

# **His Ends by His means**

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## Introduction

I have compiled these rich quotes, frustrated articles and exposing diary entries in obedience to the word of the Lord. I have no desire to even attempt for a publishing deal, or to copyright anything. The word was to simply compile it. If nothing comes out of it, I was obedient, if something comes out of it I was obedient. So, I will compile them and print them as He has placed on my heart. I desire it to be a Spirit inspiration to radical obedience and complete focus on our personal and corporate maturity for the purpose of His Glory. This end result is not up to me, but His precious Holy Spirit. I obey and He does as He wills. To expect an end of our obedience is not in keeping with the hope that we may never see. So I obey and keep my eyes fixed for the next word. Therefore, I look to Him and not to my impact or cause. May Christ raise up a people who will give themselves to the eternal way of the word of the Lord...

“God is looking for nobody’s..God is looking for dead men..men that don’t want to be esteemed or thought about, they live solely to God. We need some people that dare break the mold. We need some Whitefield’s, some Wesley’s or some of those other amazing men, but you see there’s a cost...The Christian life is not peace it’s war. The Christian life is not peaceful it’s bloody. It’s such a paradox, and were all afraid to die.”

~Leonard Ravenhill

“I want to die and let you give , your life to me so that I might live and share the hope you gave to me the love that set me free.”

~Keith Green

“Anti-Christ is not only that which is opposed, but that which is seeking to be something like Him yet not him.”

“The idolatrous religions are those of convenience that give men a copout opportunity to experience a modicum of religious, psychic, or emotional satisfaction and yet allow them to retain the lordship of their own lives.

~Art Katz

Let us settle for nothing less than absolute devotion unto Him and out of this total fixation upon Him, have His uncreated life quicken us to be unto Him individually and together...To God be the Glory in the church!

Eric William Gilmour

### *Concerning – The modern evangelist and big names...*

“He should not be exempt from the close scrutiny of the brethren in the intensity of life together. Actually, it is only out of that kind of detailed attention to the character of our lives that will come the call to "go"! (See Paul and Silas' sending from Antioch). In the absence of that true Spirit-sending, we will find ourselves using the techniques and wisdom of man to whip up and manipulate our audiences to respond. There will always be a peripheral few saved by such preaching, but it leaves the powers of the air totally unmoved in that locality.”

~Simon Hensman

### *When asked if the Gospel can come through entertainment...*

“I doubt very much that the gospel can be brought through entertainment. The gospel is essentially brought through the spoken or preached word from a life that exemplifies the gospel. I guess that people have been saved through Christian entertainment, the Lord having mercy upon all who call upon His name, but He probably groans over much of what is used to bring the gospel.”

~Simon Hensman

### *When asked about confession...*

“Yes, it is our belief that full freedom is found in confessing to a brother. He stands in place of God. However, I do agree that you should not confess to a brother who himself does not confess. That is unwise. In the absence of a brother to

confess to, the Lord will absolve and cover under His blood. Pray for a brother who makes confession a regular part of his life.”

~Simon Hensman

*When asked about How to go about our meeting times...*

“Yes, you just come together, sit in a circle (if possible). But we should already have been in the place of communion with the Lord earlier in the day, asking Him for His thoughts and to know Him in the essence of who He is. From that place, as with Moses, He will give "to the sons of Israel the words Moses was to speak," Each one should have a psalm, a prayer, a testimony, a teaching. There will be those who slide into the leadership role. They will become apparent. It may take several years before elders can be set in, but don' t jump the gun. There is patience in faith.”

~Simon Hensman

## Chapter 1 America's Gospel

I saw a statistic - 83% of Americans say that they are “Christians” or “Christ followers.” It seems that the majority have “received salvation,” but few have received a Lord. It seems everyone is “saved” - but so few are actually *born again*. The sad thing is, the Gospel they received is the right *message*, but, something somewhere is not right...*It has created individualities and strayed from church realities*. The reality of true love, which the world will know us by - has no ground intense enough to cultivate in, in this modern “arms distance” church system. We have "I loves you' s" and "God bless you' s" and an occasional connection with someone, but it all fades and there is no real test and working into the depth of true covenant or true love! Because of this - Disciples are not made - *only followers of a distant kind who profess the same truths as their teachers...* True Disciples were made by Christ...and How did Christ make them? He shared His life with them. Our private living and multimillion dollar organizations - have turned the living Church into the image of any modern business...

I over heard a prayer at a prayer meeting that said, "Lord send in more funds that we may further your Kingdom!" I immediately thought of Jesus, who had no place to lay His head - who had the mere necessities to live, and *He was the Kingdom*. Since when does the Kingdom of God depend on financial stability to be furthered? *There is nothing supernatural about a Kingdom that needs natural substance to further it's self...* The only thing that is natural is the vessel that is it's self being denied. Jesus said, "Don' t worry about what you will eat what you will drink or what you will wear..." The pagans run after these things. *The lilies and the birds seem to know Him better than the ones for whom he died.* JESUS save us!!! From a media Gospel - and put it in the mouths of your servants who not only speak the message, but back it with the bearing of it in there bodies!!!!

The fashion, in which we bring the Gospel and conduct our lives, is a reflection of our Knowledge of God. I see the main issue isn' t our stance for morality or a cause but the bearing of His image on the earth...which consequently is a mirror image of our knowledge of the Lord Himself. This intern is why I believe the heart of our issue is, Him (the true knowledge of Him) and our relation unto Him – Today the opposite seems to be encouraged by the *lack* of true knowledge of Him that the system of the age multiplies. This media Gospel is absent in relationship...The wisdom of God is not just a proclamation – but a demonstration...*It must be lived and this together* - The church as a many – membered – man, walking and living out of the Life of God will be the only one to survive Spiritually while physically being overcome by the ruler of the age...I don' think abortion is the problem any more than cigarette smoking a sinner' s problem. The issue is the Demonstration of Christ, the way He was intended to be demonstrated - through His body...which is an organism relying on what every joint supplies...and this locally...fixed in the divine strategic locality that the Lord so desires...to effect as He wills.

## Diary

February 22, 2003 Saturday 12:34 AM

It seems these last few days have been such a unique blend. There has been a call to seriousness in a way that

has been lacking in the recent days and the struggle with my own way. It' s as if something new is about to come. I have the burning call again, that deep stomach sick understanding. Not so much about the end being near, but issues of the wheat and the tares, the intense longing and jealousy for the authentic thing, the sight of the defiled and the sickening understanding of the whiles of religion. I despise religion. It is a suffocating feeling to my spirit. I pray that sin would make me as uncomfortable as religion. It seems though that I am still too comfortable with sins raping ways. Lord, help me! I feel the love of my life and the desires that are contrary to you and your way. In my heart of hearts, in the core of my spirit I long for what is good. I long for the way of faith, righteousness and sanctification. Yet, It seems I don' t love the word of the Lord. I cry for truth, yet still struggle in adultery to it. I look in my eyes and see peace, yet, pain. How? I don' t know. It' s like He is here with me...that is my peace. Yet, I am a dwarf in maturity - moving forward in time yet standing still as a child. Sonship! Truth! Eternity! Righteousness! Good! And Sanctification! These words have taken on such a new meaning in the last 6 months. Yet I just want to walk by them and in them...It seems the way into them as well as the way of them, is Death! I stand here still, with contemplation of my dear constitution. I ask again, as I gaze at my helpless state...Lord, Make me true...Stamp Eternity on my eyes (Jonathan Edwards)...Place in me the seriousness of your word. Lead me by your spirit of truth. Help me walk in your way - the way of your Kingdom.

February 22, 2003 Saturday 10:52 AM

It just dawned on me...Their (the True Church Of Jesus) Aliens and Strangers in the earth. They are not from here, nor their rule from here. Their government is otherworldly, there thoughts are otherworldly and there interests are otherworldly. I walked into the store last night. As I looked around I felt like I was an alien in an unknown land. I felt like I was from another world. I felt the lusts of man coming over me and I hated it. I want to live in the world and be not of it. Oh, to be of the Lord! Lord, give me strength to walk in this place. I long to be otherworldly. I know something is wrong when I feel at home with entertainment, loose lips and free with my eyes.

February 22, 2003 Saturday 9:42 PM

I have feared others more than you. I put others before you. I have placed myself above you. Lord, how I long to be that race, that alien and stranger. It seems I Partake of the World so much, unconsciously and consciously. Some of it isn' t even the world directly, but the spirit of the world, indirectly. Help me be jealous enough for truth in the inward parts. It' s so hard here. I have no consistent fellowship. Community is there only on a random basis, which seems to be a contradiction to the same. I know the need of community (Church). You have not allowed me to get a job. Even when I thought that was what you were saying. You blocked it. Why? I have no clue. It seems I have been in the underground, like in hiding. It has been this way for a while now...Every now and then there is some light of exposure. It seems He keeps me here until...The Adoption! But I don't say that, that is what you have said, it just seems that way. Sometimes though I feel I struggle even with the child's role, let alone Sonship. Children trust their father and Sons have their fathers trust. The child receives that which he asks for, while the son is has all things. Like a young boy I look to the future with a burning zeal to tackle and conquer all that

is in my way to the verbal appointing from my father (Adoption). This one I speak of is in spirit - basically the following through of my water emersion, the redemption of my soul. While I groan for the adoption as redemption to my body. I shall be changed after death - and I long to find death that I might live now.

February 23, 2003 Sunday 10:29 PM

He is a coward who doesn' t stand by that which he believes in and he is a fool who stands by that which he doesn' t. I believe Faith is the following of the word Suffering is the outcome producing obedience, which is righteousness, which leads to holiness and is our sanctification. In other words, our relationship with God is then reality. To not wait for the word to obey in faith is to cower, while waiting through pain and suffering of pride and death to mine own way is courage and strength, found only in Christ - which alone is found in death. We are baptized into Christ - which means there must be death to resurrection for an authentic life in Him. I preached tonight...I felt so helpless...I cannot convey with words the mysteries I have seen. Lord may I die, to give life...

February 24, 2003 Monday 11:44 AM

Of Preaching I have nothing to say. I mean, the blind still were blind - the deaf remained deaf and the sick are still dying. Yes, there were decisions, tears and the like...A strong sense of God' s presence. But, It was nothing like Jesus in power or unction. I long for the day I will die completely that I may be found in Christ, a Son and no longer barely a child. I speak not out of condemnation and discouragement, but out of an honest look at a true Son in comparison to my current state. There is so much to learn and so much to come into...Even as I covet Sonship - I am anxiously longing for the redemption of my body.

February 25, 2003 Tuesday 12:52 PM

I opened "Spirit of Truth" by Art Katz again. It is so essential! I feel almost like, what would I do if I knew not these things. **"It is going to take painful, fearful adjustment for many of us to begin to walk in truth, but what is the**

**alternative? Our health requires it, our sanity demands it, and our very lives depend upon it, for a life that is not true is not a life.** This truth is not rightly stated doctrines, but the leading of the spirit into all truth - in our innermost parts. This moment by moment following, step by step decisions for that which is true, not shadowed or side stepped. God, I long for truth! It' s a leading He doesn' t transform us in a second, He leads us into truth. It is a following, a walking after Him. You must follow - you must choose. We can' t even know true love until we come into truth. "...Obeying the truth through the spirit unto Love..." 1 Peter 1:22

February 25, 2003 Tuesday 5:13 PM

Lord, How is my album supposed to sell? Who will buy it? What am I thinking? I feel like music is where you want me, but...? So I cast myself on you. Father, if this is going to be a flop, please don' t let me do this. Not for the preservation of my own pride - but for NGMR and for Sam. Lord Please assure me again of your wonderful plan...Remind me about your word and it' s Eternal place. I feel a lot like I am the only person who believes in what you are putting in me. I feel as if I am the only one who understands even a touch of what you are doing in me and what you are showing me. I ask not for confirmation for my self – preservation, but a confirmation of your spoken word of the spirit. So that I may know these are acts of righteousness and faith not in vain dreams bringing about stubble. For the sake of substance and evidence of things not seen. I want what is from you, to you and through you, always.

### Vain World

“Farewell, vain world; my soul can bid Adieu,  
 My Savior taught me to abandon you.  
 Your charms may gratify a sensual mind,  
 Not please a soul wholly for God's design.  
 Forbear to entice, cease then my soul to call:  
 Tis fixed through grace; my God shall be my ALL.  
 While He thus let's me heavenly glories view,  
 Your Beauties fade, my heart's no room for you.”  
 ~David Brainerd

*When asked about the Modern Evangelists and their authenticity...*

"We would tend to put \*\*\*\*\* and \*\*\*\*\* in the same category. As to touching the things that are authentic, there are some question marks that remain in our own minds. This is a very delicate subject when you bring up Christian leaders for critique. However defunct they may be, they may still have something of God' s call on their lives. King David' s conscience was bothered when he cut the piece off a piece of Saul' s cloak and our consciences should also be that sensitive. So please treat our observations with discreet soberness."

"Showmanship and hype tend to repel the Spirit of God, not usher in His presence."

~Simon Hensman

*When asked if we as a small group coming together in our desire for the Lord and confusion with the modern church is wrong or needing leadership...*

"I don' t see a problem with the small group you are in. It is often the only option for saints of a seeking kind. Let the Lord add whom He will. I do not necessarily believe you need a "covering" - on the basis that Paul, himself would preach in a city and some would come to repentance, then he would leave them for an extended time, and come back to set in elders. So there is an interim time where one does not need "covering" and that, in time, it will be obvious that there will be some among you whom the Lord has singled out into a kind of leadership function for the edification of the ' fellowship.'

But yes, set your heart on the things that pertain to the glory of God in your life together. Get a sense of what God is wanting amongst you that pertain to His purposes. Forget your own purposes and what you think the Lord wants you to do in figuring out your giftings and how best you can serve the needs of church life. Be absorbed with His purposes for His sake.

Only then will He show you what they are, and how they are to be accomplished here on earth."

~Simon Hensman

"Separate from the world; we are called to come out from the world that hates God. Come out for God... given up... by divine grace... acknowledge that you have grieved the Holy Spirit by your self-will, self-confidence, and self-effort. Bow humbly before Him in the confession of that, and ask him to break the heart and to bring you into the dust before Him.

Then, as you bow before Him, just accept God' s teaching that in your flesh "there dwelleth no good thing," and that nothing will help you except another life, which must come in. You must deny self once for all."

~Andrew Murray

## Chapter 2 Community

Jealousy over the things that concern the Lord is an issue that is misjudged as arrogance, elitism and criticism. The words that I am about to bring to the table are precious, holding the essence of connecting with one another. I do not think that the Word of God is confined to words made by letters, but He can be expressed through them. Here then lies the heart of the importance of communication in the matter of words. On the practical level explaining a spiritual crisis, *it is not what is said that is the issue...but what is heard*. If you needed me to grab a sealed check on the top of the credenza and deliver it to your land lord for your rent, and my idea of a credenza is a small coffee table – for whatever reason, maybe tradition in my family – but your idea of a credenza is a huge wooden cabinet, would I end up delivering the right check? No. *Definition plays a huge part in communication and communication plays a huge part in communion*. What if you were brought up to think that a sofa was a small couch and it really was defined as a massive couch, how much would the definition effect this phrase? “Move the sofa.” It would greatly change what you would move and how you would go about moving it. In the same way the essence of these phrases can be robbed by a miss communicated definition, so can the essence of True Christianity. *The Word of God is not confined to words made up with letters, but by words He can be expressed*. May God spare us from ignorantly denying the power of the word by our acceptance of a convenient or misappropriated definition, which in the case of the pure word of God a defiled definition, even in the most seemingly insignificant kind. Basically, you can make void the greatest statements of encouragement or rebuke if that one with whom you speak is not acquainted with your personal understanding. I am not speaking of an eloquent presentation, but working into relationship communication past the comfort of your convenience into the power of communion with one another. This cannot come by mere resolve, but having the life you live out of, sustained only by the bread of hearing His voice in a constant abiding in Him, finding the revelation of the Son, and learning to communicate that which you have heard.

