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Stolen Seed



I don't often think about it, but every now and then I try to imagine the people who live life without Yeshua/Jesus. It's one of those things that I just can't fathom, but many more people are living without him than are living with him. I know some, who have a god or a form of godliness, but they deny the power thereof and the power they are denying is the Holy Spirit. They go about trying to establish their own righteousness, and oh what an impossible life they are trying to live. Before I came to know the Lord I was always trying to be good enough to be accepted by God and by people and could never measure up. It didn't matter how hard I tried, I didn't measure up. The word tells us that we all come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).

The Lord taught his disciples that the Word of God is like seed and that our hearts or spirits are where the seed is sown. The seed has to have a good environment in order to produce. We're taught that every seed has its own body (Genesis & 1 Cor. 15:38) so if the seed or promise associated with that seed sown is for health it will produce healing and health. If a seed is associated with the promise of peace, the product of that seed is peace. Abba Father manifested His Seed, His Son, to destroy the works of the adversary. The product God was expecting in sowing His Son was destruction of every evil work of the adversary! So why would anyone want to live without Yeshua/Jesus? Some are just plain ignorant of his existence or his purpose. Others have heard about the Lord and because they hear partial truths mixed in with a lot of garbage, reject him. Still others get mixed up with doctrines of devils, are deceived and end up walking right into hell because of pure hellacious rebellion.

Did you know that the devil is still after the seed that is sown in our hearts? His every strategy and plan is to steal, kill and destroy it? Every awful thing, every trial, every bit of trouble that comes your way was created for the sole purpose of getting the seed sown in your heart.

Prov 4:23 Keep (guard) thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.



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Prayer Requests:

- ??Please agree with us for the following needs:*
- ??Repair of our plumbing in our home*
- ??Storage of household goods*
- ??God's direction for this new year of ministry*
- ??Repair of electrical system on RV*
- ??Sensitivity to the Spirit and needs of the Body*

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Within your heart was sown a precious seed that brings the quickening, life giving force of God, righteousness manifested by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the power of God that causes all creative life. If the adversary can get you offended or prideful or a load of other things, he can steal or kill or even destroy the seed sown in your heart.

I have a brother in the Lord who had been robbed while he was away from home. He was mad at God because he was a tither. He said to me, “The bible says in Malachi that the Lord will rebuke the devourer for our benefit. If that’s so why did the enemy get my stuff?” He clearly didn’t understand that the devourer God was speaking of in Malachi was the enemy. Have you ever seen the devil go to jail for stealing natural goods? No, some poor slob who fell for the enemy’s tricks robs someone and then ends up in jail. David was robbed of all he had as well as his family. Does that mean that everything God spoke to him was a lie? Of course not. In Hebrews 10:34 the writer tells of believers who were robbed of their natural goods and took it calmly and joyfully. Why were they able to face such circumstances with such an attitude? Because they knew within themselves was a more enduring substance. What was that substance? Faith in God, the seed of God’s word had been placed in their hearts and was capable of reproducing everything they had lost. If the joy of the Lord is our strength, clearly these believers were using joy to regain what they had lost.

Recently a dear family in the Lord had two of their dogs poisoned and killed by a sick soul. Of course they were angry, but how did they approach the trial? At first they were angry and in shock, but they chose to walk in as much love as they could produce. Was it God’s will for the dogs to die in such a manner? God forbid. The enemy again enticed some poor soul into doing such a horrific thing to work against this family’s faith. They were beginning to reach out to the souls in their neighborhood and make an impact. The enemy wants to prove that their love was selfish and if things got hard they would give up and go away.

God knows what we need. He has never once been taken by surprise by a nasty situation. He has promised us that He will be with us in trouble. He has promised to NEVER leave us or forsake us. We must choose to watch out for the enemy and hold onto our faith. We must see that Yeshua/Jesus is the precious Seed of God that the enemy wants to steal. I hope that none of you can imagine what it is to be without the Lord in your hearts. I hope that when you come close to thinking such thoughts, the Holy Spirit will yank you back to the truth. We need to have confidence in God and His word. We need that firm foundation of righteousness purchased by the Lord at Calvary. We mustn’t blame God for man’s flaws and sins. God is a good Father and He only gives good gifts. His best gift? His precious seed, His precious Son Yahowshua Hamashiach!

