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On Location



Jeff making faces at the fish market. Can you tell how much he likes the smell of fish?

Once again we are on location in Mexico. We are taking time to rest and refuel so that we can return in the power of the Holy Spirit. So far we have had an awesome time with the Lord and have already seen miracles that have rekindled our souls to go on and fight the good fight of faith. With that said we want to make a special request of those of you who actually read these newsletters. Don't just read them one time and think, "Well that was good". Please read and re-read them. We don't just throw out text for the sake of filling blank pages with words. The things we put on paper come after time in communication with the Father Himself. They come after rising early to hear His Voice and then acting upon what He has shown us.

We are charged with preparing those who have ears to hear for the days ahead. We don't do it for filthy lucre or fame, but for the will of God to be accomplished on the planet.

Meditation is ongoing and not a one time thing. It requires "chewing" much like a cow would chew her cud. Forgive the analogy, but I couldn't think of a better illustration of what we want to share with you. A cow takes nasty plants full of hard to digest cellulose and chews and chews and digests and re-digests until she makes wonderful sweet cream filled milk. If you've ever had strawberry shortcake topped with smooth sweet whipped cream, you know how awesome the whole milk making process can be. Cream rises to the top, but after you skim it off the milk it takes a whole lot of whipping to make it firm enough to be whipped cream.

We offer the sincere milk of the word to you, but for it to be productive you need to eat and re-eat it until you yield the fruit of the Spirit of God. You have what we need and we are willing to invest in you trusting you will, in like manner, give to us of your produce. It's how the Body is supposed to work.

One last time we exhort you to go back over the previous newsletters. Turn off the TV and put down all the natural distractions around you. Pick up your bibles and check out what we have shared. Get re-fired for God and His plan. Revival comes by work and not by hoping someone else will do all the work. Stir up the gift in yourselves as we stir up the gift God has entrusted us with.



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Special points of interest:

?? Jeff has his 50th birthday this month. He says he doesn't care, but you know how that goes.

?? Thank you all for helping us take a restful vacation in Mexico. We were able to minister to many folks and had several divine appointments. We pray for each one of you to have similar opportunities for rest. J & C

Let God be God



What is God's job? Have you ever asked yourself that question? Does He make all the demands and offer nothing? Some believe that the only thing He offers is judgment and damnation. Others believe He is a non-demanding benefactor who gives without ever a single consideration of a return on His giving. Still others are so self absorbed that they refuse to believe that He even exists. If we get to know God as Father, as Creator, as Benefactor, as Judge, as Advocate, as Healer and the other million things He provides we would learn that these partial truths that men hold up as light in all actuality keep men in darkness. It doesn't take much darkness to cause corruption of truth and make a counterfeit of truth.

If God is truly God, then He must be in all places at all times. He must see everything at one time and be able to care and administer whatever is needed at all times. A God this great is also able to communicate with His creation and reveal His desires to that creation.

God is the Father of those who accept His Salvation; His Son Yeshua/Jesus. He has made His desires known. He manifested or created His Son to destroy the works of the adversary (1 John 3:8). His Son would have need of certain supplies to do the job. God cast the devil to the earth where he could watch over the whole. He used faith as the power to accomplish the job and He put His faith in His Son. His Son was His crowning creation. He first provided the sun, moon and the stars for him. He then supplied all he would need on those planets and celestial bodies. Then He took the dirt from one of the planets, earth, and molded a body for his son. Then He breathed the breath of life into the body. His plan was in full force, but it would take many generations for the plan to fully manifest. Actually the work of God is still going on and will do so until the millennial reign when God will rest. Remember, a day is with the Lord as a thousand years and a thousand years is as a day (2 Peter 3:8).

We can learn much by studying the creation and the book of Genesis. Everything God did and is doing is hidden for us in Genesis, the book of beginnings. Some have only gleaned a surface understanding from Genesis; others have and will go deeper and learn much from this revealing chapter in our history.

God desires to be the working power behind what we are doing here. To allow Him only a superficial control is to force Him to only manifest superficial blessings. The more we submit to His care, the more He can do. Does this mean we sit around and do nothing? In no way are we to sit blithely by and collect dust. We have a continuing job of hearing His voice and doing whatever it is He asks of us. The more we are faithful over the more He entrusts us with.

Is God your God? Do you allow Him to provide for you or do you get all your provision from men who charge usury? Is God your Advocate or do you trust your defense to governments, lawyers and judges? Is God your Healer or do you put all your trust in men's limited knowledge of the human body? The more God trusts us with that we don't use, the more we lose.

