

# A String of Pearls

## The Proverbial Woman

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It's time to sit at the Master's feet. Grab a hot cup of something and join us!

### Special points of interest:

- Do you feel lethargic, spiritually speaking? God is constantly speaking, but perhaps your "tuner" is not quite on the proper channel. Do you feel as if all you're hearing is static? Have you noticed your hearing isn't as clear as it once used to be? Here are some things you may need to adjust to tune into what God is saying:
- Stir yourself up
- Pray in the spirit
- Spend the 1st part of your day with the Lord and not the last
- Go back to the last thing God told you to do. Did you do it? Do it
- Check your love walk, forgive now

## Do Not Panic Button



We all have had chaos try to inject itself into our lives, and because the enemy (who is the chaos) is insane and ruthless, he goes after certain people more than others. He loves to afflict the poor, the needy, the elderly, the very young and the helpless. He also loves to mess with widows. I speak from experience! I have a "Panic Button" on my fridge. I got it as a clown prop, but decided to use it for everyday. I don't enjoy panicking so I took a Sharpie permanent marker and penned, "Do not" above the words "Panic Button". When I'm tempted to panic I press it as a reminder that I NEVER want to panic. An air raid styled siren sounds when I press the button. It makes me laugh and helps me center my thoughts on the word of God and find my peace.

The other morning as I stripped my bed I kept hearing, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and don't lean to your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path". I sensed I was hearing this for a reason. I was seeing the plan of God for my day as this verse played out in my life.

The day previous was a chaos infused day. I had several things come to steal my peace; none were earth shaking, but the enemy found a chink in my armor and successfully had me running like the proverbial chicken with her head cut off. Thankfully I recognized that whiney voice of the enemy and eventually pressed into focusing on God, but it took a great deal of time and some effort.

As a married woman I developed a habit of consulting my husband on anything that bothered me. Now mind you there were times when he wasn't around and I couldn't reach him. During those times I would go straight to God for answers, but I preferred to bounce things off my husband. Now that I'm a widow I've had to learn to go to God and wait for answers. My patience and diligence levels have grown because of it. There are times however; that the enemy sneaks in little doubts and suggestions to panic and like an unsuspecting fish chasing a hook with a tasty worm I bite down. Before I know it I'm writhing to break free of the death line!

## Do Not Panic Button.....continued

Talking to mature sisters in the Lord coupled with prayer is one of my spiritual "Do Not Panic Buttons" The other day I realized I was "hooked" and squirming I did just that. I have a prayer partner that I share daily communion with. Her fifty plus years of marital experience and 86 years of life qualify her as a mentor. She allows me to bounce my thoughts off her without judgment or condemnation. There are things I can share with her that I don't feel free to share with others. When I was in panic mode, I used our morning communion time to vent. She listened quietly and as I heard myself talk, answers began to flow into my heart. It took me the remainder of the day and talking with another elder sister to find my peace, but I did find it. Thank God for the ministry of the Body of Christ!



If "every good and perfect gift comes down from the Father of lights", then everything ugly and negative comes from the adversary. All the chaos and panic wasn't God's doing, but He is more than able to turn the worst situation into something beautiful. God has done that for me countless times. He is no respecter of persons. What He does for one, He will do for all. Open your bible. Wherever you land, read. God is willing and able to talk to you through whichever words you read. Those words are infused with divine power (faith), with life and will turn the nastiest situation into a huge blessing (the empowerment to prosper in any given situation). Praying in the spirit or singing in the spirit will also build you up on your most holy faith.

When all was said and done, my chaos turned out to be a place where I drew even closer to the Lord and those who helped me find my peace. I know what it is to spin out when panic is allowed to run wild. Peace is much better. It's all about trust. The more control we surrender to God, the less we will worry or fret or even panic.

## Write The Vision

**Habakkuk 2:2 And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.**

Another way to look at this, "Illustrate the vision, and make it easy to be understood or visualized upon canvases, on paper, or whatever you find to put it on so that those that see it can understand and run as they comprehend what I desire".

I've never liked doing just one thing at a time with my life. I get bored if asked to do the same task over and over. I'd far rather have several things going at once and over the course of time go between each thing working a little here and then move onto another task. Eventually I get a bunch of things done and I start the process over. I am pretty good at multi-tasking. I can have the laundry going, have pictures downloading onto my computer, be writing articles on my iPad, let the dogs and cat in and out, and have another job going somewhere in the wings. To simply sit at a desk and type or file for hours drives me bonkers. For this reason I'm thrilled to say God has added a new aspect to my job of "writing the vision" down for the Body of Christ to run with!