Community is the expression of the Trinity. Trinity is the revealing of the mystery of Community. This reveals Him and He reveals it (Art Katz). Trinity is the oneness of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the three as one. Community is the divine relation of Covenant to each other expressed by His blood in the bond of the spirit. Oneness as Jesus had with the Father is only by the spirit, made possible by the empty tomb. Jesus is the light. John said if we are in the light we have true fellowship one with another. If we are not in true fellowship with each other we are in the dark and if we are in the dark we cannot have true fellowship with one another. Which is needless to say, not an expression of the light. Our knowledge cannot exceed our relation with God, just as our relation with God cannot exceed our knowledge of Him. These are issues in the knowledge of God, for *as our knowledge of Him is, so are we.. The glory of the Lord is the testimony of Himself (Art Katz). The light of Community is the Glory of God, the showing forth of Himself and His way. Nothing can express Him more foolishly and weakly than the absurdity of the Glory of God being proclaimed by a people who share there lives together. In this weak and foolish expression of an absurd kind, there is hidden a manifold wisdom that is the way of the kingdom not of this world, namely, Love, the expression of it's King*. This will never come if we give up trying to connect into each other's spirits because of a barrier in communication. Suffer the time and effort to learn one another for the sake of oneness. This is a crucial part in the foundation of our common union and spiritual communion one with another in community living.

*Why is community so important? What makes it such an emphasis? Well, all things were created in order that the Mani - fold Wisdom of God might be made known through the Church (Eph. 3)...But a church of what Kind? A church that is fit together by a unity unbreakable in the sharing of the cross of Christ and the taking up of our own cross daily connected by His Spirit for the purpose of His glory. It is the answer of the prayer of Jesus. That they may be one as we are one. It doesn't matter if you can understand why it is so important or the exact purpose that it fulfills. What matters is the severity of His Glory, and this is the foolish way that it comes...to God be the Glory in the church.*

(Notes from an Art Katz sermon)

February 26, 2003 Wednesday 4:56 PM

This morning was death! I sat in the death of silence, listening and listening. Waiting is death. It is a total reliance on God' s resurrection power. It is saying' "Lord either you do it, or it won' t get done." To human pride and preference that is death. I sat there waiting for the Lord...He spoke two things...The issue of Obedience unto faith and righteousness is the issue of hearing...If the righteousness of God is a way followed by faith, then waiting is righteousness. Even If He is saying nothing and we do nothing, but wait for His divine resurrection. John 10 "...His sheep



follow Him because they know His voice..." "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word." We follow in His way by listening to His voice alone. Anything else is another way...It' s not His way! It' s not Christ...Cause Christ is His way...Christ is the word. When He says nothing and we do nothing - this separates us from everyone else (Sanctification). We must hear to follow and we must wait in His silence. This is Christ...The Son - The leading of the Holy Ghost...

February 27, 2003 Thursday 12:18 AM

Covenant...Is death unto life. It is love in it' s supreme, preferring your brother above yourself. It is exposure to the tiny cracks of your life...parts that go beyond comfort. Love is eternally significant, because it is that thing that God asks for, the thing that God is and what brings Him glory. It' s His way. Love's reward is eternal. To present to someone any invitation to an eternally significant reward with out death is the same spirit that tempted Jesus with the riches and authority given from Lucifer avoiding God' s way (Mathew 4)...A minister tonight spoke of covenant relationship through money, assuring eternal significance. The fear of my spirit was the avoiding of death. That thing that cost nothing - is worth nothing and does nothing (Ravenhill). But money - Money is no death - compared to community and covenant...Christ' s prayer was "that they may be one as we are one..."The depth of oneness...covenant. Not "give money to support the ministry that spreads it' s self over the world in sound and matèal, but avoids true suffering of a life together..."God's ultimate issue in the universe is the establishing of Christ on the earth - Love - the way they will know us...a Covenant called Church (community) the local body expressed by maturing into the full stature of Jesus Christ. Requiring from every member the relationship with God for participation in His building process. The issue of obedience is in accordance with God' s eternal purpose...Anything less is the

efforts of man to please God on there scale and not according to His own definition. Is this right? I am coming to believe so.

February 27, 2003 Thursday 12:36 PM

I feel I have reached the bottom. I feel as if I cannot break through the love of self - gratification. I have sunk lower than I have in long time. It' s as if the little remaining love for my life is the death of me. I must give myself totally over. I must be radically sanctified, set apart. I must be given, completely given to all that he was. If I understand the living reality of the word of the Lord, to be the supreme focus of faith and righteousness...Let me give myself wholly over. With out care for anything other. Lord, strike me with the reality of the light and the way and of truth (in the innermost parts). I set a date - of the day I start a fast that will change everything. March 3rd! I will enter into the fast - a day of absolute regrouping. From 6:00am to 6:00am - Just water - only the word and prayer...I set this before heaven, and I know that you, oh lord, will enjoy the aroma of it. I do this not to do something to gain approval or cleansing, but to regroup my priorities, my mindset and the severity of the Kingdom of God by self denial. I needed today to open my eyes to my state. Today was just an outward action of what has been in me for a while now...Some heads sprouting up that needed to be chopped of again.

Lord I ask for your mercy and your grace - to go through with this day and to not allow anything to get in the way of it. I will shave my head as a vow to the Lord - to stay given to guilelessness, the leading of the spirit and the Authentic thing. Enable me Lord for with out you I know that I can' t even be hungry for you, let alone seek you. Free from the ruling of any sin...Not sinless but free from the bondage of anything.

February 27, 2003 Thursday 10:51 PM

Today I sat in on a meeting of my Dads. My spirit was so let down as the reality of the system hit me as they compared songs. Songs that were congregation friendly and the like...They spoke of what was best for the new comer and what is latest in churches today. I was just waiting for them to ask me what I thought...Oh I longed to tell of the blindness they were walking in, how foolish and unnecessary there conversation was. I struggled thinking it was spiritual pride on my part, then I saw a picture in my mind of a child that was running and playing next to a man in a wheel chair. The child looked at the man in the chair and said, "I can walk and you can' t." It was harsh but true. The child was not mocking the man nor was his intent to harm in any way...He just is truthful. He speaks what he sees. A child. I have to take the illustration in context because anyone could turn it around and see evil in it. But the point remains the same. I' m looking for apostolic church and they are looking for institution consisting of programs and services. They see reaching out to the community with the modern tools and ways in order to sucker them into being part of their growth or becoming successful (these are things seen on my perspective, you might have saw otherwise). My heart yearns for the authentic. It seems though they will be born out of rejection and maintained only by each other. Poverty may be their only way - since the accepted thing is where the finances will be in the name of covenant with out death (Feb. 27, Thursday 12:18 AM). We must always remember to let the Lord be our strength...When we become strong in our ways and our methods - we are really weak...But when we give ourselves to the His way which is naturally foolish we find wisdom that is backed by the strength of God.

March 1, 2003 Saturday 10:08 PM

Last night I was with Jonathan. It was more than I can put into words. It was the expression of Jesus Christ on the earth. It was life - changing power. The revelation that came out was so much and so fast that I couldn't write it down. I pray that God seals every bit inside of me and inside of John. I pray not one seed would be stolen...I guess the summary was the severity of the word - the reality of it's importance...It being all we are, truly. It is the word that is living that is Jesus - He is the word...He - the living word that works in us both to will and to do...It is the choice to not reject Jesus as the living word that empowers us in our will and our doing. God indwells us only to the degree that we are in the leading of His word. God dominance is the restoration of our dominion.

March 3, 2003 Monday 2:20 PM

It was laid upon my heart to take today and fast from 6am to 6 am. I have shaved my head, as a vow to the authentic Righteousness of the following of the word. God has been speaking about the severity of the word and what it is as a whole. I just wait on God...Set my mind on Him and pray in the spirit...It so far has been so strengthening. I feel stronger and more focused. So far the only struggle has been fatigue. My heart feels so warmed. I feel the softening of my love. I am just enjoying the moment. I am caught up in the atmosphere of His presence. I just want to sit here and say nothing. Lord shine your face upon me...the sight of your presence and person...Let it be my salvation...the saving to my slipping away. To be one with you - to have your feelings be mine. I pray here you would smash all the desires that are not of you...Expose my inner motives and darkness to the light that I may be true and fixed on the eternal purpose and end.

March 3, 2003 Monday 7:19 PM

Well it's a couple of hours later. I feel discipline is taking root inside of me. I feel things falling off me. I feel the restoration of things lost over time. I opened my red book and I looked back in it to see some things God had said in the past. I came across the New York trip. Going to time square church. I saw a quote that David Wilkerson said that challenged me...He said "**For all my children and grandchildren and all that will hear me and hear me now - I plea with you- if there be any apathy in you - Stir yourself up!** WOW! Let me be one who stirs himself up. Lord may I hate apathy - may I sense it in me and in others...help me break that demon off of people. He also said "**The greatest need in the world today is men who impose upon themselves isolation.**" I am doing it now and I feel the great closeness of my lord. Lord I long to be a man that is God filled...Like Ravenhill said "**The greatest thing on this side of Eternity is to be a God filled man.**" Oh to be a man that walks with God. I also saw in my Book a quote I said to myself a while ago..."If we could understand the fact that we can be alone with God - we would barely do anything else...." What entertainment? I am in Christ Jesus.

March 3, 2003 Monday 11:13 PM

I think I am going to end it now. I am about 6 hours early. I just think that it is best considering I have the meeting with Sam tomorrow and I wanted to go to the presbytery. God has been faithful to be here. He has burned things into my heart. He has opened my eyes to see something's and I wouldn't trade it for the world. I pray that there will be something different than ever before. I pray that there will be a living reality and following like never before. I pray that the depth of God would be mine like never before and I boldly ask that His heart would be mine. I love you lord...I feel freshly fallen' in love with you. May I be like that consumed female over her first love. Everything I am is void apart from you. Oh that great mystery, namely - JESUS.

### His Plan For Me

When I stand at the Judgment Seat of Christ  
 And He shows His plan for me,  
 The plan of my life as it might have been  
 Had He had His way - and I see  
 How I blocked Him here, and checked Him there,  
 And I would not yield my will,  
 Will there be grief in my Savior's eyes,  
 Grief though He loves me still?

Would He have me rich and I stand there poor,  
 Stripped of all but His grace,  
 While memory runs like a hunted thing,  
 Down the paths I cannot retrace.  
 Lord, of the years that are left to me  
 I give them to Thy hand  
 Take me and break me and mold me,  
 To the pattern that Thou hast planned!  
 -Author Unknown

“The cross is laid on every Christian. It begins with the call to abandon the attachments of this world. It is that dying of the old man which is the result of his encounter with Christ. As we embark upon discipleship we surrender ourselves to Christ in union with His death -- we give over our lives to death. Since this happens at the beginning of the Christian life, the cross can never be merely a tragic ending to an otherwise happy religious life. When Christ calls a man, He bids him come and die. It may be a death like that of the first disciples who had to leave home and work to follow Him, or it may be a death like Luther's, who had to leave the monastery and go out into the world. But it is the same death every time -- death in Jesus Christ, the death of the old man at His call. That is why the rich young man was so loath to follow Jesus, for the cost of his following was the death of his will. In fact, every command of Jesus is a call to die, with all our affections and lusts. But we do not want to die, and therefore Jesus Christ and His call are necessarily our death and our life.”

~Dietrich Bonhoeffer

“If a commission by an earthly king is considered a honour, how can a commission by a Heavenly King be considered a sacrifice?”

~David Livingstone

“There is not in the world a kind of life more sweet and delightful than that of a continual conversation with God.”

~Brother Lawrence

“He who has learned to pray has learned the greatest secret of a holy and happy life.”

~William Law

“The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray.”

~Samuel Chadwick

“Let this be thy whole endeavor, this thy prayer, this thy desire, --that thou mayest be stripped of all selfishness, and with entire simplicity follow Jesus only.”

~Thomas à Kempis

“Men are God’s method. The church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men. What the church needs today is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but men who the Holy Spirit can use - men of prayer, men mighty in prayer. The Holy Spirit does not come on machinery but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men - men of prayer.”

~Edward McKendree (E. M.) Bounds

### Chapter 3 Community

*Community isn’t living together. Life together and commitment together isn’t the whole of community.* It is the common union through the Spirit of God. First of all, every member of the company must have a living relationship with the Lord. That is to say, real. The fantasy world of modern Christianity has the correct words and right direction of belief, but is missing the all-requiring cross. This is the first thing that must go. It must be understood to be a fake and counterfeit for the all-requiring reality of true fellowship and community. This understanding can only come out of a true knowledge of God. The groundwork of anything that is being built to last must be strong. We know that the only strong foundation is Jesus Christ. *There must be a living relationship whereby true knowledge of Him can be obtained. If this is not in effect than community is thereby void.* Community is Him! It’s His life expressed through each other, to each other and together, in truth...daily. *So without the life of God flowing out of each one than the reality of the common union and communing unity is absent.*

It is not requiring perfection by any means, but it is requiring a constant maintaining of right relation to the Father. Any man that has not this daily focus must question His “New Life.” By this we walk together connected, where the true state of each man is known, confessing our humiliating struggles and embarrassing faults one to another in obedience to the light for the sake of the light. So we see then how easy community would be without the requiring of a common union and unity by communion in spirit. There are so many people and messages out there that speak of the right thing, they place the focus on the church, and rightly so, because it is God’s focus. There is a shallowness to it. Something is missing. It is something that any man can join and feel at home...It is an attempt to make the church a cozy kind of an all acceptance meeting or some kind of rehab group, where we connect on the basis of a common ground and share together in a small group like atmosphere. This though can still be a deception. *Does each one have from their right standing with God something to give? Is every ones true state exposed in the room by the presence of God placed in effect by lives lived in the presence of God? Is there a daily face to face in the fear of God? Are the directions and plans pieced together from each individuals hearing submitted to each other?*

You may say, "This is impossible. You are asking for everyone to be a saint before they come in." No, I am not. I am simply giving the requirements of the gospel. Right standing with the father maintained and focused upon by those who seek Him. What I am exposing is *the shallow hearts that don't seek God for themselves and expect everything to just come to them as they share their lives with the shadows and profess the light with their mouths*. When has the Lord ever opened His way to self-preserving men? Never! The church is a people who have left and are leaving their lives behind in a constant seeking of God day by day inspired and kept by the power of God. Christ didn't pour out His blood for men to speak about spiritual things or meet together in friendships of common grounds and moral principles. *He died to open up the Spirit led Zion consisting of Men and Women who lift their voice for understanding while fearing God involved in a daily death for resurrection process that enters them into another life quickening them in another way*. And this together! Fighting through the differences we have in personality and fleshly preferences by a self-denying love shed abroad in us by the Holy Ghost. Church today is as Art Katz has Brilliantly stated, "a conglomerate of individualities..." Which is the furthest thing from the oneness expressed in the word, body. I can't stand the counterfeit or the broad road of a crossless correctness doctrine or way. Nor understand those who give themselves wholly to it without one thought of comparison to the way of those who received the first fruits of the Spirit in Acts.

Lord create your church, teach us the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. Place in us true love, the perfect bond of unity. Build it with your own hand, may we not force it. May we wait in fear of God and give ourselves to what you do open for us no matter how insignificant or small it may seem to us. Teach husbands to be priest and wives to be servants both requiring the same discipline and death. Teach us the importance of your hand creating your bride and the detriment of us getting in the way.

