The adversary had been at work in my life before this time, but he stepped up his operations against me from the day I said, "I do". September of 1978 my first child, Janine, was born with a bilateral cleft lip and palette. Without the Lord this was a terrible thing to try and walk through. Then in October of 1979 my second child, Jeff Jr. was born. Just two months later on December 16, 1979 Jeff Jr. died silently in his sleep. Without the Lord this was also an impossible thing to walk through. A well-meaning friend offered help by bringing his pastor to minister some comfort, but his response to a hard thing was to tell us "God needed another daisy in his garden and he took your son". My response was, "**REALLY**"?!@! I went into a tailspin and decided to find this so-called god that killed my son. I began a plan to find him and to hurt him as badly as he had hurt me. I considered breaking his legs or taking something of his and ruining it past repair or perhaps if he had one even kill **his** son, if given half a chance.

Thank God He is big enough to handle an angry Heinz 57 Cherokee Indian. I discovered something completely different than what I had been told. I found out that His word is truth and He is big enough to withstand my threats, but also when anyone truly seeks Him He will be found. (No matter the reason you might be seeking Him) Most important The God I found was not the god this preacher was talking about!!

On March 12, 1981 **after** my back was broken in an industrial "accident", **after** my son died, **after** my daughter was born with birth defects, **after** my employer in Wyoming went bankrupt (the largest electrical contractor in the five state area) **after** the preacher walked into my house and declared that god killed my son, I had an opportunity to find the One True God of the bible. The evening of March 12th, 1981 two men knocked on my front door in Artesia, New Mexico, which is where I moved my family in January 1980. These two men did not ask me to come to church with them. They did not want to know if I had a church home. They asked me if I wanted to know Jesus and be saved. For some reason I invited them in and they began to read to me out of their bibles and show me why I needed a Savior. They did not ask me to repeat a prayer after them, I just knew inside that what they were sharing with me was what I needed and fell to my knees in my living room and asked Jesus to save me and come live in me. My wife Cerise witnessed this and asked Jesus to save her

the next day. I will never forget to give these two men the honor of working for God in my life, James Fogg and Dan Lewis will forever be my favorite people on earth for having the hearts to come to me in obedience to the Father.

Jesus (The Anointed One) came into my life and became my Savior the night of March 12, 1981. May 1988 my back was totally healed by Him and two weeks later I was filled with The Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues just like the Word teaches.

There is so much our Father has done in my life there just isn't enough room on paper to share all of it. I will tell you this, without the teaching of the faith of God my family would be a mess today. But as many of you know my daughter made us grand parents 15 months ago and I love every minute of it. Living the life of a Spirit led Faith filled human being is second to none! Jesus is The Only Way to The Father and no man has ever reached Him by any other method, though some think so. Romans chapter one speaks about those).

I felt like there was someone out there that needed to hear and know that there is a good God out there wanting to be your Father not just your God. I have a Father that loves me because that's what He does. Everyone that comes to Him must come to Him by the blood of His dear Son. Knowing His written word will profit you nothing until you come to Him that gives revelation of that word by receiving His sacrifice by the blood. If you haven't ever received God's sacrifice for you why not do so right now. Say this out loud for God and the devil to hear; "Lord Jesus, I believe in my heart that you died for me and that God raised you from the dead. I believe that you have come into my life and I am saved according to Romans chapter 10:9. Thank you for coming into my life and now fill me with your Holy Spirit so I can learn with power to live for you on this planet".

Now call me at 432-550-7642 and let me know. If you would rather e-mail I am at fristlightconsulting@yahoo.com. Please let someone know that you received God's sacrifice and asked Jesus to save you today! Love, Jeff



Eternally Loved, Eternally Connected

I know many people who are tempted to blame God for all the evil and confusion on this planet, but most of those folks just don't know Him. They are bringing the Creator down to the level of the creation. We have scripture to remind us that "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man that he should repent; hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken and shall he not make it good? Numbers 23:19