A few weeks back I began painting on canvas one of Jeff's visions. I felt very strongly the hand of God direct me in this direction. I had almost finished it when three different people called and shared their dreams and visions. I shared what I had finished so far and a brother that walks in the prophetic gave me some insight into the meaning of the visions I had been illustrating. I've since had more folks call with their dreams and visions

## Write the Vision.....continued



and I've begun compiling them on paper for the time when I am able to put them on canvas. None of these people knew I'd been illustrating visions.

I've also been painting the parables and lessons the Lord taught the disciples. We all learn in a myriad of ways, and visual learners need to "see" what God is saying and doing.

I look forward to God enabling me to make these canvases available for the Body of Christ to see the things He has shared with visionaries. I'm not sure how this will happen, perhaps by lithography? I'm excited to see how He will accomplish the next step in the process of "publish with thanksgiving and tell of all of His wonderful works"!

## A Merry Heart (This is only a joke...)

A little girl asked her father where she came from. He told her about the Big Bang, slime climbing up on rocks, becoming an ape and then evolving into a human. Confused she then proceeded to ask her mother the same question. Her mother told her about a living God who created all she could see and that He watched over her and had assigned angels to protect her. She told her mother all her father had said and her mother's reply was, "Oh that's simple, he was telling you about his side of the family".

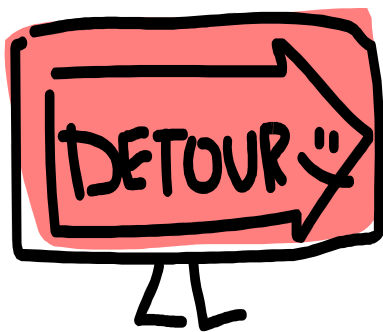
## Detoured



Recently I was headed to church on Sunday. About halfway between Gardendale and Midland I felt the urge to call a friend who I normally have Sunday lunch with. She informed me it was Shavuot (Pentecost) and she was going to services at the Messianic synagogue /congregation she attends. I suddenly knew in my heart I was to go with her. I made the shift of will in my heart and asked her if she would mind some company. She was glad to have me join her.

Once settled in my seat in the sanctuary I pulled out my journal to take notes. The teacher behind the pulpit is a friend and brother. He shared a short message about the unity of the Jew and Gentile believers in Yeshua/Jesus and the work of the Body. It was confirmation of what I've been studying and hearing from the Father in a capsulated version. I then went into the fellowship hall where they were serving lunch. I sat down with my food after conversing with some folks. A lady I didn't recognize came up and declared how good it was to see me. She recognized me (from my TV days) though I didn't recognize her, and proceeded to speak with me as a close friend might. She had been in the building earlier in the week and while sharing with some women there, she suddenly felt a huge burden to pray. She went towards the sanctuary, but once inside fell under the power of the Holy Spirit and began speaking in tongues for over two hours. (Something she had laid down years earlier due to abuses she had seen elsewhere). A woman needing deliverance came in and still others came in. They too fell under the tangible power of the Spirit. They ministered to the needy woman. Later that week three others came in and received deliverance. The woman remarked how

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she didn't want to lay down her gift of tongues again. She was clearly excited about the work God was doing through her.

The Lord allowed me to minister to her in her situation. I was able to explain to her that when you pray in the spirit (in tongues) you bypass your head and therefore eat from the tree of life rather than from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. I taught the folks sitting around that table for about thirty minutes.

Then they invited me to pray in the auditorium. There was such a strong burden for the Spirit of Elijah (repentance from dead works) to be released. In order for the word of the Lord to be received the heart must be prepared. (Have you wondered what the boots called, “the preparation of the gospel of peace” were for?”

Before any great work of the Lord can be implemented God must send godly sorrow leading to repentance to His people. The preparation of the gospel of peace is vital for the hearts (spirits) of men to produce the fruits of the spirit. God always sends His grace for repentance before He expects His word to bear fruit. BUT He requires US to ask for godly sorrow and the grace to make **teshuvah** (repentance from dead works).

A young missionary from southern California who had just returned from Turkey heard my intercession and prophetic prayer. He came up to me. The spirit of prophecy came on me and the Lord gave him some clear instructions for what was ahead for him. We were both shaking from the heavy presence of the Lord. He went away with a clear plan for his call and his future!

The whole day was a sovereign work of the Lord. It was clearly a divine detour from my intended path.