March 4, 2003 Tuesday 9:52 AM

Man! My convictions and sensitivities are heightened like crazy. I got a call from the refuge mission to minister and I heard the Lord say - No. I said, "Yes". I was too hasty with my answer and I was convicted to the core...I had to call him back and cancel. I also Implied we had acoustic drums at the refuge in a conversation with Sam and I had to get on my knees and say "Lord, please forgive me for my implication." Even with Brooke I felt a conviction about the cold shoulder I gave her this morning from a feeling I felt last night toward her. I then had to call and apologize. Man the lord is showing forth His truthful ways. Lord empower me to die moment by moment to walk in truth. Truth is absolute. There is no grayness in it. It must be complete or not at all. I want to keep my fences mended...I want no untended fences...I think this is what Paul meant when He said, "A clear conscience before God and man..."

March 5, 2003 Wednesday 9:18 AM

Psalm 30:3 - "...For your name sake you will lead me and guide me..." He leads. If we follow His lead we know He won't bring us to anything we can't handle. We know that His leading is perfect with provision and life. For the glory of His name - It goes back to Him...He leads - It comes from Him...He sustains that which He ordains - so It's through Him...His leading is the way of life...It is the light. Cause, He is the light. Scripture says, "we were once darkness but now we are light..." We are Him when we walk as He did. The leading of God is followed for the sake of His glory only. Cause, He leads us and guides us for His name's sake...There is no benefit for us...It is solely done for Him! It also is total reliance on Him. As you submit yourself to God, you are relying on Him. Just as you submit yourself to metal and man's wisdom when you fly on an airplane. You are placing the trust of your life in it. As you submit you then loose control of everything. This is the following of the way of the Lord. Letting Him Lead you and guide you is placing your faith in Him. This leading again can only come from the word coming into you, placing your faith in the direction He is speaking. Again it is living reality over religion. This is the light and this is how we walk as children of the light. This is being the light...Cause we are one with His way...Cause we are one with the word...Cause it has first priority in our lives - It is the head of me...It is the thing submitted to - The word...JESUS

March 5, 2003 Wednesday 10:02 PM

I seem to hit these pockets. I enjoy freedom for a season. Then I seem to find myself in subjection to that thing that robs me of my freedom. It's like an up and down. I get an open field for a moment then I have to fight to keep it, or end up fighting to get it back. All in all I know that His way is what I desire. All in all I know that He is stronger than I and more faithful than I, as well as more patient than I. Thank you, oh God for your tender mercies and your great grace. I long to walk in you...Free - totally subject to you...In a theocratic Government...A God Rule! I long to be absolutely submitted to you and you alone...I find this is the only place I was created to be in, Obedience to God...Therefore Disobedience to that inner leading - or just plain ignoring - or not paying attention to that inner leading of the inner residence of God in me is to challenge my purpose. This only by the spirit man of coarse - for we all know the coarse of ourselves is in accordance with the world and it's way.

March 6, 2003 Thursday 10:20

Oh "the moment" is the weapon of the evil one. It goes for the throat of our lives. It goes deep into your inner

man and strips out the very inspiration to Obey. It is the ancient strength found by the evil one. It is the success of the enemy. It is the magnifying of pleasure and gratification in the immediate instant. It is the restraining to Children becoming Sons...Or the treadmill of the childish seeking maturity. It is the eclipsing of things eternal. It is the thought implanted – “Give yourself over to desire.” In “the moment” the inner craving of satisfaction burns so hot that the Eternal outcome and the leading of the spirit are seen cold and not attractive. It is the suffering man that continually gives himself over to the government of God resisting himself and submitting himself over to an eternal rule that knows faithfulness and steadfastness. This is the way of a Son. The self - gratifying are an Esau people. Loving themselves and their way over the masterpiece of God' s wisdom expressed in death. Lord I pray you work this into me, death, death and more death. I long to become a Son! I hate this treadmill or this restraining to Sonship. The one that gives himself to seeing the eternal, to the point of suffering in his own life for the sake of the Fathers way, is the one who can be trusted by God with God' s authority and Power. God doesn' t give Babies Machine guns! (Nick Koop).

March 12, 2003 Wednesday 3:53

I was building a sand castle the other day and I was figuring in my mind what I was going to call this great dominating kingdom castle I was in the process of building. The spirit of God spoke loud and clear to me "Even the greatest castles have fallen." Meaning that the dominion of the kingdom doesn' t lie in the castle size and beauty, but in it's rule. No kingdom has yet to remain, they have all fallen and all will fall. Cause their beautiful castles and intimidating strength is not there endurance. The endurance of a kingdom is in the way it is governed. They have ruled for years for themselves and there own power, yet the King will usher a kingdom in of great power and authority that will never fall. It will know no end - it' s rule will be in righteousness, justice ad truth. It needs not the grand glory of a building or threatening structure. It will simply be based upon God. This will be His kingdom, His way, His rule...Forever. Us as the people who choose Him are to submit to it now! This government is the government of our lives - the word of the Lord...This is our sanctification (separating). I feel myself running from it all the time. I run my own way, in His way and my own way, away from His way...if that makes sense. Yet, His mercy and His power are the wooing that bids me to return. He placed it into me...Even when I try to run from Him - He sets signs everywhere...Revelation of Him comes to me and draws me into Him. I have come to this conclusion. I have died and my life is hid in with Christ in God. I am a in the flesh a sinner but my spirit has been changed into a Child of God. I can' t run away. **To Reject the leading of the spirit is to reject the word of the lord which is to reject JESUS.**

March 15, 2003 Saturday 3:45PM

The church is only as authentic as the word that they follow. The authentic word must be present in order for the immediate persons to be an authentic People. The authentic people of God are authentically His because they follow the authentic word. The authentic word is that thing that God is actually speaking, and this untainted. Not the manufactured, manipulated thing that "seemeth right to a man." The thing waited for. It' s perfect because it' s from Him...it' s for Him and it' s done only through Him. It takes death to wait.To hold back everything you understand, what you see to be right and trust only in Him, to not only do it, but to do it in his time. Oh for an authentic people! These people are those who will let go of themselves and let the Lord work for them while they wait (Isa. 64:4). This is where the authentic word can flow. Only through death...A dead people - this is a baptized people - a Christ like people - a People in Christ - an authentic people...Because there given only over to the word subject to His time - His way - His kingdom (Together). To not be in Christ, is to not be in Christ, which is another way - another time - another kingdom.

March 16, 2003 Sunday 11:05PM

I feel not the deepest calling I' ve ever known, but the most serious and severe I've ever known...to Sonship. Not just the word and the knowledge of it, but the reality of it, the call to come into it and pass the knowledge of it. I start my job at \*\*\*\* tomorrow. I feel it' s a spiritual marker, maturity. Discipline must be appropriated how. I am catapulted into a place where God looks to trust me. Oh God give me a zeal to obey radically!

March 17, 2003 Monday 8:06PM

Jason Upton creates this picture of an eagle that refuses to flap his wings to fly. He gives himself to the wind, with his wings spread out he' ll wait. He' ll go through the pain of watching everyone else fly in front of him he' ll go through the pain of his dying dreams and plans...All for the sake of jealousy for God to carry him with His wind. Dying the death of lying your gift down on the altar to be destroyed - trusting God can resurrect it. God, so many days I have felt this dying feeling crying out to you to move cause I won' t...That inner turmoil, what a glory- but what a pain. I would rather work in a warehouse everyday of my life with out one exposure to ministry and opportunity...Then for God not to receive all glory...

March 20, 2003 Thursday 7:21PM

It has been very clear in this new season, there still is some pulling here and there, but hey...the flesh is the flesh till we put it away once and for all. I went to the mall and found myself overwhelmed with the sights to be seen. I found myself casting down more thoughts than thinking. It was something that I had to pull through, but praise God for His Holy Ghost who strengthens me to purity. I met a guy named \*\*\*\*\* so far he seems very cool...I am trying to see him after the

spirit. He seems to understand allot. He is a Pastor. So his heart is mainly for his people, and there hearts. The lord has placed me here for a reason. I pray I fulfill my task to the full. I will just stay grateful in heart - joyful in spirit and - praying always...Tongues has been so much recently...Sometimes I don' t have anything to do, so I just pray in tongues. God has been burning in me...I don' t know exactly what He is burning, but it is...Period! I have seen a lot of things that I am not in agreement with...the people of God' s money being put towards the comforts of ministries. God convict their hearts that they may see that every cent we will give account for.

March 22, 2003 Saturday 11:20AM

\*\*\*\*\* came into my life yesterday. I felt the power of Jesus begin to unite us in the spirit. I am beginning to see him after the spirit. Oh the power that is in like sightedness. He sees. I am so glad to have him in my life. I am me and he is who he is - and this is the enabling. Guileless. We don' t put on anything for each other. We see each other and love each other. I can feel in the spirit that the uniting of the lord is going to be strong here. Jonathan is not doing well - But I am fighting for him in the spirit. I long for covenant and depth of love... the church! The thing that glorifies the Lord...Not based on how "effective" we are in the world, but according to the glory of God - being that thing which He asked for (John 17). This is not based on numbers. This is based on love, the self - denial for the other and becoming one with each other. It can be three or even four people that glorifies God while the huge "reaping of souls" and additions to the institution are going on and on as the Lord waits to see that thing that is authentic...Authentic Commitment, authentic love, authentic Church.

March 24, 2003 Monday 9:26PM

The community. The expression of it can be in two or one hundred. It is the greasiest thing in the world, where the unity of God is demonstrated and expressing the perfection of His ways. It is the most powerful, encouraging, exciting and fulfilling thing. I am so in love with Him - It is so supernatural. I don' t know how really to explain it. I spoke with John too - It was strengthening as well. To find the glory of the Lord on the earth with out community is to find an apple with out skin. It is the thing that Glorifies God in the earth, His people in each other. 3 - Perfect oneness...Being the people of God TOGETHER. Me giving myself to being in Christ...When there is another who is doing the same, we are actually giving ourselves to be in each other, by Christ through His spirit. We experience God through each other. I love being with John and \*\*\*\*\* because it is a chance to be with my King...Though I am with Him alone - I can experience God in a way that I don' t by myself. He can as well in me...So with our individual common unions with Christ we come into common union together. Our focus is, loving our Lord with all of our hearts and second loving each other with all of our hearts. The power of God' s church (community) is the most powerful thing outside of Him because its His power...Because it is His design and it cannot be established by the hands of men...It is just as much a spirit work as salvation. Praise Jesus for the reality of the cross and its beautiful product - the church...

March 26, 2003 Wednesday 10:26PM

I have recently felt such an anger toward the blindness of the people that I know. Their speaking of things so sacred and Holy as so unnecessary, gray and "can live without them," type of spirit - When I speak of the things that Glorify God according to His own definition - They are more concerned with what man has to say about the church. They tell me I am critical and that what I speak is merely my opinion. Man, it is burning in me! Such anger...Lord, teach me how to act in this...How to react to it. I want to be meek...Yet - See the money changers as an abomination...So many times I have heard the voice of the Lord speak in my inner ear and I let it fall to the ground because I was to intimidated...Worried...Fearful of man...God! Oh God! Deliver me from the snare of myself! God only upholds the words of the servant who upholds His words. Lord, teach me. What about this was pride? What about this was your indignation?

March 29, 2003 Saturday 6:35PM

Lord, I have submitted to so many things that are not of you. I have given myself to things that are not in your way. I have walked in my own way. I long for your way. I long for your kingdom. I long for your government. Rule me! Run Me! I submit to you. Father - It seems I can only go so far in my walk with God without community. There is something missing when community is absent. I repent! On the other hand, I hate the things I see...I hate the things I know. Sometimes I wish I didn' t know them. So I could just be unto myself, go a church that requires nothing of me and live as I please. There is a requirement to the things I see that is beyond my enabling. It forces me to turn to trust Him. Leaning on Him hard, as Doc Brown told me. Lean completely on Him. I have so many inner battles with my immaturity and the oppression that the demon tries to lock me into. Also, the burden for the church, the inner dying of seeing the reality of her state, the inner bleedings of letting Go of my way and the inner bleeding of seeing His. Two deaths, one to myself and the other His sight. It is pain at every point...

### Torch My Heart

Lord engage my heart today  
 With zeal that will not pass away.  
 Now torch it with Thy holy fire  
 That never more shall time' s desire  
 Invade or quench the Heaven born power.  
 I would be trapped within Thy Holy will,  
 Thine every holy purpose to fulfill  
 That every effort of my life shall bring  
 Rapturous praise to my Eternal King.  
 I pledge from this day to the grave  
 To be Thine own unquestioning slave.  
 ~Leonard Ravenhill

“Unless we come into something that God can call community – we will not defeat the powers of the air.”

~Robert Gladstone

“I’ve been to services and conferences, seen banners and sung songs...if this is all there is coming to my generation then let me die.”

~Jack Taylor

“Nothing in my hands I bring, simply to the cross I cling.”

~Hymnal

"Ah!, if you only knew the peace there is in accepted sorrow!"

~Madam Guyon

"By afflictions God is spoiling us of what otherwise might have spoiled us!

~Unknown

"Now the whole offer which Christianity makes is this: that we can, if we let God have His way, come to share in the life of Christ. If we do, we shall then be sharing a life which was begotten, not made, which always has existed and always will exist. Christ is the Son of God. If we share in this kind of life we also shall be sons of God. We shall love the Father as He does and the Holy Ghost will arise in us. He came to this world and became a man in order to spread to other men the



kind of life He has – by what I call ' good infection.' Every Christian is to become a little Christ. The whole purpose of becoming a Christian is simply nothing else."

~C. S. Lewis

"Worship is giving God the best that He has given you."

~Oswald Chambers

"If I can enjoy a joke at the expense of another; if I can in any way slight another in conversation, or even in thought, then I know nothing of Calvary' s love. "

~Amy Carmichael

"I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go."

~Abraham Lincoln

"The truths that I know best I have learned on my knees. I never know a thing well, till it is burned into my heart by prayer."

~John Bunyan

"The secret of Christianity is not doing, the secret is ' being' . It is being the possessor of the nature of Christ."

~John G. Lake

"All He needs is somebody who will die, and when I died, He came in."

~Kathryn Kuhlman

"In the place of self the believer gets the Son of God. Christ fills us, occupies us, engrosses us henceforth. He is all to us what self was before."

~H. Bonar

Fasting is called the nourishment of prayer,  
the restraint of lust, the wings of the souls,  
the diet of angels, the instrument  
of humility and self-denial, the purification of the spirit"

~Jeremy Taylor

fasting is an act of mortification, that is, is intended to subdue a bodily lust

~Jeremy Taylor

Fasting, if it be considered in itself, without relation to spiritual ends, is a duty nowhere enjoined or counseled. But Christianity hath to do with it as it may be made an instrument of the Spirit, by subduing the lusts of the flesh, or removing any hindrances of religion. And it hath been practiced by all ages of the church, and advised in order to three ministries; 1. To prayer; 2. To mortification of bodily lusts; 3. To repentance

~Jeremy Taylor

## Chapter 4 The way of self - denial...

The way of self – denial is the way of the Kingdom of God. “The way of,” is defined as “the manner of,” “the mode of,” and “the route of.” “Manner” consists of your outward doings, the fashion in which something is acted upon or accomplished. “Mode” is the mind set and inner positioning. “Route” is the direction chosen to proceed in, in order to get to the desired end. Self denial is not only the means but is it’s self the purpose of God’s way when quickened by the spirit.