Matt 16:25-26 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? KJV

When we commit our lives unto God and receive His salvation, we must be willing to give ourselves wholly over to God. That is how a covenant works. What is His is ours and what is ours is His. If you want eternal life you have to give up your mortal life and way of doing things. We don't just say, "Give us the good and we'll keep our measly lives as well". We can't say, "Bless me, but let me do as I please".

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God wants so much more for us and from us than we are presently receiving from Him or giving to Him. He has a huge plan and He is the Master builder. His way is ultimately going to be the ONLY way. His plan will be the ONLY plan. We can decide to listen and obey or we can be left behind. There is a terrific example of our situation in the bible. The children of Israel first delivered out of Egypt were then left to die in the wilderness. All they could see was starvation and lack in God's provision. They refused to step out of the box of fear and poverty they had created and step into the Promised Land. We are very much like them. Some will go on to pull down the Jerichos in their lives. Others will die in the wilderness never having achieved the goals God has set. It takes faith to go in and possess the land. It will require of those who succeed that they step out of the boat, walk on water, still the lion's jaws, stand up after being stoned, stand in the midst of the fiery furnace and laugh in the face of as many scenarios as the adversary can muster.

If you really believe that God is who He says He is, then we exhort you to stand up and be who He says you are! Because of His Son Yeshua/Jesus we are well able to possess the land. Let's go in and do it, shall we? Will you be the Joshuas and Calebs of this generation? Or will you be those unnamed multitude that left their bones bleaching in the wilderness. You must decide.

Believe and Act



Why am I still sick if God has healed me? Why am I still poor if God wants me to prosper? Why am I constantly in trouble if God is my deliverer? There are probably many unknown underlying factors to the problems I have listed here, but there is one that stands out to me. In my own life I have asked these questions and the Father has shown me that the main underlying problem is mental assent. When I think I am believing, but never ACT upon what I say I believe I am merely assenting to something with my mind and never offering corresponding action. Let me give you an example of mental assent. If I say, "By his stripes I was healed", but I lie in bed and never move from my position I am demonstrating mental assent. If I truly believe that I WAS healed by the stripes the soldiers put on the Lord's back I must act upon what I am believing and throw my body out of bed.

The Lord said that if we hear his word and don't DO his word we are building on unstable ground. We are in effect only mentally agreeing with him. The adversary will send storms then to kill, steal and destroy.

The woman with the issue of blood said within herself, "If I but touch the hem of his garment I shall be made whole". In her heart and mind she was healed. She took her faith and acted upon it. Not only did she speak what she believed, but she acted upon what she believed. Now mind you if she had been caught touching anyone in the crowd or even coming near without yelling, "Unclean" she could have been stoned. That was the risk; in fact she risked the little life she had left so that she could receive her healing.

The Body of Christ is supposed to walk as healed as the Lord is. The bible tells us that "as he is so are we in this world", but if you would look at the average Christian who is ill he/she would deny this truth. He/she believes everything BUT the written word of God. It's easier to believe what the doctors say and put all ones faith in what is seen, heard, smelled, tasted, felt and thought.

It takes a lot to walk by faith. It takes your life to walk by faith. We are told over and over throughout the word, "The just shall live by faith". In order to trust God and what He says, you must be willing to lay down your life day by day. The moment we try to "save ourselves" we will find ourselves dying.

In the arena of natural provision we must see ourselves as the children of the Most High God, but it is going

Believe and Act.....continued

to take faith. If we don't press into seeing ourselves as God's children we will walk in the lower natural realms alone and be covered up in poverty. Our Father uses the finest gold to pave His streets and huge pearls for His gates. So why do we have such a hard time letting loose of a dollar? Because we aren't willing to be like God and bless others with abandon. We are afraid we won't have another dollar if we give our last one away. In all actuality we don't really trust that God is or that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him and His will.

In the days ahead it will be more and more important to begin to act upon what God is showing you. God is talking to every one of us, but are we listening? These are dark and perilous days and we all need to take God at His word much like a small child would obey a parent who screams, "Stop right where you are". If we pull back from the picture we see an out of control car rushing straight towards the unsuspecting child. The parent is wise enough to see the circumstance and its outcome long before a child would ever be aware of the impending danger. An obedient child will listen and obey and live. A disobedient child might ignore his parent's directive and be maimed or die. Father God has seen our end from the beginning of time. He knows exactly what is ahead, but He can't and won't force us to obey. He is long suffering but not eternally suffering. Now is the time to begin walking as the manifested sons of God. He is waiting and in fact all of creation is waiting for us. Let's begin to act upon what we hear and see in the word. Let's obey His voice and do great exploits for our Father and God.