Clowning Around



What a blessing to get to take a break from all the work of everyday and go to Georgia and be revived. I know that a clown retreat sounds sorta fishy, but let me tell you the whole focus of the conference I attended was to use clowning as bait for lost and hurting souls. It’s so nice to know that God really does use the foolish things to confound the wise. We’re called to be fools for Christ or for the Anointing’s sake. The world is so enticing and the lost are tired with our old ways of evangelizing. Scaring folks and screaming only works when the souls you’re after are in the midst of the fiery furnace. When things appear to be smooth on the surface of the “waters” you need something different to catch fish.

The Lord blessed me with a smooth trip to Georgia and the woman that met me at the

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Atlanta airport was spirit-filled. I had asked the Lord for someone spirit-filled to be my partner. When I got to the conference center I was taken back by the beauty of the lake, the height of the trees and the greenery everywhere. I was also taken back by the humidity. Whew! I know we've had a little humidity thanks to the abundant rain this August, but it was nothing compared to the thick pea soup nature of the humidity in Georgia.

Of course one doesn't press into hearing God's word without some sort of opposition from old "worm head". My first room had no air conditioning and that afternoon after a quick report to the management the air was on but not the least bit cool. I refused to get flustered or complain, but with laryngitis and a chest cold trying to set in I knew I'd need cooler air to breathe. I was later ushered to a private little room in the staff quarters. God is so good. I had an old timey bathtub and a wonderful a/c unit. I was so blessed by God's generosity.

While I was enjoying a little rest and recuperation, Jeff was making our new home livable. He had primed and seen to the painting of the kitchen/dining/living-room. He knows how much I like to paint. YUCKO. I am still amazed at how quickly it all happened. We want to say a big "Thank you" to those of you who volunteered to help. Your love enables us to get the everyday things done so we can focus on the word.



The Lord had me learn many new ways of taking simple things and using them to make object lessons as well as salvation messages. I learned more about the work of missions and getting the gospel across to folks of different cultures and languages. I prefer to speak the language of the people where I minister, but know that isn't always possible so these classes were very helpful. I also took a "prop" making class and made a couple huge pencils! Now the challenge is to get creative and use them to get the gospel message out.

I even got on stage and performed one evening of the conference. This was something I was completely unaccustomed to doing. I have been in front of television cameras, but had never performed on stage while my peers watched on. That evening after I went on stage I had decided never to do it again. I even called Jeff and said, "Performing isn't my cup of tea and I'll never do that again." Never say, "Never." The next morning I found myself going to a performance critique class. There I was doing my bit again in front of three very professional clowns and a bunch of ministry clowns like me. One of my instructors was the president of the World Clown Association and the other the President of the Texas Clown Association. I was determined not to let the adversary stop me in my tracks with failure. I didn't make a single mistake during my second performance, but I learned loads about performing on stage. I can now see myself clowning on stage again. I had a captive audience and they willingly listened to me tie a silly story about my pet mosquito, "I. V." to the blood of Yeshua/Jesus. Anything for the gospel.

All in all my seven days away got me rested up for the many transitions ahead. I thank God for the time away and all that I learned while in Georgia.



Faith Works

John 10:37-38

If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.

James 2:17-18

Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works.



In the past four years I have met and talked with many people that have the idea that living by faith means quitting their jobs and waiting for God to somehow supply what they need. I was very close to that state of mind some years back, but praise God I couldn't put the scriptures together to work out this sort of thinking so I basically did what I believed was the correct way according to what scripture I did know. For instance, I knew that Paul to the Thessalonians said "if you don't work you don't eat"...and then Paul writing to Timothy said "if you don't take care of your family as a man you are worse than an infidel." I had no idea what an infidel was but I was sure I did not want to be worse than one. So I could not figure out what living by faith was if I couldn't be employed to take care of my family. I just kept on doing what I believed God wanted me to do in my employment. I believed that God would be longsuffering with me if I was slow to act but still take care of my family. The scripture does say that the ONLY way we can please God is by faith. It also says that everything that is not of faith is sin. OK then we must come to the conclusion that our job is where God wants us or it is not. Maybe it's another job in a different city or state or even country. It's beginning to look like hearing God and doing what He says is becoming pretty important. We have all been given the measure of faith to do what He says, so it is up to us simply to hear and to do.