“Self – denial” is defined as “the rejection of”, “the refusal of” and “the forsaking of”...“self.” “Self” is defined as your own interests, your individuality or individualism as a separate entity, and your own nature. In short, it is your unredeemed soul and natural gratifications. The “route” and “mode” of the Kingdom of God is the forsaking and rejection of your own interests, nature, self - fulfillments and soul individuality. It removes ones independence from God and requires absolute abandonment of any purpose unto ones self – gratifications and following of ones own way. It is a call completely other than us and is contrary in every point to our own satisfaction of lusts, ways, and desires. Even religiously...men have a built in desire to find a gratification on the basis of goodness. Feeling pleased with themselves in the actions of so called “Love” which in reality is an appeal to their own desire to have a character as a well - rounded goodness unto the world. What a selfish mindset, fulfilling themselves in actions disguised as benevolent or selfless. True selflessness is found in “self – denial unto the Lord.”

Self – denial lives for another. Gratification lives unto himself. Self – denial unto anything other than the Lord by His spirit is nothing that comes close to genuine or pleasing to God. If there is a self – denial of ones self unto a purpose and or person, it is a selfish fulfillment of their desired devotion, pleasing themselves. It is truly a deception when man is devoted to his devotion. To enter into the Kingdom of heaven’s way is impossible, independent of the spirit that brings into us self - discipline and self – control, the elements of Self Denial. This self - denial of yourself unto the Lord is fed and accomplished by another, other than you. He works inside you to be unto Him. This is the life of God living inside a man. This is the only true way of life, love and self - denial. Anything else by default of its origin is human and that is to say selfish and evil. The Spirit of the Kingdom of God working in you is the only fitting for residence in the Kingdom of God and service unto it’s King...Self - denial is not merely another way to express the Kingdom of Heaven...It is the life quality of the God kind, the children of the resurrection or race of heaven, royal priesthood and it’s own new nation.

I woke up the other morning and I fought myself to consciousness. I said to myself, “I am tired and I don’t think that the Lord would mind if I just skipped prayer today and slept in, I can always pray when I wake up...” I filled my mind with all kinds of justifications in the name of the Lord’s grace. So I shut my eyes and before I could ease my way back into my state of slumber, the Spirit of God spoke to my heart. “How tired was Jesus after a night of prayer, followed by a day of beatings, followed again by a night of sleeplessness, only to later be nailed to a cross...Yet His forgiveness unto man was not altered, nor His gentleness of heart, nor His life of prayer, nor His mind set of humility, surrender or obedience. The same spirit has been given to you.” Think of Stephen, a man, forgiving while being stoned. Or, Paul filled with enough love to return him to the ones who left him for dead and David chased for his life, yet not one ill word toward his pursuers. These mindsets unaltered! This love unaltered! This humility unaltered! You have the same spirit! Will you disappoint the Lord? Self - denial, the “mode”, “manner” and “route” of the Kingdom of Heaven. On the horizon of the future lies a day that approaches with judgments and rewards...only the man who has walk in self denial will be able to keep his head up unashamed of what he did with the working of the Grace of God in his life.

Today as I waited upon the Lord, He spoke. Eternity...it's value is lost. He spoke deep in to me about how Eternity is our inspiration. It's our living reality. It's life in us. It is the apostolic Perspective (Art Katz)...It's there prism...The grid that Christ lived His life looking through. May it be in us! A people without an Eternal perspective is a people out side of the Son...A people in the Son live as the Son...Looking toward the reward, enduring the shame and pain of this momentary light affliction. The power of the eternal perspective and the Eternal sight is measured by the power of our love for the Lord. Paul says, "When Christ who is our life appears..." The anticipation and the hope are based upon us being consumed with Him. Christ not just our Savior and our Lord but our life. The very giving of our life, the very reason of life and the one to whom we give everything. This consuming is the building for the anticipation and the Hope for Him to come...To the degree of your desire is the degree of your anticipation and hope. So in order to be given to the Eternal perspective, to have eternity be our all in all, we must first find our passion and consuming desire to know Him and nothing else. "...For the sake of knowing Jesus Christ our Lord..." "Oh that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection..." "How can we push aside all the desires of the world when we have not a greater desire? How can one give himself away to that hope which he doesn't see, over the pleasures that he can...He is in love...He is given...He who has an eternal hope is the one who loves the King and His appearing more than his own life. We don't just love Him and our relationship now...But we love His appearing and the relationship to be...No hindrances, no flesh and no opposition...Just God and Man. This is enough to push any immediate pleasure aside. This is enough to burn in suffering for 100 years - to be in God and God in you, now, by deposit of a later glory...

April 5, 2003 Saturday 9:38PM

The scariest thing that I have encountered, for me and for others, is the mentality that lived in Caiaphas. Knowing yet choosing to not give himself - for the sake of loving his own life, security and way. He comes and speaks to you..."You won't be able to support your family..."He speaks of safety and securities. He speaks of freedom for you. He promises that he'll leave you alone. These are the things that persuaded us to compromise truth - true living...He turns that which is supposed to be like Jesus...the spirit of Caiaphas. Let us be like Jesus! Loving not our lives. The key of David..."To live or die in protest to the law of sin and death." (Robert Gladstone) David stands before Goliath.

April 6, 2003 Sunday 8:47PM

Ps. 28:5 "Since they show no regard for the works of the Lord and what his hands have done, he will tear them down and never build them up again." Authentic works are real works...the most authentic work is that which is done by God Himself. He is the test of authenticity. He doesn't move outside of Himself. He works with His tools. "He doesn't work with us doing our own thing and asking Him to bless it. He is pleased with what He does" (Bob Gladstone). Caiaphas sees yet chooses not to see. God will tear him down. Those who go there own way...They follow after the ministry according to systems and games...Organizations and techniques...Seeker sensitive, fear of man, man pleasing developments. In order to gain the masses and numbers - they have no regard for the way of the Lord...The true pleasure of God according to His own definition. They have no regard for God to do His thing, His way...They don't want to wait for His hands to do it - they want their hands to do it. People think that ministry is our hands...They think that good works are good things done by us. No! It is His works that please Him...It is His works that we yield to...It will all boil down in the end, our works and ways showing no regard for God's way...The only thing that pleases God is what He does Himself (Bob Gladstone). We will be rewarded for the things that father pulled off (S.J. Hill). Not us on our spiritual zeal and gifts. Let us show regard for God's works - His hands...Let us remove our hands completely...Let us give ourselves to jealousy for His way...His works...His Hands to perform His wonders.

May 6, 2003 Monday 1:58PM

It's been up and down, times of great intensity and times of low shame. My ommitment is constantly challenged by my desires. God spoke to my heart yesterday about David's heart. He too, had highs and he had lows. His heart persevered through it all. He never let go of his communion with God. Lord, give me this heart, to seek after yours always. God I repent. Strengthen me! Help me stand up! And Walk! I just want to walk, but my knees are so weak and my balance is bad. I'm like Hannah (my brothers little baby). I get so frustrated with my growth rate. I want to do what see, but I am just not able. Teach me and give me grace to pray. May I be given over to the High seriousness of the faith and be struck with the reality of the end as well as the fear of God. The fear of God comes from seeing the thing that God did. You can't get struck with the fear of God by something man has done. Asaph rejoiced in the thing that was done by God. The thing that God does, His victory, His way, Him...This should be our joy and delight.

May 24, 2003 Saturday 12:03PM

If we do not give ourselves to righteousness, he will teach us righteousness. This is not pleasant. By the judgments of God the inhabitants of the earth learn righteousness. If we don't give ourselves to having the word of the lord supreme in our lives, He will teach us the severity of it. The following of the word is righteousness. It is all we have. Our righteousness is as filthy rags. Our way, our plans and our wisdom, it matters not how much sense it makes to us. It is as filthy rags. All the good things we can do are filthy, dirty and defiled. Only that thing that comes from God will bring

pleasure to God. Father I once again, give myself to the word of the Lord, the bread of Life. I know with out it I cannot live. "If we don't live be revelation we don't live" (Robert Gladstone).

May 24, 2003 Saturday 6:34PM

So many times we get so tired of fighting. So many times we lie down and let ourselves be defeated. Basically...we give up. I just got done watching Rocky. For some reason God uses this movie in my life. In some way He relays the heart of David to me. He didn' t quit. The devil tries to wear out the saints. He pounds them in there weakness till they have no strength and no drive. He tries to spoil our inspiration. In this movie, I am encouraged to continue on, to wake up early and give myself, however contrary to my nature, to the word. I got to give myself to the word. If I don' t I make myself part of those in Isa. 43 - the ones who have ears...Have eyes...Yet can' t see or hear. You have the potential...You have the tools...But there not used. The fighting is necessary – to the solider. God put fight in me (Philip B.). What separated him from the rest of his kind was his heart. He didn' t beat them with muscle, but heart.

November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2003 Monday 7:28am

Still the struggles of a child, still the lust of the flesh trafficking in and out, I must live weak..My flesh is made strong by gratification. There must come a living weak. Living weak? Self imposed restrictions and discipline. This is an end to self - gratification. Starvation to the flesh, not the human body as flesh...but it's person and desires. I don't want to starve myself from food...though at times that will come. I want to starve my lusts; I want to starve self's desires till they are no more. They come alive each day...starvation is never an easy thing to do. The weak flesh in self-imposed restrictions is the strength of the man of God. I personally, feel no stronger than when my physical body is weak and drained from prayer and fasting.

November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003 7:26am

I feel like my time at this job is limited, already. I feel like it is only a short amount of time before I am to leave and start something. I burn to teach...I would love to teach in a bible school of some sort. I am only 22 though. Bob Gladstone was one of the most impacting people in my life. He spoke in ways that awakened my spirit to the church and it's importance. This is my delight is to help people see. I want this! Sonship is my personal inspiration and community is the goal. I feel so far from the disciplines that I know it is going to take. It's His word that works in us to will and to do for His good pleasure...So God speak life into me.

November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2003 1:59pm

Well, I spent the weekend with the Community. John and I got so much from the Lord. We prayed into it and felt it is being worked into us. On was of Matthew, being found by the Christ. The Word came to him and removed him from the current of this world. He removed him from the Pattern of this age, from a tax collector to a disciple of Jesus. The change occurred with not just the acceptance of the Word, but, the following of the Word. This is the explanation of Growth in the Lord. The longer that he followed the Word the more he grew. From tax collector, to Disciple, to Apostle, he in his consistency of following grew to a place of maturity. Then the Lord began to reveal to us the lack of Following the Word individually. The need of the Word followed corporately. We are to be under the Word...alone and together. Levi to Matthew! Let us submit ourselves to the Word.

**I'd rather have Jesus**

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold  
I'd rather have Him  
Than have riches untold

I'd rather have Jesus than houses or land  
I'd rather be led  
By His nail pierced hands

Than to be the king of a mass domain and be held in sins dread sway  
I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today

I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause  
I'd rather be faithful  
To His dear cause

I'd rather have Jesus than fortune or fame  
I'd rather be true  
To His holy name

Than to be the king of a mass domain and be held in sins dread sway  
I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today  
~Hymn

"It is only at the end of a man's life that he realizes how important his choices were at the beginning."

"The reason we don't have revival is because we are content to live with out it..."

~Leonard Ravenhill

"Eyes that look are common, eyes that see are rare."

~Oswald Chambers

"Christ knows nothing of a prayerless Christian."

~E.M. Bounds

"Praying Christians know nothing of their friends."

~E.M. Bounds

"Yesterdays praying will not suffice for todays."

~E.M. Bounds

"Two kinds of people, those that are dead to sin and those dead in sin."

~Leonard Ravenhill

"He who is careful in the use of his time is careful about his company and his actions, lest bad company and bad actions should throw away both his time and himself, and cause a reversal in the accounts of Eternity."

~Jeremy Taylor

"God has given us a short time on this earth. Yet on this short time Eternity depends."

~Jeremy Taylor

“Time is beyond value to the present, and when past, is recoverable by no power of art or nature.”  
~Jeremy Taylor

“Sensuality is the greatest hindrance in the world to Martyrdom. To face martyrdom, a Christian must first have crucified lesser affections. He who is overcome by little degrees of pain will hardly consent to lose his life...”  
~Jeremy Taylor

“ My master has placed me here by His divine hand; I never will, directly or indirectly, seek to be removed.”  
~Robert Murray M'Cheyne

“My heart hath not peace. Why? Sin lieth at my door.”  
~ Robert Murray M'Cheyne

“Not a trait worth remembering. Yet these twenty four hours must be accounted for.”  
~ Robert Murray M'Cheyne

## **Chapter 5 Discipline and Self Control**

*“Like a city without walls so is a man with out self control.”*

One of the many reason for the walls surrounding the city is protection. This protection is a sheltering of the feeble parts of the city, the woman and children – the markets and storages of value that wouldn't ever have a chance of standing in battle. These walls are massive in size and strong in stature. They are built high enough that man can't climb them, they are built strong enough that man cannot crumble them over. Many times the things that are vulnerable are the things that are valuable. These walls constitute the protection of the dwelling place of those things that are both valuable and vulnerable. It is obvious enough that the life of the city is dependent upon the stability and strength of its walls. Without walls they are only waiting to be overtaken and destroyed.

This is the make up of a man. He himself is made up of feeble parts and valuable parts..his inner parts are the protected parts, mainly, his mind. What the mind constitutes is greater than all other faculties. The mind is the heart of a man supplying all that he needs to live. If the heart of him is wicked, all he is, is wicked. As a man thinks so is he. If a man lacks self-control to bring peace that would guard his heart, he has nothing. He himself is only waiting for destruction if he is not already overtaken. The heart is what God is after. The heart of a man is the focus of surrender. If the Spirit of God indwells a man's heart all his ways are altered. God has the center of the man and can direct him as he wills. Solomon compares the severity of the city walls with the severity of self-control. Why did he choose that word? What is it about self-control that alters everything from a state of protection and safety to a state of destruction and possession?

The reigns of your life must be gripped and controlled. Watchman Nee said in his book “The Spiritual Man,” “God's intent was that man would control himself.” It is the lack of self-control that creates bondage and waywardness. I

don't think that this is in anyway and encouragement for man to become his own entity apart from God. We see that all that a man is in himself is human, natural and wayward. So what is a man to do? Is he bound to waywardness without self-control and with self-control? I believe that the connection in words with Paul and Solomon is the answer. Paul tells us that the fruit of the Spirit is "...self control." (Gal. 5). It is the peace of God that guards our hearts. The center of all we are is guarded by His peace – and the walls that protect our weak and feeble minds is His great Spirit of peace and self control. He again is, the secrete. He has not given us the spirit of fear but of...self-control.

November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2003 8:52pm

Something has happened! Absolute dependency on the Holy Spirit is the only way to godliness. Godlikeness comes only through the Holy Ghost...He is all we need for life and godliness. If the flesh is dead than the Devil has nothing. Surrender to the Holy Ghost! Only by the Holy Spirit can a man be wholly, Holy. I have seen the areas in my heart of an independent spirit. I long for the emancipation of me with him...because as long as I am a separate entity I am lifeless. Holy Spirit, be with me, you my only hope for desire and strength.

November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003 6:36pm

We are born in iniquity. Possessing a bent nature. We Drift off by default. This is the reason for an intense focus and fixed heart on defending and protecting your communion with the Spirit of God. Obedience to the Holy Ghost...this is all in all for the individual and the Church. Our bent nature called iniquity is constantly an irritation to the will that is set on fixing it's self upon His inner life being ours. If we let our obedience slip in the smallest area...like exaggeration or implying something that is false, we who are in right relationship with Him through out the day, feel His grieving in us. If we don't make that right...or repent and ask for grace to help us, we soon feel the hindrance to the inner life of the Spirit of God. This is and always should be the primary focus of an individual and the church. If we long to know Jesus rightly we must first be in right relation to the reveler of Jesus...