The Other Side of the Mountain



I would like to add another way of looking at the truths we covered in that last article. In effect I would like to come at it from another direction or the other side of the mountain. We're told that the two commandments we are given today are to love God with all our strength and to love our neighbor as ourselves. If we look at only the first commandment and see that we are to love God with ALL our strength and that means we must love Him spiritually, mentally and physically. To love God spiritually we must have His Holy Spirit residing on our insides. First we must believe in the Lord Yeshua/Jesus and his finished work on the cross. That gives us the sealing of the Holy Spirit. Next we must allow ourselves to be filled or baptized in

the Holy Spirit. Last we must submit ourselves to hear and obey the Spirit in order NOT to be driven by the flesh and fulfill its old lusts. Ok having done these things love in the spirit realm is basically covered. We must now deal with the emotional realm. We must renew our minds to the word. That means reading, meditating, hearing, and just plain filling ourselves with His word. We pray in the Spirit for the power of heaven to fill us and renew our minds daily. So with these we have dealt with the mental realm, but most stop here and never get to the flesh realm. They figure their flesh is always going to be disobedient and unresponsive to God's will and word, but that just doesn't have to be true. We're told we can exercise our flesh to discern between good and evil. We can daily crucify the flesh and its desires by exercise and practice. It isn't immediate but it is within the realm of possibility. We don't have to succumb to the flesh and its desires. In the past we have allowed our flesh to rule and therefore kill itself through lusting and sinning. We can just as easily teach and exercise it to be satisfied with life and godliness.

Returning to what we covered earlier we can lay truth over truth and put up another layer of bricks on our household of faith. We hear God speak in the Spirit. We agree to it with our minds and then we act upon it with our flesh. This is true worship. We've heard the Lord say that true worshippers worship is spirit and in truth. We can hear and learn and learn and learn and NEVER come to the knowledge of the truth. We see such

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people everyday. They become professional students, but NEVER practice what they learn. You can't imagine anyone going to school for twelve years to learn how to become a doctor without ever practicing, but people study the word of God everyday and NEVER leave their homes. They don't share the word except in a very small way. I've come across some who have never led a single person to the Lord. That is shameful.

To truly worship and love God we must love Him with all our strength. We must hear His Voice, renew our minds and act upon what we have learned. It will be a day by day thing and not a microwave lesson.

Questions YOU Want Asked



I know when we used to be on television folks would say, "You ask the questions we would ask if we were on camera". We all have questions, but for some reason we are afraid to ask many of them. Perhaps we are afraid of looking stupid, but what is more stupid; asking and getting an answer or not asking and never knowing? So we shall ask. Here is the first question many of you have may have asked.

Do strong Christians ever have doubts?

Doubt is a spirit of fear and comes to EVERY single person alive. What one does with doubt is really the issue. We're told in the letters of Yacov/James the brother of Yeshua/Jesus, "Submit to God, resist the devil and he will flee". You are not alone if you have doubts, just don't let them go from your head to your heart. When doubt comes you must "try the spirit". That means you must ask yourself, "Where did that thought originate from?" That isn't something God would say (love would say). Ok, that means it is fear and God has NOT given me a spirit of fear. Then tell the spirit to leave. In the beginning you will have to do it over and over, but eventually you will learn to recognize doubt or fear and resist them.

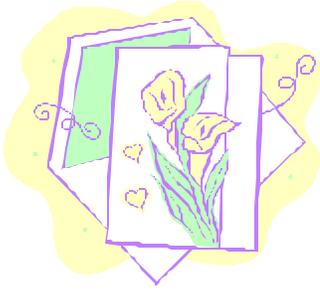
Yes, strong Christians have doubt come at them, but they don't have to receive or partake in those doubts and allow them to settle in their hearts.

Matt 28:16-17

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

Here we have the disciples standing with the Lord after he had been raised from the dead. It's hard for us to imagine, but while they are seeing the newly resurrected Lord of Glory they are being attacked with doubt. So when you're tempted to doubt, just resist the temptation with the word and it will leave. These same eleven men would turn the world upside down with what they would share. Doubt comes but we don't have to fall for the trap.

An Open Invitation



Once again we'd like to tell you all that you are more than welcome to attend any of the meetings mentioned on the calendar. They are open for "whosoever" will come. During these meetings we teach the "Principles of the doctrines of Christ" and many are being disciplined for the first time in their lives. Without discipleship we all flounder in our faith. The evidence that so many are floundering because of lack of discipleship is the yo-yo hot and cold nature of the average believer. The first principles of the oracles of God are vital to every believer, but many don't even know they exist or that they are in the bible. Without them one NEVER goes onto receive the meat of the word, but will remain as a babe barely able to receive the sincere milk of the word.

If you have never been taught the first principles of the oracles of God, please consider making the sacrifices necessary to be disciplined. We offer this teaching free of charge to those truly wanting to go to the higher realms of faith in God.

