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A New Year



There is nothing quite like looking out your kitchen window (no matter how tiny it may be) and seeing green grass, full leafed out trees and goats grazing quietly as tiny birds chirp out happy little songs. That's what met my eyes and ears as I looked out the window this morning. We're pretty much moved into our new "honeymoon cottage" and have the necessities to function in comfort. All that's left is to purge, pack and mark all the rest of the things left in the old homestead. Learning to be content with "such things as we have" in our new home is not near as challenging as I had first imagined. The only time I find it the least bit tough is when I'm faced with the accumulations of 29 years of married life. I've learned I can live with a lot less than I ever thought possible. Cleaning is easier and takes far less time. Deciding what to wear is easier because I have fewer choices to pick from. My focus has shifted more to the word, prayer, to praise and worship and preparing for teaching. Life is good and in spite of the little attacks of the enemy that we all experience, we're enjoying everyday of it.

Abba Father has had me studying the tactics of the enemy and how to defeat his strategies. I've had it with allowing him to trick, trap, deceive, snare, and attack me without an effective counter plan. One thing I've learned is that the more time we spend in the word, the more nervous he gets and the more crud he tries to send our way. I'm not about to give up the word because I KNOW that it is my bedrock. He'd love for us all to lie down and just die, but it's not going to happen. How can I know this? It is because God is working in us both to will and to do of HIS good pleasure. Of course we've all heard the old standby, "I've read the end of the book and we win."

Today I give thanks for a wonderful husband who has made the whole transition so much easier. He knows what I can "carry" as far as weights and he doesn't allow me to carry too much. He sure is like his Father and I thank God for that. We really need to press into the fact that God will never put more on us than we can bear and nothing we experience takes God by surprise.

Jeff is on the road this lovely Sabbath morning and I am blessed to stay behind and rest. My rest today will be full of meditating on the word, playing the accordion and praying. I know that it will be a lovely peace filled day. I hope you all remember the Sabbaths that come your way and rest from the work you are called of God to do. Rest is part of the work you must do!

We've just entered into a new Biblical year, so Happy New Year!

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Prayer Requests:

- ??Please continue to lift the following in prayer:
- ??Repair of our plumbing in our home
- ??Storage of household goods
- ??God's direction for this new year of ministry
- ??Time for fasting and prayer for Jeff
- ??Repair of the several vehicles sitting unused

Acting Out of Worry?



The other day I looked out into the pecan orchard and couldn't see the goats. I grew anxious, as it was pretty late in the morning and they would normally be in sight. Jeff and I had been out ministering the previous night and hadn't returned home until the wee early hours of the morning so we slept in. Rather than wake him I put some tennis shoes on and went to look for the "goat boys" in the barn. As I was walking the goats came out from behind a wall that protects the water shed. I laughed at them as I turned to go back to the house. As I did the Lord said, "You should not act out of worry." I realized he was right and that I had gone out looking for them, fearing that something nasty might have happened. I was all "prepared" for

the worst.

Worry is basically meditation on the enemy's lies. When we act out of worry, we tell the enemy we're listening to him. The Lord told us, "My sheep hear my voice and another they will not follow." Here I was following the "other" voice. I was embarrassed, but also determined not to do it again. I have an old habit of doing this, and this habit is what God calls a "stronghold" of acting out of little worries. That means I'm going to have to pull down this stronghold in my life. Bless God we have instructions on how to do this in 2 Corinthians. I love it when God has given us an answer before we have to do a thing. I can meditate on His word and make it mine because He has already instructed us through the apostle Paul.

2 Corinthians {10:3} For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: {10:4} (For the weapons of our warfare [are] not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) {10:5} Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; {10:6} And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

I believe it is best to begin at the beginning in order to understand where our problem lies. It's really about a couple of trees: the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. One is a life-giving tree and the other brings knowledge of sin and death. Before Adam "fell" from the favor or grace of God he trusted the Spirit of God residing in him for everything. Occasionally the Lord (Yeshua) would walk with him in the cool of the morning. After he ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil he no longer fully trusted (had faith) in the Spirit of love or our God. He was afraid of him because he was flooded with knowledge. First he became aware that he was "naked" or uncovered. He had forsaken the garment of righteousness and exchanged it for fig leaves. The fig tree represents the law or Torah. Since man sinned he has attempted to establish self-righteousness by doing things to stay in control. When I went to check on the goats I was trying to regain control of a situation I had seen in my mind. I had not recognized *whom* it was that had talked to me. I had failed to recognize all the *signs* that the enemy was talking. If I had remembered that EVERY good and perfect gift comes from the Father, the worried thought I had when I looked out and couldn't see the goat boys should have caused my "red warning flags" to go flying off the charts. We're told that we can exercise our senses to discern between good and evil. That means we can learn to recognize those signs and feelings as warnings. I'm just not as exercised in this area as I want or need to be. Oh yes, the world and its ways also desensitize us to this gift. If we spend too much time in the world and not enough time with God we will NEVER fully develop this gift.