In the above listed scripture, Jesus declared that if He was not doing the work of His Father then they weren't to believe Him. It behooves us to ask a question at this point, "What is the work of God?" The answer is simple; Jesus did whatever God told Him to do. He said whatever God told Him to say and He went wherever God sent Him. When Jesus did what the Father told him to do, said what the Father told him to say and went where the Father sent him, there was always healing, feeding and miracles. Why? Because He was *only* doing the works of God. (Are the scriptures coming to you right now as you read this?)

Let me say right here that I do not believe we are born-again by works that we do or have done. However, faith without works is dead faith, so like James wrote in a question "Can faith alone save you?" You and I should be able to put our faith on exhibition for everyone to see by the works we are doing. With that said if you are a ditch digger those around you should be able to see your faith in your ditch digging. Your job may have very little to do with you exhibiting your faith by your works, but the little things you do and say that are faithful never leave those around you that see and hear, until they make a choice to be like you! Born-again! It holds quite a responsibility-huh? People should come to God's salvation because of the things you do and say. WOW this does become bigger and bigger the more we understand it.

The church that exists out there, you know the corporation on the corner that men have built, has caused most to think wrong about what living by faith is. You have a ministry, but not according to IRS rules. You have a ministry, but not that your pastor will accept into his business with him. You have a ministry, and you can call it your life or you can try to separate it from your life. You have a ministry as a son or daughter of God and those people that God puts in your life will come to Him because of your words. A life of faith will

always please God. It makes little difference what our employ is but it is very important that our faith is seen by our works.

Jesus compared a wise man to the kind of man that “did what He said.” He compared an unwise man to a man that heard the same thing from Him but did not “do it.” Faith works!

Transitions



The word transition is a fancy word for change. How many of you just love changes? I venture a guess to say NO ONE. We like our comfort zones, but let's face facts shall we? Life is full of changes. Some are voluntary, some involuntary and some are down right forced. We all grow and that is an involuntary change. We move from one place to another. That can be voluntary, involuntary or forced. Look at Katrina. It caused folks to make huge changes or transitions and only the individuals can tell you what sort of changes it caused them to make.

God is always the same. Isn't that comforting? It's nice to know that something can be depended upon to remain the same. In Malachi 3:6 God promises, “*I am the Lord, I change not.*” In Hebrews 13:8 Yeshua/Jesus is described as the same, “*yesterday, today and forever.*”

We as humans are in a constant state of change. We are growing older physically every day. In everyday vernacular we are aging. Ugh. We start out as single cells and upon fertilization we begin to change. We continue changing until we pass into eternity. So why do we fight so hard when changes are forced upon us? I believe it's because we don't like anything unfamiliar. There are a few people who do like change. They get bored with the everyday nature of life and look forward to things changing. I also believe that we don't like change because we like to be in control. In all reality we have very little control over much of anything. We aren't even good at controlling our own tongues. So what's a human to do? I think it all boils down to standing on a couple of my husband's favorite scriptures: *Prov 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*

Whatever is coming our way we must trust in God. Remember, He never changes. We need to trust in a foundation that is unshakable in perilous times. We're hearing of wars and rumors of wars, we're hearing about earthquakes and famines in various places. Prices are in a state of flux and we could just crater under the weight of it all, but we mustn't. If we're going to live abundantly in these dark days we must depend upon a God who is with us in trouble. We need a Heavenly Father who can provide and protect us in the midst of trouble.

I could decide to just “buck up” as the old cliché goes and press through whatever changes are ahead, but that would be doing things in my own strength. Instead I know that God wants to be MY God and one of His jobs is to be my strength. I need to tap into His strength, trust His Holy Spirit and allow Him to be my God. I am not responsible to save myself, heal myself, provide for myself or even breathe for myself. My job is to trust Him and hear His voice and obey what He tells me. He has everything worked out and His plan is fool proof. He needs no fail/safe devices. God saw the end from the beginning and if I keep this in my heart and keep my eyes on Him, I will get through every change or transition that comes my way. I am not a “self made man (or woman). I am a God created being with God living on the inside by His Spirit. How much easier

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would life be if we ALL walked in this light? We would kick far less and the hard changes that pass our way.

Selah

What Will You Be?



I've heard sculptors say that within the wood or rock or even clay that they work with is the thing they ultimately release. They say that they don't decide what's to be, but the material decides for itself. I don't think this is always true or has to be true, but it can be. I know that in the potter's hands is clay and with the correct manipulation comes a work of art. The adversary is not like that. He takes a work in progress and slowly chisels away at it. When he gets through there is nothing left but a pile of rock dust.