If we don't go to your town please consider opening your home for such a meeting. We have found that those who are willing to open their hearts, hearths and homes are the ones who receive the most from the teaching and ministry we offer. Unlike so many, we make house calls.

Another facet of the meetings is ministry of the body. The gift of prophet is available as well as the laying on of hands for healing, anointing and dedication by the gift of the apostle.

Each of you in the body has something to contribute that is equally necessary for the growth of the body. (1 Cor. 14:26) Without your contribution, without your ministry, the whole will suffer. We covet the touching of heart and hand with those of you we have yet to connect to in this way.

If you need revived and refueled please accept our invitation to come and be made whole. Please contact us at either 432-550-7642 or send a letter to Jeff & Cerise Welter, P. O. Box 662, Gardendale, TX 79758. We look forward to hearing from you.

Mexican Travel Journal



Here I am on the beach at Puerto Penasco. The entire beach was made up of shells and rather than hunt for shells we just hunted for the best and our favorites. Behind me is "Manny's" a great place for Mexican food and people watching. We made lots of friends at Manny's and have so many great memories. Thank you all for helping us go and for making such a good restful time possible. We had a space right on the beach to park our RV. It was lovely to leave the windows open at night and hear the surf pounding and the gulls crying.

This is the "Rey del Mar". We saw it sailing by our RV one afternoon after I took this picture. You will notice the Mexican flag is flying high. It looked like a pirate boat without the sails. What a fun atmosphere to spend a rest filled week. We most definitely got to practice our Spanish and Jeff made his share of friends without using much Spanish.



Mexican Travel Journal.....continued



This woman was painting platters. We bought one that said, “God Bless our Home” in Spanish. Of course it was red with big huge sunflowers. We visited with many of the locals. We discovered that many have Indian heritage and that many speak very little Spanish or English. The younger generation is making a difference however as they are going to school and learning Spanish. We’ve made many trips into Mexico, but this was the first where we actually got to speak to the native Indians as well as the Mexicans. You can clearly see the Aztec, Mayan and Incan influences in the faces and dress of the natives. <————

Here is a picture of “Anna” (in the baseball cap) and her “Abuelita” as she calls her grandmother. Anna is a native Indian from Tijuana transplanted to Puerto Penasco. She spoke very good Spanish and even some English. She is 13 years old and goes to school in town. Unlike her grandmother, Anna speaks fluent Spanish. She and her 19 year old aunt Marisela ate in our home several times. It was a blessing to learn about her heritage and to share so many things. Anna and her family braid hair and sell crafts for their living. Anna was on vacation for “Santa Semana” (Holy week). Otherwise she would have been in school.——>



Here are Jeff and a vendor from Acapulco. His family has taken basket making to a really awesome level. Here we see them holding “payasos” made from plastic ribbon. These clowns had no seams and were amazing works of handicraft. We actually went looking for this man a second time so we could buy more clowns for a fellow clown friend of ours. I’m sure he thought we were crazy Americans, but he was delighted to sell his wares. He and his family have been making baskets for generations. <————

You can see just how close we were to the water in this picture. God gave us such favor. Here you can also see one of the many vendors that walked the beach while we were there. We made friends with many of them and shared the gospel as well. We even were able to give bibles in both English and Spanish while there. It was so much fun and it was really tough to leave. —————>



Ok, so the accordion is small. I was delighted to find one like my very first. It will be perfect with my clowning and I know it will bring a few smiles to the faces of the children we minister to!

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These two were precious and lots of fun. The husband tried to sell us his whole stall. What a blessing to get to know these precious people.

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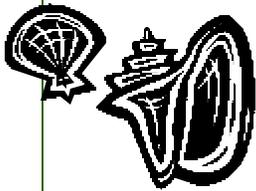


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Jeff Welter's May 2006 Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Prayer Day	Thu	Fri	Sabbath
Wednesday we have prayer during our meetings. Call for directions.	1	2	3 Odessa 2654 E. 11th 7-9PM Ann Crawford hostess	4	5 Lovington 2227 E. Waters 7-9PM Hebison's host	6
7	8	9	10 Odessa 18 Antebellum 7-9PM Godwin's host	11	12 Hobbs Doc Dean's office 7-9PM	13 Roswell 2401 N. Grand 2-4PM Glo McCutcheon hostess
14	15	16	17 Odessa 10 Louisiana Cove 7-9PM Nellie Bailey hostess	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Odessa 18 Antebellum 7-9PM Godwin's host	25	26	27
28 Jeff's 50th Birthday!	29	30	31 Odessa 10 Louisiana Cove 7-9PM Nellie Bailey hostess	Do NOT hesitate to call for prayer. 432-550-7642.	We also take your email prayer requests at jeffdwelter@aol.com	Call for a meeting in your city or town.