Recognizing and discerning the spirit behind the thought was the first thing I should have done. We're told to try the spirits or breaths that speak to us. Not every thing we hear is from God. The only way to recognize God's voice is to be intimate with His word. He doesn't speak one way in the bible and another way to us personally. Look at the temptation of our Lord. Remember how the enemy heard and saw him use the word as his measuring rod? With each temptation he said either, "It is written" or "It is said." After the first failed attempt to tempt the Lord he regrouped and begin imitating the word. (The devil learns fast and makes quick adjustments.) He used the word to tempt the Lord and he does the same with those who know their God. You have to hear the Spirit of God residing on the inside to be able to effectively deal with such temptations. The Lord was filled with the Holy Spirit BEFORE he was led into the wilderness to be tempted. That is why he was successful in defeating the enemy and his attempts to tempt him.

Acting Out of Worry.....continued

We are all tempted to react or act out of worried thoughts, but we can ask God to show us the “way of escape.” We are promised with every temptation God will make a way of escape. Before you take a step or have another worried thought, why not ask God to begin to raise a “red flag” when you’re being tricked into worrying and then tricked into acting upon that worry. We need to realize that every single human on the planet has areas where the enemy deceives him. Not one of us (except Yeshua/Jesus) knows it all. We need God’s vantage point to walk free of worry. I’ve heard it said that worry is “meditating on the lies of the adversary.” I would have to agree. He tries to take a simple thought or picture in our minds and turn it into a natural disaster. We don’t have to fall. If you are a habitual worrier confess it right now. Confess it every time you find yourself worrying. 1 John 1:9 is your answer.

Virtual Believers

In America we have so many sorts of games with just as many rolls in those games. We delight in learning the rules and the rolls to see where we “fit in.” We have also translated the gaming mentality to everyday life. We see ourselves in roles we were taught by parents, by teachers and by society and we play those roles until we get bored with the game. In worldly relationships and marriages when this happens we separate or divorce. In society we change careers, quit our jobs or using a term from the 60s we “drop out.” But folks, life is NOT a game. If we believe in living life in a virtual manner and never know the truth of true life we will terribly surprised at the end of the “game” we think we are playing.



Romans {8:1} [There is] therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. {8:2} For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. {8:3} For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: {8:4} That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. {8:5} For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. {8:6} For to be carnally minded [is] death; but to be spiritually minded [is] life and peace. {8:7} Because the carnal mind [is] enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. {8:8} So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. {8:9} But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. {8:10} And if Christ [be] in you, the body [is] dead because of sin; but the Spirit [is] life because of righteousness. {8:11} But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

God wants us to be led by His Holy Spirit, not to play the “game of life”. Many people think that God is just waiting to thump them if they don’t do things His way. God’s ways are the ways of righteousness, but it is the adversary who does all the “thumping”. They wrongly think that He says, “No” just to make sure that they don’t have any fun in life. God is love. Pure and simply, God is love. Love protects. A mother with a small child doesn’t put a child in a playpen to keep that child from having fun; she does so to prevent the child from getting hurt. A father doesn’t keep a gun away from a four year old because he’s mean, but because a child of that age doesn’t have the ability to use the power of that gun with all the experience, wisdom and judgment of an adult. God is like that. He knows what is deadly, but looks harmless. Just because something “feels good” doesn’t make it harmless. Just because something is fun doesn’t make it deadly. Sin is like a roller coaster with no brakes. It starts out fun (if you like roller coasters), but eventually your body would tire of the ups and downs and it would kill you. You couldn’t maintain the muscularity to endure the sharp turns

Virtual Believers.....continued

and the monotony of the roller coaster would soon wear on your body. Your mind would dull to the “fun” of it and exhaustion and hunger would take over.

Proverbs{16:25} There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof [are] the ways of death.