November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2003 12:54pm

The task is great because the severity is so essential. The communion passage with the Holy Spirit is constantly a battle to keep clear. If it is not kept clear the hearing of Him is hindered and intern all that we are as children of God growing into Sonship is affected. If it is kept clear than we can listen and hear rightly and therefore, follow rightly. His control and enabling is the determinant of our growth. We grow in proportion to how much He is in control. The word of God is our manna and the deliverer is the Holy Ghost. Guard therefore all that the Holy Spirit would quicken in you. Listen well, knowing the severity of Him in you. The abiding of Christ and the Word in you is only by Him. The works that He does in you is all that matters and is all that will be recognized by God. Men may recognize all that you do, but God only recognizes that which His Holy Spirit does. Listen to Him! The life that waits, hears and follows the Holy Spirit and despises all that he can do in himself, is a life that is walking in Him. Lord Help me hate my initiative and love yours. Help me despise walking to the cross myself and love His leading to the Cross. Help me give up! Help me release my hold on my walk and give it completely over the your Holy Spirit's rule. Paul said "yet not I but Christ..." May I say the same.

November 23, 2003 12:40pm

The main thing that I am receiving in prayer is to fight the God fight of Faith. The Ultimate goal of Faith is to be in oneness with God by hearing His word and following accordingly, all this made possible by the precious atonement that we cast ourselves upon daily. The life of God coming into you and empowering you to walk out that thing that God is doing. So the main application of that is to fight with great tediousness to maintain the right relation with God's Holy Spirit...Having Him bring the word to you and carry it out through you. This is the Secrete of Jesus. If we are insensitive to Him than we soon become insensitive to Him. We must in Charles Finney's words "cherish the slightest impressions of the Holy Ghost." Even in the most mundane things, we are to do all to the Glory of God. How?? By Him living His life through us by His Holy Spirit. He only finds Glory in the thing that He does. A life lived through His life is a life that brings glory unto Him. Live out of His life! Despise your Own, however clean and moral - correct or zealous.

November 24<sup>th</sup>, 12:02am

The Five fold and the fellowship of the Church, is given to wean men out of infancy. It seems that today the church structure is geared on keeping them in infancy. I was talking about something tonight with my family and I was exaggerating and implying like crazy...I was so outside of God. I felt it inside. Holy Ghost! Help me! Deliver me from me! It seems that I am the best at grieving you. When all I desire is to be in you all that I am is against you. I was working at Rienhard's house today packing all his books and I saw a John G. Lake Book. I ended up opening it and reading a little. He was so inspiring. He said "let God fill every cell...Till your thoughts become His thoughts and He words become your words. This is the ministry of Divine Healing..." He is speaking of one thing...Namely, Sonship! Kingship! Maturity in the Lord! The place of being trusted by the Lord! Christ came to bring FIRE on the Earth. He is the FIRE! FIRE consumes. He came to consume us with Himself. He will baptize you with FIRE. He wants to baptize us in Himself...Were we are in Him and He in us...Like Katz says "You don't know where the man begins and God ends..."

They are one and they speak as one and live as one. SONSHIP. KINGSHIP. Trusted to rule! He Delights in the Lord's strength. Knowing that the Lord is only exalted in His strength. Man cannot live a life that Glorifies God apart from God...God in the Man is what makes the man a Glory unto God. Only God can Glorify God and when He consumes every cell this the living out of the Life of God..."Where whether we eat or drink, whatever we do we do all to the Glory of God."

November 25, 2003pm

Lord today I thought of this great job that you have given me. If you took it away, I trust you to provide...If you call me to New Jersey I am fine...If I stay at here till I am 80 years old, I am fine. I will be doing one thing no matter where I am. I will be giving myself to living out of your life. I will be giving myself to seeing the maturity of the Saints. Create in me your passion for me. You are all I need. I love me Girl with all my heart. If you took her I would love you still. I love my family - if you took them I would follow just as close. I feel the strength of the spirit in my life. I am not saying that I wouldn't be emotionally challenged, but my spirit would run to the refuge that I have in you. Here I would hide and heal. You are all I need. Precious Holy Spirit - I am learning you and how to live in you and walk by you...give me grace I pray.

November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2003 Ps. 20

Save me oh God. This is the Cry! This is the morning cry of me! The first thing that I do is, recognize that I am completely incapable and that the only hope for righteousness is Christ in me. It's our only hope for Glory. "Save me" is a Phrase of utter helplessness. You can't save yourself. The Holy Spirit must do it. Our struggle is not with SINS...It is with our contrary nature that causes us to stay away from the Spirit of God. Our fight is a fight to be emancipated with His strength. Which is utter reliance and focus on Him. We will rejoice in your strength oh God. Our boasting is in the strength of the Spirit and not of ourselves. He must fulfill your purpose in Him. He sends strength from the communion with Him (the Sanctuary) and support from the Brothers (Zion). The God of Jacob...Jacob (not Israel) is what He was called in his days of his struggle. Before he was even Israel...God set him securely on high, because he called upon the Lord...in his calling out, he was changed to Israel.

November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2003 7:30PM

This morning I gave myself to complete focus on praying in the Spirit. He brought my heart to Himself and I was filled with fresh life and fixation on Him. "The secrete of prayer is praying in secrete" (Leonard Ravenhill). Prayer in Him is all in all...everything is molded and shaped by prayer. Right praying is the most powerful thing God can use a man to do.

Not "right prayer" as far as accuracy in doctrine as much as accuracy in the motive and truth in the spirit, praying those things given to you. Not what you want to give, but what is given. Love and truth are the lacking eliminates that keep the church of today outside of significance. Love as covenant and truth as the guileless leading of the spirit.

December 22, 2003 Monday morning 5:52am

Things have been very up and down. I still feel like two people. I have moments of Glory in Him, other moments of self-exalting flesh time and independence of Him. Still these words ring in my head..."In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding you blood..." Oh for loyalty to Him! Oh for good discipline! Oh for a love to compel me greater than the things of the natural realm! Is He not worth it?

December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2003 Monday Night 7:05

I just broke a fast. It was very good. Waking up early again was such refreshment in the spirit. I want to be old and gray and still have these two elements at work by the spirit in my life...early rising prayer and consistent fasting. God really just consoled me concerning Brooke and I...Much confusion and worry came in when I spoke to a pastor friend. I feel like the Lord is saying to give myself fresh to Him and let Him work out all the details of the wedding and our covenant. I really can't say that the lord is telling me to wait on the wedding, or that Brooke isn't the right girl for me. I think that there are many things we need to work on together. I am being tested right now to see if I will be suede by men's opinions. All in all, I think that all we really have is our own personal understanding of the Lord - our own personal confirmation of the spirit inside of us...The community is a provision and a strength to us, but the inner life of God is what it all comes down to. On the other hand everything must be submitted to the community. So I am not sure of the middle road. Trust what I feel in my spirit - or know that I am compiled of errors and need the covenant brother to speak???

December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2003 Christmas Morning...

It was a good time with the family...My Mother is so tender hearted and loving, what a special connection we have. My Dad is loving, forgiving and patient with every man...It's crazy! My Sister is growing and learning the ways of the Holy Spirit...She knows more than she thinks. My Girl is coming over now...this will be our last Christmas waking up with our families...From now on our lives will be together. Strange, yet exciting. She is growing into the Lord. I want to see her as Christ and her see me as Christ as well. What a wonderful thing is between us! As we learn together to walk in the spirit. Her heart is soft and compassionate...the Lord will use that to birth Prayer inside of her like very few. I pray, if



there were one mark that she leaves here on the earth, it would be that of prayer...I pray the same for me. I am still learning how to be with people...It is so hard to not seem rude, to not seem uninterested or mean when I am silent and reserved to myself. I know this way best and I am this in myself. I know I must be with people...but my preference is to be alone in His presence.

January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004 Friday 10:56am

There has been so much opposition in our engagement. It's almost ridiculous. I have had people I love and respect come to me and say all kinds of stuff. They say that we should wait or that our hearts are different and that she is not for me. It has thrown so much confusion into the mix. I fasted and prayed about it and as I waited on the Lord, I really felt a sweet smile of God on me. I really felt that he is going to do great things with us. Not that it is going to be an easy road, but it is going to be very stretching for both of us. I will take her in and give to her what has been given to me. In the midst of the negative words He has increased the severity toward walking together, so He has used it. You are submitted to the community! You are one sided and need rear view mirrors and are subject to deception outside of the community. On the other Hand, if you can't trust your individual relationship with God as the primary you have nothing. You have to be able to hear and follow that first and out of that submit to the community. Plus none of these people are around, their all around the world and barely see me any more. You must be willing to forsake everything and everyone in order to follow the voice of God. I believe this test has come in order to challenge my relationship with God and it's standing. If I submitted to the others over what I knew God was saying by release and peace in my spirit than there would be prospect for idolatry.

January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004 12:47PM

Poverty: The state of having nothing of worth. To have nothing of value is to have nothing to. This is the grid that we are to see through. Anything else will lead you into a simulated knowledge of a God that you have created to commend yourself and all you are in yourself. Poverty comes out from the Fear of the Lord. Once you see what you are in yourself and the enmity that you are by default, you then can see your poverty, pride, independence and self-confidence, which are self-exultation. These are the result of having a value. This state and the giving out of this state is an offense to God instead of a service. We have nothing of value outside of Christ...Even our own will is contrary to God. We seek Him and Live!

### **Hast thou no Scar ?**

Hast thou no Scar?

No hidden scar on foot, or side, or hand?

I hear thee sung of mighty in this land,

I hear them hail thy bright ascendant star,

Hast thou no scar?

Hast thou no wound?

Yet I was wounded by the archers, spent,

Leaned me on a tree to die, and rent,

By ravening beast that compassed me, I swooned;

Hast thou no wound?

Hath thou no scar

Yet, as the mast so shall the servant be,

And, pierced are the feet that choose to follow me

Can you hath followed far

Who has no wound nor scar?

~Amy Carmichael

“Our love for truth is measured by how far towards perishing we are willing to go without seeking to save our lives with a lie.”

~Art Katz

“God is still seeking for a people, and whenever He finds those whose hearts burn for Him, He will build His Kingdom and manifest His glory.”

~Paul Ravenhill

“The age in which we live seems to be driven by the force of activities and statistics. Results, numbers, responses, miles traveled, meetings attended, conferences addressed, mailing lists, books, articles, the famous who are known to us, all these things garner the approach and admiration of the silly "Christian" population. The steady faithful labor which is "not in vain in the Lord;" the incorruptibleness of he who is outside the whole futile "rat race;" those who serve as they "watch and wait;" the desert place of preparation and revelation - these seem to have no place in our thinking. The one who has heard a different music, who has heard a Voice speaking to him alone, is sadly missing in our midst. “

~Paul Ravenhill

## **Chapter 6** **Strength, courage and waiting on God**

“...Be strong, take heart and wait on the Lord.”

What does *strength* and *courage* have to do with waiting on the Lord?

Be strong...What does strength have to do with waiting on the Lord? Strength is acquired. It isn't something that is automatic. It is developed. *Which inevitably requires Discipline of a heavy demand upon your time, your energy and your efforts. Strength is a type of maturity because it is something that increases in time as one moves toward it. Then to say, "Be strong..." it is demanding a place of maturity.* This leads us to a conclusion that, in the increase of strength there increases the ability to wait. If it requires strength to wait, then in the measure of your strength is the measure of your waiting ability. What is *strength*? *It is acquired consistency of stability or increased ability.* In reaching for strength you are reaching for stability, consistency and greater ability to wait in a steady place of immovability. When the flesh arises like it is prone to do, you are not tossed. Your weak areas that once were taken advantage of are now held in submission. This is the pursuit of strength. Waiting requires the strength to control the impatient areas of the heart...without strength there is no waiting and the degree of your strength is the degree of your ability to wait on the Lord.

Take heart...what does courage have to do with waiting of God? Courage is such a word that creates a picture of a coward in our minds that repulses every man. So we don't like to think that we are cowards and the word courage goes nicely along side of our pride. But the courage that I speak of is void of pride and strength in self. This waiting has to do with a selfless love and devotion unto the Lord where nothing can threaten our lives to give rise to a self - preservation. Men live to and love to save face. Anything that makes us lose sight of our own gratification is a threat our life, that it might be altered in some way away from what originally was desired to enhance our life in the moment. This is why waiting is in great opposition to self - preservation. It calls you out of the safety shell of your own initiative and self - life. Waiting places God as God, letting Him rule and reign as the King in your life. This is courage and the opposite of self-preservation, having another purpose greater than your own gratification, fulfillment and life, namely, the purpose of God. Here again is the heart of waiting. Just as our place of maturity is an enabler for waiting on God our courage is a prerequisite for waiting on God. And this too is in proportion to the measure of strength in our lives. Strength and Courage can be seen as supporters of each other. What is strength with out courage and what is courage with out strength? To have one with out the other is of no value. We are all growing in this, in one stage of our lives or another.

Why is waiting so important? It again keeps God as king over your life. There is no use in professing the King of Kings if He isn't your King. This place of waiting is the ultimate factor in your relation to the Kingdom of Heaven on the earth. This alters everything. It turns Saul's into David's. What an issue. He gave us the Holy Spirit as our leader into all truth. We are to follow Him, not just make our own way as we see fit, or as we have reasoned His covenants to say. With out a living reality of Christ exemplified in your daily life moment-by-moment, you reduce God in your action and life to the value of a dead god. The hearing of the word of the Lord depends upon waiting. How will you hear if you just go? Don't put the cart before the horse. *Hear and operate under the power of that Word. Good thing Peter didn't try to walk on the water before Christ spoke. We could fish all night, but until He speaks to throw the net over the other side of the boat we will find no nothing.* God's favor rests on righteousness and there is no righteousness apart from faith and no faith apart from the word and no word apart from waiting. It is the spoken word that works grace in you to grow in strength and courage. The issue of a living reality of Christ is the issue of His rule in your life by relationship and this daily expressed as you grow in strength and courage to *wait upon the Lord.*

March 8<sup>th</sup> 2004 -

I can't wait to get married. Not just for Brooke or the actuality of living our lives together, but for the main reason of a new season. I have come to the Place where I know nothing else, but my poverty, my sinfulness and my vile heart. I have had such a hard time with self-denial. It has been unlike any time of my life. Scott has come into my life. I love him dearly...He was hard to get through at first because of communication difficulties...But God has connected us. The day is nearing...I don't know what is next in life... Community as of right now is still far...I long for it - because I long for Him in my life. Nick pulled out of the wedding...money...Richard - band - Brad - No ride...now, it is Donny, Wally, John, Eddie, Jake, Bernie and Scott. Man will always let you down...we just love them more and more. The extension of Love goes out from us to every man, equally...the Lord will add whom He will. Selflessness...

I write this right now to my self, for the future when I look back. Eric, OBEY! It is the issue of light and darkness...Grace and Suffering...Let your suffering be a consequence of your Obedience. Eric, I wonder where you are now? Do you still burn for community - have you waited on the Lord - are you waiting on the Lord - fasting and praying - is Sonship all you live for?

April 25<sup>th</sup> 2004

Well, last week I got so sick that I thought I was going to die. It lasted three days. It was like three days of hell. I saw this statement written down in my head "shouldn't we be bloody?" If we carry a cross and live in self-denial, than we should live bloody. I then thought of the prayer that I prayed when I was sick. I said "Lord please take this away or take me home." I felt like a total wimp. Can't I suffer a little bit? Even if I was dying...I should have praise on my lips and thanksgiving in my heart. Why? Because what he has done already is the reality of heaven that isn't predicated on things. Paul had a whip across his back 39 times, stoned and beaten. Peter, upside down nailed to a tree with a heart

fixed on the next life. My forefathers burned and tortured all expecting a greater resurrection. If I am going to know anything that constitutes Martyrdom, than I must be able to bear any affliction that may come my way. "Affliction has a way of spoiling that which would have later spoiled us (unknown)." In this case I believe that the affliction of a great sickness has spoiled my light heartedness to the call to self-denial in all things, the call to die. I must have a life that is lived in suffering and self-denial. I have been married already a month...