We were watching old footage of the two of us on TV last night. It was almost 17 years old and we were both amazed at how much we both had changed outwardly. I was really saddened at the difference in my faith and hope levels when I compared myself from then to today. I began to seek God as to what had happened. He took me to the story of the sower who sowed seed. I started in Matthew 13, then went to Mark 4 and finally ended up in Luke 8. He uses these three references to how the word works to teach me most of the truth I know today. After some time reading I began to meditate and then pray. It was soon clear to me that I had allowed myself to get offended at the trials that had come my way because of the word. I know in my head that as soon as the word is sown the adversary is going to try something. He uses the same things every time he comes to steal the word. In spite of "knowing" this I must say truthfully I had let the enemy chisel away at my faith until it was full of holes like Swiss cheese.

I thank God that we have 1 John 1:9 *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* The fact that we have access to as many clean slates as we need is something I praise God for everyday. I really seem to need more clean slates the older I get.

Perhaps you too have let the enemy chisel away at your faith? Perhaps when you look in the mirror you see someone who just isn't as in love with the Lord as he/she used to be? Why don't you call us and let us pray for you? Or why not get quiet before the Father and ask Him to forgive you of your unbelief and doubt? Get that clean slate and let Him begin to write something new on it for you. You don't have to believe the natural things that come by way of the enemy are stronger than what God has said in His word. We have to hold onto our faith in God on a day by day basis.

The Holy Spirit is the confirmer of the word (Mark 16:20), but he can ONLY confirm God's word that we allow ourselves to believe. We can't say we believe God and just sit and wait for things to happen. If we truly believe what the word says, we need to have corresponding action. Peter believed he too could walk on water so he got out of the boat. Peter didn't wait for the water to get under his feet in the boat!

If you find that you're not doing a single thing that God is asking of you, then



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your faith has been affected by the adversary. You have probably had some disappointments and discouragements and the adversary has been chiseling away at your soul.

Beloved, we pray that you prosper and are in health even as your soul prospers. If your soul is wounded and full of holes you need supernatural divine intervention and restoration. You're going to have to get out of the boat and ask God to examine your soul and show you where the holes are. Let Him be the Good Shepherd who restores your soul today.

Spiritual Review

We all forget lessons we've learned during growth. I want to remind you the ways the enemy comes in to steal the word from your hearts. He uses the same old things over and over and just puts a new spin on them to get you to think they are new:

1. Cares of this world (Anything that brings care, worry or anxiety and has to do with this temporal or temporary realm. We need to cast the care of every natural thing on God knowing and trusting that HE cares for us and already knows our needs before we ask Him.)
2. Deceitfulness of riches (Money answers everything but isn't THE answer. Many believe that if they just had more money all their problems would be gone. Wrongo.)
3. Lust of other things (God told us not to have other gods before him. Anything that takes the place of God and we depend upon to supply our needs is an idol and causes lust.)
4. Affliction and Persecution (As soon as the word is sown the enemy will send things to afflict and use people to persecute us. If we allow ourselves to be offended during this time of trying the world will wither and die. This is a time when we MUST press into love.)
5. Pride of life (Bragging or believing we are self-made involves pride or self reliance. Humility is trusting completely in God because we believe He has seen the end when He was looking at us from the beginning.)
6. Unbelief (Hearing God tell us to do a thing and not doing it causes unbelief. It's way too easy to lean on what we heard on the news or what Sister So and So said, but what has God said?)

You can do a thorough study of the sower in Matthew 13, Mark 4 and Luke 8. We recommend that you make a study of these three references to the Lord's parables/teachings. Why would he give us three different perspectives on a thing? Perhaps because he wanted us to really see and understand how the enemy works without chasing devils. In Mark 16 the very first sign that we believe is that we cast out devils. That doesn't mean to run around casting devils out of every Tom, Dick and Harry. We should look at our own lives and see where the enemy may have deceived us personally and deal with those areas first. To think that you have never been tricked by the adversary and that you have all the answers is the ultimate in pride. There is nothing quite as freeing as realizing you have a beam in your eye and then allowing God to show you where it came in and how to get rid of it. He who the Son has made free is free indeed.

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Call for prayer at 432-550-7642	Come sit under the teaching of the apostle	Call for directions and for free CDs. All teachings are free as	The Lord said, "freely you've received, freely distribute."	We will give you a list of available teachings as well.	1	2
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