Hebrews{11:25} Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

Romans {14:23b}...for whatsoever [is] not of faith is sin.

Life is not a game. Life is not a stage. Life is the gift of God and is to be lived according to the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus (the Anointed Messiah Yeshua). So many people are trying to “fit in” or find themselves in this life. If they would just seek God’s face He would reveal their special purpose on this planet. He manifested His Son Yeshua/ Jesus to destroy the works of the adversary. He did his job by following God’s voice (the Holy Spirit). He then gave us our jobs and told us that we would do greater works than he did John 14:12 because he was going to the Father.

We should not be satisfied with virtual life or playing the “game of life.” We should seek God with all our heart, soul and strength and allow His kingdom to be established in our lives today.

Working Out With Jeff Christ In You

Rom {12:1-2}I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

I know all of us that love the Lord, because of everything He has done for us, have read this scripture and wondered if we would ever “measure up” to Paul’s expectations. There are many reasons we fail from day to day as we try to do what this one short scripture is saying. If we look into the entire word of God instead of seeing this bodily sacrifice as just another short subject we learn about in church, we will see mercy and grace mixed with perfect love available for us in order for us to succeed. But instead, because of what we were taught in church, we see condemnation which brings fear so we can’t actually do the word. This fear keeps us from freely experiencing the freedom to fail but understanding that when we fail we can also get right back up and start over.

When I started my walk as a child of God (25 years ago) I saw everything that is written in God’s word as impossible for me because of the things already at work in my body. So when I mixed that with what was coming from the pulpit I was always up at the front thinking I needed to be saved again because of my failure. Week after miserable week I was becoming more and more condemned because I wanted to be a good son to a wonderful Father but just couldn’t. Something was missing but no one, including myself, had the answer I needed. I didn’t even know there was anything missing! Then something happened that set the devil on his tail; I believe it was a complete shock to him when it happened. The pastor of the church I went to at that time came all the way out to my house and sat down at my kitchen table and told me that he did not believe in what I was “up to” in my studying God’s word. He said, “Jeff what ever you do, do it with everything that’s in you and if you find what you’re looking for is really there, hang on to it with all you have”. Now in a way that scared me but in his words he described the kind of man I am in everything anyway, (I always go all out in what I do) but at the same time a freedom of sorts came on me that I had not experienced before in my search for all God had. He did let me know that I wasn’t going to find what I was searching for in his church so I should go elsewhere. He knew I was already asking anyone and everyone (including him) about what they believed about the Holy Spirit and I was showing anyone who would listen what I was seeing in the word. In this man’s opinion I was becoming a troublemaker knowing full well that was not my intention, but he did not have any answers that he could show me came from God’s word. His answer came only from seminary books written by men’s intelligence.

Yes you guessed it. I was asking, seeking and knocking for the truth about the baptism of the Holy Spirit. My search as sporadic as it was took me nine years. In 1988 two weeks after I was totally healed in a healing crusade, and afterwards in His mercy God baptized me with His Holy Spirit. At that time in my walk as a child of the Most High I wanted to believe in healing but didn't. In spite of it I received complete healing from a broken back and I certainly wanted the baptism of the Holy Spirit if there was such a thing anymore and God baptized me. My heart was ripe and I had completely given up trying to be something I didn't think I could ever be, a son of God. God knew of course what I needed but I wasn't asking Him for any help, why should I when I never in a million years thought that He would ever talk to me. And if He did say anything to me surely I who was such a sinner would never be able to hear Him. I knew I had all that sin in the way. If God had to wait for sin to get out of the way He would never have been able to talk to anyone. And I hope you realize that if that were the case, no one would have brought forth His Son and we would all be doomed to a devil's hell.

Why did I share all that? Because Paul in Romans 12 wasn't asking something that we can't easily do. It is the most difficult thing we will ever have to do, but it's not that hard when you have the power of God.

Acts 1:8 but ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me...