I still have not instilled the things that I believe that we need as one. I have failed at being the priest to the degree that I believe that I am called to be. He has laid it on me that I need to exemplify the reality of community and it's suffering first with my wife. It is too severe to have in a flippant or unworthy manner.

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Recently the Lord has spoken to me to place a collection of writings together, to collect my audio compilations and multiply them. It seems when the Lord speaks something - we are to do nothing more and nothing less, His time, His way, for His thing. Once He gives the word we follow, but only as far as the word leads us and only to the detail that the word gives...then we wait - for the next directions. We look into the word, which basically means - we search for detail in the word. We are not even responsible for getting the thing accomplished...we are responsible for complete obedience. So far, He has told me to get the compilations together and multiplied...I have got them together and multiplied them to the degree that I could. Now they sit here together and multiplied. Even if they go nowhere in my life time, I was obedient and He is pleased...How the money will come in to multiply them further or where they will go...I have no clue...nor do I seek out the means. I wait! It' s a suffering cause I don' t understand it all. I have to remind myself that "it' s not my fight" nor "my deal"...it' s His and He is perfect and He will tell me when and how and what. Yet, hœnay never tell me why. I believe this is the only way to have a work that pleases the Lord. Do what He says to you...No questions - No assisting from your own way...Whatever the spirit Speaks He supplies the Grace for, act out of that word's supply of Grace...He who created the heavens and the earth doesn' t need you to do for Him (Art Katz)...He wants you to Obey! This way we can be confident that all was from him, to him and through him! To God be the Glory in the people of God, locally and worldwide. May we as a people and individuals fear the exposure of our own way in that great day, that we may simply be slaves by will to His will.

### **Kiss the Rod**

I kiss the Rod  
 I bow my head, my Holy God,  
 To kiss Thy loving, chastening rod,  
 Because I know, how oft You smite,  
 It only can be true and right.  
 I want my simple life to be  
 A living copy, Lord, of Thee,  
 In love and Thy humility,

A humble, lowly, contrite heart  
 With truth set in the inward part.  
 Dear God, I really do aspire  
 For a soul inflamed with holy fire,  
 To burn with an untiring zeal.  
 O! Master! Master!! Let me feel  
 The inward throes of Your compassion  
 As my inner life You gently fashion,  
 Until men' s eyes can see in me  
 Thy travail in Gethsemane.  
 ~Leonard Ravenhill

“The mark of solitude is silence, as speech is the mark of  
 community. Silence and speech have the same inner  
 correspondence and difference as do solitude and community.  
 One does not exist without the other. Right speech comes  
 out of silence, and right silence comes out of speech.”

~Dietrich Bonhoeffer

“If you board the wrong train, it is no use running along the corridor in the right direction.”

~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"It is always the case that when the Christian looks back,  
 he is looking at the forgiveness of sins."

~Karl Barth

“Men never have been good and never will be.”

~Karl Barth

“There are none so blind as those who will not see.”

~Matthew Henry

“..Prayer is good; but when used as a substitute for obedience,  
 it is nothing but a blatant hypocrisy, a despicable Pharisiasm...

To your knees, man! and to your Bible! Decide at once!

Don' t hedge! Time flies! Cease your insults to God, quit consulting

flesh and blood. Stop your lame, lying, and  
cowardly excuses. Enlist! Enlist!"

~ C.T.Studd

"We've become so subnormal that if we ever become normal they'll think we're abnormal."

~Leonard Ravenhill

## Chapter 7

### Knowledge of God

*"It is not good to have zeal without knowledge, nor to be hasty and miss the way."*

It is not good to have zeal with out knowledge in any area, witnessing, teaching ext... but most of all in the most important of all, our knowledge of God.

The desire for God of a fervent kind – resulting in passionate thrusting of ones self completely after "God" can be destructive when independent of Knowledge. Let your love and fervency come out of your Knowledge of the Lord – *lest you seek and burn after and inadequate view of the Lord and lead yourself to despair*. Seek Him to know Him and out of the gaining of the knowledge of the Lord..Burn for Him. The trap is to be ever longing to know the Lord and never gaining any knowledge of Him, not about God, but Him in experience and reality. Let patience rule and find Him. Out side of the place of waiting is haste. To not wait for God to bring down what is from Him is to build a golden calf or have more confidence in your own abilities. Be careful lest you *miss the way*. We know that He is His way. *Do wait for Him, if it causes suffering, humiliation or even death. Wait for Him! Be jealous enough for His way, His ends by His means.*

It's not out side of God to be excited about the Knowledge of the Lord – but the thin line is being caught up in the excitement of who He is by concept and never going into death to find Him as He is. Service unto God should never be our Zeal and Passion...but He Himself! Longing for Him should never be our passion. Our passion is to know Him and to gain knowledge of Him...and what we have seen Him to be is both our protection from deception and our jealousy for Him. Out of our knowledge of Him we have something to burn for, outside of true knowledge we have merely the *following of a concept*.

What is knowing God? He actually wants us to know Him. He has a character and a way – a desire and make up of a kind that is opposite to this age. It is His Son, the living word being experienced through waiting upon Him. *Jesus*

*was the Knowledge of God reflected and bore in a Human body. He knows the Father as He is. He knows what way is contrary to God. In all confidence of this, we know that we will find nothing in the Son that was not in the Father. He is the exact representation of the Father. This is more desired of God for us to know than we think. He wants His image bore in the earth! This will not come independent of the true knowledge of Him. The word taking residence in your body through waiting and receiving, causing your face to be radiant as He builds a radiant people. This kind of knowledge hours and years of study will never suffice to bring – but only a surrendered heart lifting it's voice for understanding. Proverbs says "that understanding lifts her voice for you – and you are to lift your voice for understanding." This shows us the importance and desire of God for us to understand, as well as the only way to find it in a world that is in every point human. We must have such a desire for it that it wells up inside of us and releases an audible sigh and cry for it, this is our burning for understanding. There must be an understanding of the great and eternal severity of this acquiring. With all thy getting get understanding!*

*Many people love the concept of God. And never truly love Him. Many people seek Him - and never truly find Him...David long to know God – He didn't long to long...Many people stop with a 'passion for Christ' and never truly find Him through the sufferings that release the true knowledge...It' s like marrying for the sake of sexual pleasure alone- or fascination with the woman's out ward beauty and never really loving her for her real beauty or the reality of a person that she is. This is a fake - teasing (for it will never truly be satisfied) counterfeit seeking of a kind that leads people to a FANTASY of Him and not a REALITY of who He is. We would be shallow and fooled if we sought only Him as idea and concept...and never sought to know Him (as He is) as the primary purpose. Not in any way demeaning love for Him but a cry for true love unto Him.*

The difference between the two will come out in the end...Apostate and Apostolic...Two camps of sold out people. Two camps following Jesus, one following Christ and another the 'concept of Christ'. I think that the 'concept of Christ' is made from a love of His Cross and discreet renunciation of the cross that is theirs to take up. In the meantime understanding the crosses application to their lives but ignorantly or deliberately ignoring the application of it in their day to day. The wheat and the tares, comes to my mind, both the same thing in appearance and profession – one with a full tip and the other, fooling to the eye, but empty – of the true substance of the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of God.

## Thoughts

I look to you Holy Spirit. I have small confidence in my knowledge of you. You seem so hidden in me and to me than you appear to have been with those gone before me. My inner reality of life is weak. I struggle and work my way so slowly through things. I would be in error to say that it isn't you who is working it out in me. Even still, my heart is less yours than theirs was. I compare myself to those before me because today I can't find any to set as example. Though I knew them not, *I feel they are more a pleasure unto you in their blood sacrifice than those who profess you today in their convenient systems of political, marketable and shallow religious duties.* Blood! The inner substance of Life in a man with out which he cannot carry on, the price paid and required. If we are to be unto Him in this life, it requires our blood. If we are not unto Him in this life, our blood is required by what we spent it in pursuit of. Peter stands in denial of His name, then for the same name gives his blood. What got into him? The Great Spirit that cannot be cracked! The Spirit that is unbreakable and unbeatable. This powerful force of Heaven, who has personality and individuality unto the Father! This life in a man that enabled Christ to live perfect and pure all of His days. The untouchable spirit that gleamed from Stephens face as rocks stole his outward identity. Martyr after martyr that refused to recant the great name of the Son of God, standing for all that He was. This enabling is not human...it's not natural, a supernatural strength that didn't crack over a lack of food, or any inconvenience. This spirit that didn't recant it's way over a fleshly gratification. This spirit that quickened men's mortal bodies to endure death and torture in pursuit of a better resurrection! What a possession of Him and a rejection of their own less able life. Here they are, over my head...staring intently to see the result of me. They, knowing the powers of the age to come, tested and proven by their mangled bodies buried in the ground, lean over the balcony of the ages to see my story made of unflinching obedience to the King of Kings. Have I the infilling of this Spirit of absolute Truth, Grace and commitment unto death?

## Letters to a friend # 1

This is what I have seen in my case. It may be different for you. The Lord has done it. I have sought the true knowledge of Him constantly and consistently...even in weakness and failure - I continued on. He has brought different people in my life for seasons of time. He has given me the Goal of Sonship as priority and leaving community up to Him. I seek oneness with Him and He brings whomever He wills when He wills...The extension of Love goes out to all men

from us. Only those the Lord has brought to you are the ones to whom He has for you...Each man is a ministry. I have learned to stay away from the girls...

Some that the lord has given me, I have had to fight to break through with, but the extension of selflessness is the same to them as to any other - which is all I am. He told me to prepare every morning for the meetings of the day. Take them all seriously. There is something He wants to bring out in every meeting. This is serious - you are to be a doormat to all men.

I have not attended a fellowship...several have fallen down to nothing... Community is everything...It comes as the Lord builds it...otherwise we make it in our own image. We seek the knowledge of God as He is and speak from what we understand...The Lord brings who He wills...I do long for a fellowship more than anything else...I am grieved constantly without one...To a degree I suffer with out it. I would rather suffer in waiting than become a Saul...Even the fathers of our faith never saw what was promised. With the ones that the Lord has given me in this season...I live for them - would die for them - and I just spend time with them as the Lord creates love inside us for one another...Before you know it - we won' t have to schedule a time to be together we will love each other so much and long for each others fellowship so much...we will burn just to be around each other. When differences or difficulties come - We tackle them with Prayer and Selfless love – so that the unity of the Spirit may be with us...Then we can hear together, trust each other and carry out what the Lord so Desires of Zion - It' s the Gospel of the Kingdom. So the issue is the contending of Kingdoms (people) not a message alone...I have seen that sometimes Community doesn' t start like I thought it would and the most unlikely people were the ones I was required to share my heart with. So many people are trying to figure it out...And Jesus is saying, "It' s a mystery!!! You can' t figure it out..."

As far as being eaten alive...I have seen the pattern of the Lord in my life as, "being lifted high for the sole purpose of falling from that height, in order to be crushed," only to repeat the whole process again and again. Let the world eat your flesh...Hear the crunch of it and feel the pain of it...and you hide in the shadow of His wings. Though you feel like two people...Cry to the Lord!!!

I asked Him to CHANGE ME...He Said "NO"! I will not change what will perish - I will give you what is imperishable...namely, a new life. Draw from the life of Heaven - and don' t seek to be changed. Your flesh cannot inherit the kingdom even if it was spotless...Give yourself to the discipline of Drawing from the life of God. This is the goal and focus of Sonship!!!

I have gained these understandings through pain and tears...I give them to you...But again, your situation may be different. I love you so much...FOREVER YOURS

### Poem

Keep me humble and unknown  
Prized by God and God alone  
Oh that now I might decrease  
Oh that all I am might cease  
Let me into nothing fall  
Let my Lord be all in all

~E.M. Bounds



"Oh, how easy it is to be a Christian, so long as the flesh is not put to the trial, or nothing has to be relinquished; then it is an easy thing to be a Christian."

~ Maeyken Wens

"The world is ashamed of the cross.

The world says: No. That cannot be.

Why should we suffer if the sufferings of Christ

were enough to redeem us from our sins?

Oh blind world, you will be put to shame!"

~Ausbund

The nine men knelt on the green meadow.

Blood flowed over the sword.

Three women were drowned.

One laughed when they put her into the water.

Then they buried them all together in one deep grave. . . .

There was much weeping. Many people cried to God ...

I cannot describe everything I saw.

~ Ausbund

I lie here in chains, waiting on you God, with a very great

longing for the time when you will set me free.

~ Ursula Hellrigl

## Chapter 8 Listen

Living a life of listening. Without a listening heart we will never hear. The rejecting of hearing is the rejecting of His word and the rejection is the failure or neglect to listen. Listening is our call, because hearing is so crucial. Without hearing there can be no carrying out, which is the way of faith. Hearing comes by the word – faith comes by hearing and faith without the follow through is dead. The word responded to in the heart, resulting in an outward action – This whole beginning (with the word) till the end (the resulted action) is called faith. To have one without the other isn't faith. To name faith, a belief is to misunderstand the completed result of obedience to the word as faith. Everything is staked on this, cause righteousness is staked on this. This is what Jesus died to open up...the way of righteousness. He walked it first and we are to follow in His steps. The blood is the covering of sin and sin is what separates us from God. Jesus reconciled us. The reconciliation is the communication with God through the son by the Spirit with our spirit. This communication is the avenue of hearing Him and following Him, which would have never been without Jesus. We see that Jesus listened. He did what He heard, He followed His inner relation to God above all. This is the way of the faith, which is the way of the word, which is the way of righteousness, and sanctification. We know that this is the way of the Son...We know that it is the Son. He is unto us Righteousness, Sanctification and He is the Word. Sons listen! Our walk of faith and maturity is a walk to lean wholly on Him, by learning to listen.

The deterrent to listening to God is the same principle as the deterrent to listening to anything else...One can't give complete attention to two things. If a man is running on the side of the road and you turn to look at him you are not giving full attention to the road. In a split seconds time something could take place. There are many things in the way of distraction in front of us. Our desires remove our focus from supreme listening. Listening is merely the giving your attention. It is a hard road to walk and a constant battle, but the severity remains the same, to be a people who listen. As we do we will be a people that follow.

### Journal Entry

I have dreams of being right with God. I am consumed with two states of desire, one to be live free and the other to be walk in my way. There is a war on inside me, between my deciding factors. I know the right way and I know the desire that leads to life, but the other seems to prevail. There is always grace to hold on to...but in the dark there seems to be, no way to get a hold of it. It seems I'm cursed. Haunted by the appeal of my sense of satisfaction and desire for fulfillment in even the smallest manner.

The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. His blood is the ultimate and only sacrifice to come into relationship with God. In relationship with God our way is a walk of obedience. To walk in disobedience is to call the chastisement of the Lord upon us. He disciplines His Sons. He afflicts them that they may seek Him. The Dark is calculated to do one thing, test you by bringing you to the place where decisions for Him are made by your will only, with no outside aid. You are in a place of being pressed and crushed in your inner man forcing him to run away (giving himself to the unfruitful yet gratified way) or turn Jesus against his own desires and humble himself in repentance and perseverance. This is pruning. If the tree bears bad fruit the owner of the garden says, "*chop it down...*" and the vine dresser (Jesus) says, "*just give it a little more time.*" This is what I speak of now. No matter how fruitful you were in the past – take heed lest you fall to the ground as a dead branch. In other words, no one is completely exempt from being cut off. We are in a stage in this world where we are tested and broken, to be of good service to our father and if we are in disobedience to what we are called to

be unto Him...We are cut down. To say this means the loss of salvation, I don't know, but to be "Cut off" can't mean anything good.