God doesn't love, He is love. God doesn't do special things for people because of a gift or a calling. For instance, he

doesn't do one thing for an apostle and another for a little widow woman. He does everything based upon His love for His children through His Son Y'shua/Jesus. He's so willing to show Himself (LOVE), that He laid down His life for us when we were still sinners. He also doesn't keep Himself from us when we mess up. He's right there rooting us on. In fact He has put His faith in us! Isn't that great, isn't it awesome that God has faith in us. He actually placed His most Holy Spirit within us. Now that's love at work. He has even entrusted the job of destroying the works of the adversary to us! He trusts *us* to put all things under His feet. He has given us power over all the power of the adversary and promised that nothing should by ANY MEANS hurt us. Again, that's a really wondrous thing! If we really trust and believe in His love, if we take it for ourselves, then He also expects us to do so for one another. God is eternal, which means that love is eternal. When you're part of God you are also intertwined in Him and therefore meshed with love. That love NEVER fails or ends. Anyone who is part of the real body of Christ is also meshed in love and eternity. Wherever you may be you are eternally connected to the body. You don't have to join some "church" or group, you must receive the eternal Spirit of the living Creator. This means that even if you screw up, mess things up in a really big way, we don't dump you, we can't. Why? It's because we are eternally connected in an unbreakable way. You don't have to have membership or prove loyalty, because your value comes from having Y'shua's life, death and resurrection living in you.

Jeff has been teaching us that in order to be in the body you have to have the three festivals living in you. Well if you look at the life, death and resurrection of Christ you will see those festivals. His life was Sukkot, divinity in a "temporary dwelling place". His death was Pesach "the death angel took him and passed over us". His resurrection was Shavuot "the Holy Spirit lived in him again". If we have received Y'shua/Jesus, we have received those festivals and they are part of us!

You may feel like a "misfit" in this world, you may not fit in any "church", but if you have received Y'shua, you are jointly fitted into the body by Love HIMSELF. It's really nice to know that even if someone doesn't like me in the body of Christ, that person is part of me and as I pray for him/her God makes the changes needed to pull us together. Love just does that.

Jeff's and my goal is to get to know and touch as many folks in the body of Christ as possible. Sometimes it feels like there isn't enough time, but then we remember we have all eternity. We want each of you to know that you are loved with an eternal love. Love that believes in you, in your ability to hear from love Himself, and to produce the fruit of love! We're working on that goal, one person at a time, face to face wherever we go. Maybe you'll be next!

Abilene At Last

We're excited to announce that we'll be having our first meeting in Abilene at last. Lou Bridges has arranged for us to meet at the new fire station in Abilene. She is planning to have finger foods and beverages so needs an RSVP from all who plan to attend. If you'd like to help her with food or paper goods please mention that as well. The meeting will be

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June 14th from 3-5 PM at 250 Grape Street, Abilene, Texas. Jeff will be teaching and we'd love to hug a bunch of you as it's been such a long time since we've seen or heard from you. To RSVP call Lou Bridges at 915-572-3251. Feel free to bring a friend, but again let Lou know how many are coming! See you soon.

You Asked For It

We will begin adding recipes in this newsletter. I've been given a couple "tried and true" family favorites, both of which I have tasted and agree they are "keepers". One is a sausage recipe from Dixie Boyd (next month), the other is the challah recipe that Frances McGehee made for us during a recent stay in Alamogordo. Keep your eyes open and tell us what you think of these tasty favorites.

Challah

2 Pk dry yeast
1/3 C. sugar
2 C. lukewarm water
6-7 C. flour
2 tsp. salt
2 eggs
1/3 C. veggie oil

Combine yeast and sugar in a large bowl. Add the warm water and stir until the yeast dissolves. Let it sit for a few minutes (about 10-15). Add salt and approximately 3 1/2 C. flour. Beat until texture is smooth. Add 1 egg and the oil and mix well. Stir in 2-3 C. of flour, or more, until the mixture forms a soft dough. Roll dough onto a lightly floured surface and knead until smooth. Add flour while kneading to keep dough from being sticky. When dough is smooth (after kneading several minutes) punch a small hole with your index finger. When dough bounces back, the dough is ready to rise. Place dough into a well-greased bowl and turn to grease all sides and top. Cover with a wet towel and let rise until double in bulk. This recipe may be covered with a lid and refrigerated over night. After this first rising, punch dough down and divide in half. Divide each half into three equal parts. Roll each third into a long strip then braid each together. It is easier to begin the braid in the middle and press the ends underneath so they will not unravel. Place each loaf onto a greased baking sheet and cover with a wet towel. Let rise again (about an hour). Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix remaining egg with 1 tsp. Water and brush loaves for shiny crust and sprinkle with poppy seed. Bake for 23-26 minutes until golden brown.

Shaynee Means Double

We've been blessed with a travel trailer that is exactly double the size of our little "Gracie". We've named it "Shaynee" which is Hebrew for double! We hope you'll all take the time to venture into our new "home" when we're close by!

Family Album For June Alice Jackson with her "White Shoulders".



Dorothy Blackwell ordained.



Brunch in Alamogordo.



Gracie Grows Up.



This is "Shaynee"