God baptizes us when we ask based on what we believe. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is for us to be witnesses in this verse and is not what most folks want to hear so they choose to close their ears to the truth. The word "witnesses" is the word *martyrs*. Yes it's true. What do you think about that? Well stop thinking death because that's not what He is saying! It simply means that you will have the power of God to die to yourself like Paul is talking about in Romans 12. Paul said he had to keep "himself under" every day. Doing something for your boss is a reasonable service. Doing something for your wife or your husband is a reasonable service. We all have the power in ourselves to accomplish those tasks and though in some cases it isn't what we want to do (die to what we want) we still do it because we can. So presenting our bodies as a living sacrifice to God is something He understands we need help with, He was in the flesh too remember? Did He ever fail and sin? Absolutely not! Why? Because His Father baptized Him with The Holy Spirit. Jesus had the power of God all over Him so He could do all things through The Christ (the Anointing power) that strengthened Him. The anointing on the anointed One! The apostle John tells us that, "As Jesus is, so are we in this world"! The anointing you have (Christ in you) is your hope of glory! My God, I've typed myself happy!

Our Father is a perfect and good Father, ask Him to baptize you with His Holy Spirit believing you receive when you pray and He will freely give you of His Spirit. He won't keep any good thing from you. Then you will be able to do all things through Christ that strengthens you.

Guaranteed Success

Nineteen years ago in the midst of what looked like a hopeless situation I received a word from the Lord. "Love them, they don't know what love is," was the reply I was given in response to my cry to God for help. These seven words turned an unbelievable nightmare into a hope-filled opportunity for success. When I look back at those hard days I realize now that God was giving me a fail proof plan to overcome a natural disaster.

In 1 Cor. 13 we are promised, "Love NEVER fails." When everything we do in our own strength fails like sand castles that dissolve into mounds of wet nothingness at the beating of the waves and storms of life, we have a promise of bedrock that we can build upon. This only happens when we make God and His word our "firm foundation."

The bible tells us "God is love" so we must trust that what He is doing is not going to fail. It may look and feel like our world is falling apart, but if we believe God enough to act on His promises we have the Creator beneath and behind us. He stands like an immovable force holding us up no matter what may come our way. He is holding us, not we Him. We humans have a really bad habit of leaning to the arm of the flesh rather than the arm of the Lord. God being love ONLY wants us to hear His voice, observe how to do what He has told us and then for us to step out and "DO IT."

Let's think back to when Peter saw the Lord walking on the sea. Peter had already agreed to make Yeshua/Jesus his Lord, his Master. Peter saw his Master doing a supernatural thing, a spiritual thing. Yeshua ONLY did what His Father told him to do. He was led by the Holy Spirit (the Spirit of God) so his every step was a spiritual thing. He never "did his own thing" or "did what he



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watson77 thought God wanted him to do” or “did what he felt God wanted.” He did exactly what God told him to do. Peter saw the power behind the Lord and wanted to experience it first hand. He saw the Lord walking on the surface of the water! How awesome! He said, “Lord (Master), if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.” He had a command from his Master to “Come” and as long as he kept the Master and his command in his sight he was safely held up. BUT the nanosecond he took control of his vision and looked at his circumstance and situation he began to sink. He took his eyes off of his Master and his mind strayed from the command he had been given. In the place of the love he had for his Master, fear of death came and settled in. With that fear came failure to walk above the situation and Peter leaned to “his own understanding.”

When God speaks to us, when love speaks to us, the enemy (the antithesis of love) will do his best to stop the process of the “seed” or word sown in our hearts. The enemy’s weaponry is deception or “smoke and mirrors.” He has no spiritual or eternal weaponry, but can only use carnality (flesh). He attacks us in body or in our souls (minds, wills and emotion realms). He will do whatever he can do to get us to doubt the Lover of our souls, God.

Folks, what can separate us from the love of God? NOTHING! Yeshua/Jesus said it best to Jairus, “Fear not. Only believe.” Believe or trust in the LOVE! Believe and trust in the God of all love. Love never fails!

3rd Annual Sukkot Party



We are going to have our third annual Sukkot BBQ/Campout from Friday, October 6th at 4:00PM to Saturday Oct. 7th (until we all get tired). We will all setup and decorate the sukkah and have a barbecue Friday. Saturday we will start the morning with donuts/coffee, orange juice and cocoa and have sandwiches for lunch.

Please bring your instruments so we can actually play music and sing this time. Also, if you’d like to help by bringing food or paper goods please call Cerise as quickly as possible. She can use ALL the help she can get. Everyone is welcome. We have hired a jumpy Castle for the kids and have marshmallows and fun for everyone. This is the birthday of our Lord so let us remember this day. Sukkot was a time when offerings were brought to the temple, so if you’d like to bring an offering for

the ministry to the Body (the present temple of the Holy Spirit) Jeff will receive them and pray over them. Let us rejoice together and celebrate this biblical feast as the family of God.