He will get His people.. Zion will be a reality and even now is. "*Who shall ascend to the hill of the Lord...He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to vanity nor sworn deceitfully...*" Disobedience is never overlooked by the Lord. He is just and will prune. He is not to be seen as a merciful King who allows His people do what they want and serve Him too. He is a jealous God and will discipline those He loves. His mercy is that He made a way for us and continues to pardon us in repentance. The dark is not meant to be lived in, nor can it be. It is a removal of the provision of God to work you in or out. The amount of time that it can be lived in until God gives you over to it...I don't know.

It is a severe place and many can't even see that they are in it. They don't understand why their heart seems to be hard, or their prayers so few. They seek to feast on the scriptures and find themselves chewing on an old rope. Their desire for the things of God is combated in an unusual fashion. Sin is frequent and its desire seems to be predominant. Their only hope and consistence is the moment in which the Lord speaks through them or to them. They are tormented because their desire is for God yet they are contrary to Him and have in a subtle way slipped into a trap of a seducing strange woman. Not the woman of wisdom but the seducing and gratifying the carnal mind. It may have started through anger, worry, lust for things or eyes of adultery. The world and its spirit was in some way accepted and mixed with the light, robbing its purity. The call is to come out through humility and surrender. *The same way you were saved – surrender all to Him.*

The practical application of this is to mend the fence. How? Go back and obey what He spoke. Your repenting cries and deep sighs will do nothing unless it is accompanied by the obedience that is righteous. He will not go on with disobedient men, or an adulteress wife who chooses to leave him or a betraying brother filled with selfish motives and self-gratification who follows another way.

## Letters to a Friend #2

I know what you mean. Because no one around understands the things that God has revealed of Himself to us...we wonder if were making it up - or if they are real. The Lord said to me one day something along these lines "Eric, why do you give yourself so strongly to these understandings? Is it because there is something in them for you?" I said "absolutely not...as a matter of fact they are completely other than a benefit that could come to me. There other worldly." He then revealed that they are His desires in me. Any commitment to the Glory of God first - through the understanding of the Spirit - is a Son quality. I believe we are feeble in them right now...but they are getting stronger in us. These desires for HIM - His way! His Glory! His body! His ends by His means!

"No one has the right to dogmatically condemn that thing which Jesus Christ is committed to restoring."

~David Ravenhill

"Nothing is more likely to lead to heresy or to error than to focus on part rather than the whole."

~David Ravenhill

"I believe all our faults in Christendom both personal and corporate lie at the foundation; Commitment"

"You know who wins the battle??...whoever is willing to die for the principles they stand for."

~Doctor Michael L. Brown

"Quit playing, start praying.  
Quit feasting, start fasting.  
Talk less with men, talk more with God.  
Listen less to men, listen to the words of God.  
Skip travel, start travail."  
~Leonard Ravenhill

## Chapter 9 Eternity

*Eternal rewards are the inspiration and anticipation of the Sons of God. To live this life not only worthy of the call, but maturing by the knowledge of God being revealed to them and in them. Many have surrendered unto salvation, but few come to a consistent revealing of the lord in their life. Even fewer move on from Him being revealed to them to Him being revealed in them. The things revealed are given in purpose and expectation of them being revealed in you. It is a death to humble yourself unto salvation, an even deeper death to continually live in that humility. In this death of consistent humility, there is another death of waiting in His presence unto revelation of Him through the word. The suffering that makes fit all the other sufferings, namely, carrying out the word revealed, follows these sufferings. This is the difference between the word being revealed to you and the word being revealed in you. It is revealed to you that it may be revealed in you.*

Paul said it pleased God to *reveal His Son in me*. It all started with the day of His salvation, which was a pleasure unto God. But, the day of salvation is in purpose of a life lived out of the salvation life. The pleasure of God in the day of His salvation was in purpose that the pleasure of God in His life would now begin, through, the Son revealed in him more and more. Is the Son part of you? Not just in the way of salvation and the fact that you have received His blood in your life. But *is He being revealed in you, is he being formed inside of you as Paul prayed for the churches*. He knew that *this is the reason for the salvation of men, that we would conform to the absolute pleasing Son of God*. He will bring many sons to Glory, Sons that look like His son, in their own individual surrender. In their own personality they will bear the image of the Son of God.

For the joy set before the Son of God he endured the sufferings of the cross. He looked toward the *reward, which was an ultimate crowning of the pleasure of God*. He was always the delight of His Father and on the earth he was no different. He now stands in His rightful place, next to the Father, which is His because He was the delight of the Father before and after the cross. The obedience of the cross was a manifestation of the qualities that He has always had, submission to His father. *We follow the life that has been given to us into sufferings of obedience and submission in imitation of the Son by the same life*. We are to look to the reward. The next life is our inspiration. We store up there, we place our hope there and we love His appearing as He will bring His Kingdom of righteousness with it's government made up of those who lived worthy of it here. How? *Continually giving their lives completely to the word being revealed in them, conforming them to the image of the Son*.

The next life's storing, building, positions and rewards can be cancelled by pursuing them in themselves.. Eternal rewards are not given so you will be more luxurious than the next guy. They are not medals of selfish honor given to us as a vindication for all of the things that we have done. They are the rewards of His kingdom and He Himself. Nothing in His kingdom is selfish or self-seeking, but benevolent. How dare we associate our comforts and egotism with the rule to come! We don't live with expectation for the next life so that we would be wealthy and self gratifying. That is likened to a

man believing heaven is some fantasy where he is gratified endlessly if he just holds out now. No, this momentary light affliction is working for us a greater glory...not for ourselves but sharing in His. We live in anticipation for the next life because the Son did. We are inspired by the next life because it is the quality of the Son of God in us. It is the spirit of God in us quickening us to a desire for something in God that we can't comprehend yet. These are the riches in Jesus Christ (a Glory shared with the father) that we who give ourselves to the way of the Son in this life, will share with Him in the life to come. We will share it in proportion to the revealing of Him in us here. Is He being revealed in us? Are we inspired by the life to come? Is our faith truly rooted in the appearing of the Son with his Kingdom? Or are we satisfied with merely "being spared" because to live the way of the Son is too painful?

## Thoughts

Almost every seat was filled with spirit filled believers. The surroundings were...people laughing and talking and standing and sitting.... some just married, others older, some mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters...then right in the middle of it all the fire alarm goes off!!! I stopped and looked at the people all around me with a face of urgency. I was quickly alert and prepared to make my exit. But, every one kept talking. They just carried on in their conversations and laughter. Those that were sitting continued to sit...those reading continued to read, those buying product continued their buying...

I felt the lord speak to me.

*"As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be with the coming of the Son of man."*

Their human relationships were more important - their joyful laughter drowns the severity - the comfort of their seats is undisturbed - even their studies of reading and so on muffled out the moment of the urgent FIRE ALARM.

As it was in the days of Noah...they were eating and drinking buying and selling and Marrying and so on...then the rain fell. And there the ark stood...as fingernails, skin and blood stain the outside of the door that no man could open.

Even in the church to a degree many will miss out. Not so much on salvation, but the riches of Jesus in the life to come.

Let us live our lives fixed, focused and set on the hope that remains and gives our faith a value unsearchable.

## Letters to a Friend #3

We are all frail. We are all two people inside. But one has got to die. In the spirit the old man is exposed as foolish and temporal. In the natural mind he is the only thing that makes sense..."Eat drink and be marry for tomorrow we die." Paul said that is the only thing to live for, even in Christianity, if there was no resurrection...What does that mean? You must keep it in the forefront of your mind. The next life is coming. You don' t want to stand there poor and shamed because of sluggishness here. He is returning! That is your inspiration. If you see this as the Lord told us to, you could understand that the wicked seem to prevail here, but they will soon come to ruin. Better to be shamed and poor here and rich and honored in the age to come, than to have success and fleeting happiness here and be poor and shamed in the age to come. I love you...look to the next life!!! He is returning and His reward with Him!

“The Father recognized what the baptism of Jesus meant to Jesus.  
 It was a death to any independence of will or desire  
 for Himself that had to do with honor, recognition,  
 fame, and ambition of a religious or any  
 other kind. It was a total death, and when  
 He came up out of that, the Father announced:  
*“Thou are My Beloved Son.”*  
 ~Art Katz

“The crucifixion of Jesus was only the climax of an entire  
 life lived in death and resurrection. It was Jesus’  
 willingness to bring His manhood into total death  
 that made the Father ‘well-pleased.’ He was willing  
 to be totally dependent on the Life of the Father  
 through Him.”  
 ~Art Katz

“Jesus had divorced Himself from the prospect of any gratification or fulfillment independent of the Father.”  
 ~Art Katz

"Only a dead man can be entrusted with the Spirit of holiness and with power. If we are still ambitious religiously for our own ministry or recognition, we have not yet attained to sonship, and we will never attain unless there is a conscious and willful desire to come to this stature and qualification."  
 ~Art Katz

“A son is a son because he will remain in death *until* the resurrection phenomenon. We have got to resist every temptation to succeed on the basis of our own wit, intelligence, ability, and natural life. A son is one who refuses the temptation to succeed on that basis, and to prefer to be buried in baptism unto death with Him, until the Spirit of His life be revealed *unto glory*.”  
 ~Art Katz

“It is a once-and-for-all and also a continuous resurrection from the dead. It is again and again a jealous remaining in the place of burial *until* His life is revealed. Death is painful and humiliating, but because our single and burning desire is the glory of the Father, and we know that glory is intrinsically bound up with resurrection, we choose the death again and again. A son will wait and trust for the things that will glorify God, and he knows that they come only out of death. A son will not look for the convenient way out, or how the tensions could be alleviated, because a son is a son of the resurrection, or he is not a son at all.”  
 ~Art Katz

“Sons are those who have given themselves completely over to the Eternal quality of Life that God has and has had from the beginning.”

## Chapter 10 Poverty

Poverty: the state of *having nothing of worth*. To have nothing of value is to have nothing to give and nothing to invest. This is the grid that we are to see through. Anything else will lead you into a simulated knowledge of a God that you have created to commend yourself and all you are in yourself. Poverty comes from the Fear of the Lord. Once you see what you are in yourself and the enmity that you are by default, you then can see your poverty. Pride, independence and self-confidence, which are self-exultation, are the result of *having a value*. The woman with two mites was pleasing to God because she gave out of Her *poverty*, while the others gave more but from their *state of worth*. *This state and the giving out of this state is an offense to God instead of a service. We have nothing of value outside of Christ...* Even our own will is contrary to God. We seek Him and Live! We call upon Him and are saved! If we give out of our poverty then and only then can we be aided by the Holy Spirit to not only see rightly, but also be for His Glory Empowered. Intern our initiative dies and we then move toward priestliness as an individual and a people. *Initiative is defined as the first step or act, leading action...or readiness*. Jesus said I do nothing on my own "initiative." He never stepped first, He never tried to take the lead and even His readiness wasn't something that came from Himself. He feared God and saw His poverty apart from His Father. "I can do nothing of myself." This reliance upon the Spirit is the only way to walk into Truth. This is why He is called the Spirit of Truth. He leads us into all Truth. To the degree that our lives are submitted to the Spirit is the degree of Truth that is walked in.

### Frustrations Diary

I can feel myself dying in the absence of prayer and constant meditation.

It is so strange this feeling. I feel as if I have very few days left to live. I feel like I could count my days with my fingers. Strange...yet, really real. What is it and where does it come from? I have this one side of me that wants to have nothing of the world whatsoever. The other side doesn't feel that is a necessity at all and is it's self, extremism and bondage that I have been set free from. Really in my heart of hearts...down at the very pit, where reality of God is constantly known, if I reach with an open heart courageous enough to listen...I know that the way is self - denial unto death and my living condition of inner and outer man should be less than they are now. I should be enjoying nothing of this age and loving that which the Lord has- given from above. I guess I am afraid...I am a coward inside to let go of all that I know interferes with the cross in my life. I know the disciplines that the reality of following Jesus demands...I know them more than most men. The thing is, revelation has come to me time and time again...I know the cross, I have seen in my spirit the power of it's application and I burn inside with the revelation of the Call to the Kingdom life and partaking of kingdom power. I am a coward! I am lazy! I am in the current of America's streams of Babylon and ocean tide of Sodom. I can see the land in front of me. I know that land is where life is...I also know the death of these waters...but my stupor is in such a degree that life is a blur and reality a haze. My benefits and gratifying life of "all this and heaven too," has deluded the word of Christ in me and I am not even sure if I am in the right way. I know the way...it's He Himself. What is that? It's ultimate otherworldly self - denial for His sake. I have come to this conclusion in my three denials, my great betrayal and scattering like a lost sheep. I have not the spirit that was in Christ Jesus. I have not the spirit that transformed Peter and Paul. I am other than them and a coward of whom all of my fathers should be ashamed. What is it that burns in my heart...what is that peace and comfort that I have received many times? I know that it is the Spirit. So where is the truth of my state, do I have Him or do I not? Maybe that is it in a nutshell...I have Him but He still has yet to have me. Holy Ghost! Please, override me and posses me...for I know it is the pleasing way unto you – yet I have not the courage nor strength to rightly surrender my self in order for it to be a reality to me. Please this is my prayer...override me.

## **Chapter 11**

### **Article 1**

#### **Martyrdom...**

If you are not submitted to Christ you are submitted elsewhere. Even if the submission is to your self, it is still a submission to a way independent of the Lord. For all that a man is in himself is utterly contrary to the way of heaven. For man is natural and fallen. As we can see, man's way is implemented in the earth, namely, deceit, manipulation and fleshly lusts of pride, eyes and self-gratification. When there is a people or persons who will reject this way by being what it not...loving not there own life and way, and following another rule and way, namely, JESUS...there will be a earthly rage and anger toward the "rebellious one," free country or not. This is the case with the "foxes book of martyrs." They are a people and persons who have given themselves to another rule and way while proclaiming the truth of the Gospel. Intern there heads were required of them. We see the alternative to their torture was recanting their faith in Jesus, which is to say, the way of Jesus. In a way, our own daily struggles are the extension of this decision and faith. The conflict is completely similar. We are to walk by this "self – denying submission," it is Christ's way. It is in every point contrary to the way of this earth and world, this is a suffering. Peter first nailed down His hands every day and then He was able to have His hands nailed down to the cross.

No martyrdom is an expression of the Kingdom lest it is wholly a matter of loyalty to the next life...The daily martyrdom expression of the Kingdom of Heaven, the hope to come inspiring perseverance through the momentary light affliction. What significance would your faith in Christ be, if it was just a moments decision to lay your head on the line. No. The power of martyrdom is because it has been lived so long before. The loose ends of self - preservation are all pulled on in the moment of death...if it be a moment of torture to death or a moment of self denial. This is a wisdom that is demonstrated, a loving not your life that sets these powers off...It is the reenactment of there open spoil made of them at the cross of Christ. This is the moment in which we decide to be in Him or just around Him...This is the demonstration of Jesus. So we now live in the self-denial of the martyr mentality – loving not our lives unto death in imitation of our Lord before us. Yet, it isn't just for an individual, but a people.