As I type these words I'm reminded of Peter's explanation of what was happening on the day of Pentecost (Shavuot) after the Lord returned to heaven. He quoted the book of Joel making clear what God was doing. God will pour His Spirit upon all flesh as we speak His will. We have been given authority on planet earth. We are supposed to be putting the Lord's enemy under our feet. We are supposed to be doing “greater works” and destroying the works of the adversary. All creation continues to groan for the manifestation of the SONS of God, not just the SON of God! The ONLY way this will be done is as we hear HIS Voice, the Voice of the Holy Spirit and DO what He tells us to do. Sometimes God takes us clear out of our own way to do this. We have to be willing to take the detours He sends. If He tells us to go right, we must go right. IF He tells us to look for Mr. T , turn right, look for a green frog and knock on a door we need to be willing to do so. EVEN if it makes us look silly, feel stupid and go completely 180 degrees from where we NORMALLY go.

Selah

## Spiritual Independence is Suicide

*Daniel 2:20 Daniel hath answered and said, `Let the name of God be blessed from age even unto age, for wisdom and might -- for they are His. 21 And He is changing times and seasons, He is causing kings to pass*

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*away, and He is raising up kings; He is giving wisdom to the wise, and knowledge to those possessing understanding. 22 He is revealing deep and hidden things; He hath known what [is] in darkness, and light with Him hath dwelt. 23 Thee, O God of my fathers, I am thanking and praising, for wisdom and might Thou hast given to me; and now, Thou hast caused me to know that which we have sought from Thee, for the king's matter Thou hast caused us to know. `*



In the Garden of Eden the adversary laid a trap for mankind. He himself had already fallen into this trap of his own making and stuck like a doomed mastodon in the La Brea tar pits; he was determined NOT to go down alone. His independence from God began when he uttered the infamous words, "I will" recorded in Isaiah 14:11. So it would be with Adam. By taking a bite from the tree of knowledge of good and evil he was basically rejecting obedience to God and choosing to discern good and evil for himself. He was declaring his independence from God. God had warned him that IN THE DAY that he ate of that tree he would die. As we remember that a day with the Lord is as a thousand years and Adam lived nine hundred and thirty years, he died IN THE DAY he became independent of God. Because God is long suffering, He gave him plenty of time to see his failing and turn.

Living in a God created, enemy corrupted world is hard enough, but declaring independence from the one who created all we see and know is death by suicide. God sees the end from the beginning. His perspective is man's advantage, but the vast majority of humans base every decision on that same tree of knowledge that killed mankind in the first place. They trust what they can see, smell, taste, feel, hear and know with their failing brain and body.

Scientists theorize, which is even worse than eating from a tree that offers knowledge. It's rather like writing fiction and basing all you say and do upon it! I prefer to base what I do upon truth. The law of truth is that it remains the same yesterday, today and forever! Facts not based upon truth are subject to change. Change speaks of fluctuation and I want steadfastness. I do not like feeling off balance, dizzy or experiencing vertigo.

God is everywhere and in everything by His Spirit. He touches all, but is capable of dividing and removing darkness from light. To be divided from love (God is love) and light (God is light) is spiritual death. To be in constant contact with God is life. My desire is to be hard wired into the life source of God. In order for this I have to be submitted or given over to hearing in order to obey or DO what God is asking of me. As I die to my own desires in preference to obedience, I am more and more in contact with the life and power source of God! I can't give or sacrifice more than God is willing to give or sacrifice! The more I give up and surrender, the more I receive from Him! It's an awesome thing to be in constant contact with Abba. Every good and perfect gift comes down from Him to us! Dependence upon Him is to flow with the love and light source of all eternity and existence! There is nothing to be compared to that flow.

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**Knitting the Body of Christ  
together in godly love.**

## Do You Know Where You Are?

We all want to know what God is doing in our lives and on the planet. At present He is doing a work of preparation. One brother I know that walks in the prophetic told me God explained to him that the Body has been in kindergarten, but we are about to enter elementary school, but it will be a school of the Spirit.

When we were in kindergarten we played at the games of life. We played school, we played house, and we played at jobs. Once we got into first grade we had to sit when the teacher told us to sit, speak when spoken to, do assigned jobs and follow the teacher more precisely than ever before. We moved on the teacher's words. So it will be with the Body in the days we are living. The Spirit of God will expect more of us and we will grow according to how obedient and how well we pay attention to the instructions we are given. Those who think themselves above it all or more "mature" than the rest will miss it. **You must know where you are in order to know where you're going. If you don't know where you are you are lost.** God is ok with us being in kindergarten. He loved watching us try new things just as we enjoy watching little children "play" at the game of life.

There will be those called to be helpers in the "classroom", but even they must only do what the teacher tells them to do. They are students as well as those who aren't called to be "helpers". We haven't yet arrived in elementary school, but get ready so you won't miss the bus!