We need decorations for the sukkah and the tables so don’t hesitate to bring fruit, garlands and ornaments that represent the harvest season. If you plan to camp out, please contact Jeff and Cerise so they can tell you what to bring. We will be celebrating and dedicating the land that the Father has given to the Body and we want the Body to benefit in every way and to be a part of the dedication. If you have Shofars, please bring them as well.

Jeff will anoint and pray for anyone who needs healing in body or remission of sins to be ministered. This is the job of the apostle and he is delighted to be called on to do so. We will all pray the prayer of faith and if you have need of deliverance that will be ministered as well. We will offer communion also for healing of the members of the Body. This is a time for healing, rejoicing and restoration so be sure and come if it is within your ability to attend. If you live out of the area perhaps we can arrange for car pooling, but please call! Blessings as you remember the birth of our Lord and Savior, Yeshua/Jesus.

For directions and more information call Cerise at 432-550-7642 or 432-528-6400.

Prayer and Praise

Personal Answered Prayer

- ?? The power converter in our RV is replaced and working!
- ?? We are living in the “honeymoon cottage”.
- ?? Living room and kitchen walls in cottage painted, tin ceiling in.
- ?? The trailer is about half emptied and the items purged, packed and stored.
- ?? Trip to Georgia was very fruitful. Returned safely through nasty storms!
- ?? 2 new tires on Suburban.
- Ministered to many gospel clowns (staff) in Georgia!

Ask for prayer of agreement for:

- ?? Replacement for Suburban
- ?? PW web rebuilt and up
- ?? Supplies for Gospel Clown Skool
- ?? Time and wisdom to write GCS curricula
- ?? Time for Jeff to burn teaching CDs
- ?? Wisdom to know
- ?? Finish painting, paneling and flooring cottage
- ?? Plumbing replaced in trailer
- ?? To know the next step with trailer when plumbing is replaced?
- ?? Repair of three cars to be completed
- ?? Time of prayer and fasting for Jeff

Answered Prayer for Body (last few months)

- ?? Book Published for Bro and Sis R
- ?? Car for Bro W
- ?? Van Burkes moved into new ministry center
- ?? Van Burkes son returned after years on street
- ?? Sis A sons came together after years of silence
- ?? Sistr E was blind and can see!
- ?? Home sold for Bro & Sis H

?? Apartment for Sis S

Prayer of agreement for:

- ?? Land to sell (Sis B and Sis NJ)
- ?? Settlement of lawsuit for Bro & Sis H
- ?? Husband to return Sis S & Sis A
- ?? Car for Sis M
- ?? Business and property to sell for Bro & Sis C
- ?? Store to sell for Bro and Sis P
- ?? Leadership of this nation in all branches to find godly sorrow and turn to God and His voice.
- ?? Leadership of states to do likewise
- ?? War in Iraq to end
- ?? Salvation of the lost in Iraq, Iran and other Arabic nations
- ?? Bibles to go into these lands
- ?? Missionaries to minister the Love of God rather than hatred seen in false religions
- ?? Body of Christ to stand up and walk according to Mark 16:15-20
- ?? Repentance from dead works in the Body
- ?? New dedication to Yeshua/Jesus and his direction of the Body
- ?? Body to walk listening and obeying the Spirit
- ?? God’s glory to be seen on the land
- ?? Eyes of our understanding to be enlightened to know the hope of God’s calling in US!



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Jeff & Cerise's Schedule October 2006/5767

Sun	Mon	Tue	Prayer Day	Thur	Fri	Sabbath
1	2	3	4	5	6 Sukkot Party 4:00PM —> See article Pg 6	7 Sukkot Party continues See article Pg 6
8	9 Lovington Meeting 7-9PM 2227 E. Waters	10	11 Odessa Meet- ing 7-9PM 18 Antebellum	12	13 Hobbs Meet- ing 7-9PM Doc Dean's office	14 Roswell Meeting 2-4PM 2401 N. Grand
15	16	17	18 Odessa Meet- ing 7-9PM 10 Louisiana Cove	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Odessa Meet- ing 7-9PM 18 Antebellum	26	27	28
29	30	31	Call us at 432- 550-7642	Do Not hesitate to call for prayer. We really do pray for results.	Call to bring food or paper goods to party. Call also for car pooling	Options and if you plan to camp out here!