We have become fat and sleek. Are commitment basically requires nothing of us and we except this salvation as a side dish to our plate of life. We choose God and speak of our faith so strong. We give ourselves more to the world and it's pattern then to the way of God, yet we scream that we are Christ followers and faithful at that. We create our Christian market and enter right in where we can, spreading our gospel to all men, rejoicing that the freedom is ours. Martyrs!!! Where are you? It is like a silence in the battle. They fight nonstop day and night till all of a sudden there is nothing. Mean while they strategies how to infiltrate in the most subtle way. How can this be beaten? What is our only chance? It is to be martyrs once again! *Not finding away to die, but dieing daily.* It seems the silence has caused us to miss the element of the faith that is most vital..Namely the end. We don't see it anymore. And when we do, we think of this never-ending vacation. It seems we don't care about righteousness; we want what is for us. The mansion and the gold...what about authorities and justice taught to a nation under JESUS?

### **Article 2** **Shouldn't we be bloody?**

It baffles me as I see Christ dying in such a demeaning and crushing way and His disciples following shortly after. Blood was there requirement and their lives utterly shattered. This is the gospel of Jesus Christ. The loosing of your own life. "If the world persecutes you remember that it persecuted me first..." Today the Gospel that we bring has a requirement that is far lesser and cheaper. Has He changed? No! How in the world do you expect me to place the modern day Christianity of million dollar crusades and mass mailing lists next to Peter's Blood and Paul's head? And this not only required of them, but given by them on their own accord? Their blood was a mirror of Christ's Blood...not in the same magnitude or purity, but in service. They didn't do it for the sins of the world but unto their Father. Jesus surrendered to death unto His Father and His Father sent Him for the propitiation for our sins. This was a service and a commitment of a kind that is far from any of our modern mentalities as we walk down our American isles with chips and dip to see the next crusade...or as we gather the decision cards and try to top our last meeting in numbers. They didn't die in order to open up an acceptance period for us or spill their blood so ours would be spared. They didn't die for a dream of freedom. They died in obedience to their Father. This is a Son. What a Spirit that is with Him! A Spirit of consecration unto death! Only the Spirit of God in a man could enable him to love and forgive in the moment of rejection and total brutality. The followers of Christ died because they were not trying to save their lives, they were dominated, filled, possessed by another Spirit, a spirit that threatens the way of the age. We burn with anger toward our brother if he offends us and Stephen burned with love while being stoned to death...we meet on marketing techniques while James meets with Herod to be beheaded. Jesus drips blood 'unto Him' and we sell our products 'unto Him'. Our worship packages are perfect and up to date while John can't remember the date, band to a desert Island. We keep silent in the name of unity as John the Baptist is speaking his way to the grave. I mean come on, does it even resemble in the smallest bit?

### **Article 3** **The day of the Lord and the Return of the King.**

Peter says that these days should never leave our notice.

"To take lightly the return of the King, is to take lightly the day of the Lord and those who take the day of the Lord lightly, take the return of the King lightly."

These two subjects are intertwined. They support each other. He returns in the sky, to vindicate His church, bringing His rule and way into the earth Himself. He also destroys all those who have rejected the Mercy and Grace He exemplified in the Gospel and through His church.

Peter shows us that those who take these days lightly will have it slip their notice or they take it lightly because it slips their notice. We may see it doctrinally correct and have a knowledge that it will happen, but, to have it slip our notice in the every day is to miss the true focus and motive of the spirit filled man that cries for the end. To grip this loosely will affect everything that we do and how we live, our means of living and our thoughts toward this fragile life. May we see it and look to it. ALWAYS...

### **Article 4** **The Boring Saint**

The world cries, "*Saints are boring!*" The Godly man is seen as a stranger or foreigner to the earth. His lips are shut to frivolousness, his eyes are controlled, his hands are pure and he has no investment in the affairs of this world. His time, energy and efforts are for another way other than his own. Man at his worst and best is selfish and benefit seeking. What else is there? In the natural mind resides self. *In the Christ like mind is the Father.* Everything is altered by what is the heart of us. Be it our praying, our desires, our focus, our goal, our sorrows and anything else you can think of. If we are filled with the spirit of the next life then how can we be of the spirit of this age? Can they share a ruling? *The man*

*that grows in God has learned to exchange his "created life" freedom in himself with the ruling and empowering "uncreated life" of God. The man that grows in God has his mind transformed, he is moved by unseen issues, he is grieved by what seems to be trivial and he is not moved by what so easily moves the man that is natural. His joys are other, his sorrows are other, his life is other, his speech is other, for he is of another world and submits to another way. To the man that is seeking his own, lives to himself and is of this age, the saint life is no way to live. They see the inner life of God that conforms man, only from the outside and cannot relate in any way except to write it off as radical zeal or discipline found in any radical religious devotee. The saint, in the analysis of the natural, is boring and lifeless, solely because they measure their happiness, joy and success in the light of themselves, and rightly so, for they have no other understanding.*

The saint in contrast to the natural man has come to the understanding of the *way of the Son, that is, the emptying of Himself to live out of the Father and not merely unto the Father.* This life is not natural nor does it appeal to the natural. It's disciplines and devotion can be respected by the world, but they are just outward expressions of the inward life of God in the soul of man. This is not understood. It cannot be explained it must be experienced. *Are you a saint? Are you becoming a saint? Or is the requirement of it to sacrificial that the price is weighed constantly but never actually paid?* The next life is determined here. Saint, becoming saint, *or the world appealing man who is both appealing to it and it to him. Paul said, "I am crucified to the world and the world crucified to me."* There is no exchange between us. *Yes, to the worlds standard you will be boring, you will be seen as a strung out man who has an over board now faith in something that doesn't even seem to be approaching yet.* Even the Christian that is settled here will, in their blindness, have trouble understanding.

The three - fold ground of his life is seeing the *judge of the earth, the coming King and the coming Kingdom.* It saves him from his own way as he lives in the light of being judged according to the way of God. It saves him from sinking into a "this life is forever" mode. It also works in him a focus on the next life and it's "placing of Sons." He looks to the government establishment in the age to come, namely God's kingdom of righteousness, peace, joy and power. He is the herald of this kingdom, (in fear of it himself) he proclaims the judgment to come and he gives himself to the glorious hope of the vindication and deliverance of Christ's return. This man is a stranger, pilgrim and sojourner in the earth and he pays that price of self - denial for the sake of, loyalty to and love of His King.

*Are you a boring saint?*

## **Article 5 "The Vanity Fair"**

In the "Pilgrims Progress" written by John Bunyan, one of the main characters whose name was Faithful, becomes a martyr crossing through the "vanity fair." The "vanity fair" was actually a city that every pilgrim had to cross through in order to find the celestial city. The "vanity fair" consisted of men and women who lived their lives in pursuit of their own vanities, that intern, eclipsed reality and deluded any clarity that they might have once had. The trap is the now satisfaction, whatever makes you happy and a spirit of "eat drink and be merry for tomorrow we die." Well, with that back round, the Lord spoke something incredible to me this morning in the Sacramento airport before boarding the plain that I am now on. I was walking pass the newspaper stands and there in the mix of the magazines I saw one entitled "Vanity Fair." Wow, my spirit was stricken with the realization that the end is near...Men truly have become lovers of themselves rather than lovers of God. The "vanity fair" spoken of by John Bunyan might have been a thought in his day, but is now an inescapable reality.

The "vanity fair" has entered into the church and has disguised it's self as the blessing and ways of a genie father in heaven who requires nothing of you, but gives almost anything to you. Oh the "vanity fair" is a rebellion outside the church and a deception inside! Deceiving through and through, telling us the right statements and concepts yet leaving out the all requiring cross that purifies us and makes us fit for our Lord, teaching us to abandon ourselves to Him and to allow His Spirit to lead us. There is no other way besides the cross and to leave it out is to most crucial factor in beginning the way of the Lord in our lives. And to go on without it's application as the first foremost purpose is to proceed in, and grow in, deception and blindness. The cross makes us see Him. The cross makes us know ourselves and lean on His Spirit. Fenelon said, "Your fire of devotion does not depend upon yourself. All that lies in your power is the direction of your will. Give that up to God without reservation." Let us nail down this first principle of death for life in pursuit of the life that follows. Only living out of the life that is in the principle of death for life can we even begin our individual or corporate purpose in God. We may know what it is and understand practical ways to function in our purpose,

but the only way that will please the Lord is the operation out of the life that is His, calling us to oneness with Him and this only through the cross.

If we go any other route that spares us of the cross we block off any chance of drawing from His life, that is only found in death and forces us to lure men by fleshly means that pertain to their lives that are still alive. The church is a call to death. That church which calls us to life in ourselves or does not bid us to the entry of His way, namely death to the flesh and self, is a vain encouraging church. The gathering therefore is the gathering of those who are still alive, live alive and have never truly died. It's a celebration of a God who caters to them and encourages them their individuality apart from Him. This is not the Father of Jesus, the selfless Son, who calls us to oneness with Himself in a covenant of blood.

This is a delusion and the ideal of men's vanities. This is the "vanity fair," and whoever speaks up as our dear brother Faithful, must know that he himself may share in his end. Faithful along his rough way found the way of God not catering to him, but the requirement to constantly release his own way that he may discover God's. Maybe in that moment of confrontation with the "vanity fair," the Holy Spirit took him back to one of his first lessons along that rugged road, his contact with Adam, who bid him to stay and lured him with his three beautiful daughters, lust of flesh, lust of eye and pride of life. Maybe it was the same phrase that he saw on Adam's forehead that would not allow him to stand quiet in the streets... "put off the old man with all of his vain deeds." God calls us to be a people who avoid ourselves and look to Him first and then to each other. He calls us to be a people who exemplify the oneness that He Himself shares with His Son. This will never come if there remains in us that way of ourselves, in selfishness and vanity. May we examine our hearts today and find where the "vanity fair" has entered and blinded us. May we as a people be bold enough to lovingly confront the "vanity fair" in the each other, that God may have a people who would rather be burned alive slowly than to take part in such a God defying way, such as, the "vanity fair."

### **He bids**

Have your eyes watched the warrior  
Withholding not his own  
Or the loyalty of a soldier  
Even when he is alone?

Be it strange to you  
If a man lay down his life  
Or a love shared with a King  
Greater than with his wife?

A love that breeds devotion  
Consistent as the sun  
A beating to submission  
In imitation of the Son

Has your soul heard a call  
 Man is inadequate to fulfill?  
 Does it haunt you in the night  
 And make your stomach ill?

Are you not what they were  
 Your fathers of the past?  
 Do you struggle with your self  
 And wonder if you will last?

Yet a love unspeakable  
 Rescues you every time  
 And spurs you further on  
 To enter the martyr line

Filled with saints of the past  
 Who loved not their lives  
 Counted themselves nothing  
 With the Son inside their eyes

The glory to come  
 Is the pleasure of the Father  
 If this were not so  
 There'd be no reason to even bother

Have you seen the runner run  
 And force his body to be  
 All for his crown  
 That we'll soon no longer see?

Run! I tell you run!  
 Or in the end your heart say  
 I wish I would have ran  
 In expectance of this day

If one could see the end  
 And return then to live  
 I am sure that he would daily  
 Count his life no longer his

### Quotes

*When asked how to go about using the gift in music...*

“Did the songs and music come out of the setting of life together in the Body, out of the grit of tensions and trials in which you have seen the redemptive workings of God again and again. Are they the spontaneous outflow of a life lived in this

context? If the music is simply the ' stewarding of a gifting' outside of this context, then it is a misuse of the gifting that will likely be no more than self-exalting."

~Simon Hensman

*When asked about Marketing...*

"Marketing is a grievance in my spirit too, because of the whole wisdom that is represented in it, namely, the wisdom of the powers of the air, "How much can the market bear?" It is a total self-benefiting posture at the expense of another. Self-preservation and self-gain are at its heart. God's wisdom is the opposite, "they loved not their lives, even unto death."

~Simon Hensman

"All that is in the world, the devil, the lusts of the flesh and the Pride of life will continue to pull at us constantly this side of eternity. That is why we need brothers who can admonish us and watch over us daily, while it is still called today - because tomorrow is too late. I have found that the most powerful tool against the wiles of this world is a transforming vision of the Lord constantly before us. God must reveal to us the very essence of His being, our eyes must see Him, only then will we be able to abhor ourselves and the inherent disposition of heart in us."

~Simon Hensman

*When asked why the modern church can't see the severity of a life together...*

"I would say that the Church at large is not willing to lay down its life for another, and that the power of self-interest and self-preservation are where it lives its life. Perhaps it unconsciously intuits that to move out of that orbit will evoke the fury of the powers of the air."

~Simon Hensman

*When asked what God has been showing him...*

"I don't say I have any ' new' revelation, but perhaps an affirming of this most important relationship: "In that day, they will know that I am God" speaking of Israel. The knowledge of God is everything, not the knowledge ' about' God—the latter is something different and very easy to obtain. The former requires a self-revelation from the Lord, but He will not give it to hearts that are casual or self-seeking."

~Simon Hensman

"All the great temptations appear first in the region of the mind and can be fought and conquered there. We have been given the power to close the door of the mind. We can lose this power through disuse or increase it by use, by the daily discipline of the inner man in things which seem small and by reliance upon the word of the Spirit of truth. It is God that worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure. It is as though He said, ' Learn to live in your will, not in your feelings.'

~Amy Carmichael

"If a man have parted with something which he had, not knowing the worth of it, or the need he should have of it; he often can regain it, at least with pains and cost. If a man have been overseen in a bargain, and have bartered away or sold something, and afterwards repents of it, he may often obtain a release, and recover what he had parted with. — But it is not so with respect to time. When once that is gone, it is gone forever; no pains, no cost will recover it. Though we repent ever so much that we let it pass, and did not improve it while we had it, it will be to no purpose"

~Jonathan Edwards

"The first service one owes to others in the fellowship consists in listening to them. Just as love of God begins in listening to His Word, so the beginning of love for the brethren is learning to listen to them. It is God's love for us that He not only gives us His Word but lends us His ear. So it is His work that we do for our brother when we learn to listen to him."

~Dietrich Bonhoeffer

“Everyone feels benevolent if nothing happens to be annoying him at the moment.”

~C. S. (Clive Staples) Lewis

“In a Christian community, everything depends upon whether each individual is an indispensable link in a chain. Only when even the smallest link is securely interlocked is the chain unbreakable. A community which allows unemployed members to exist within it will perish because of them. It will be well, therefore, if every member receives a definite task to perform for the community, that he may know in hours of doubt that he, too, is not useless and unusable. Every Christian community must realize that not only do the weak need the strong, but also that the strong cannot exist without the weak.  
The elimination of the weak is the death of the fellowship.”

~Dietrich Bonhoeffer

“[The natural life] knows that if the spiritual life gets hold of it, all its self-centredness and self-will are going to be killed and it is ready to fight tooth and nail to avoid that.”

~C. S. (Clive Staples) Lewis

“I would rather teach one man to pray than ten men to preach.”

~J. Hewitt

“Our prayers seem to be a mile long and only an inch deep.”

~Leonard Ravenhill

“Everyone wants to be clothed but no one wants to be stripped.”

~Leonard Ravenhill

“If you have the smile of God what does it matter if you have the frown of men.”

~Leonard Ravenhill

“You will find out that in the measure you have allowed yourself to look back you have missed that which God has for you.”

~ Smith Wigglesworth

“O, if God had His way, we should be like torches, purifying the very atmosphere wherever we go, moving back the forces of wickedness.”

~ Smith Wigglesworth

“..obedience is the state to which the man of prayer is called.”

~ E.M. Bounds

“..before he proceeds to learn the secrets of the trade of prayer. He must learn well the trade of perfect obedience to the Father' s will. Obedience follows love, and prayer follows obedience.”

~ E.M. Bounds

“He who would pray, must obey.”

~ E.M. Bounds

“Praying men stop sinning and sinning men stop praying.”  
~ Leonard Ravenhill

“No man is greater than his prayer life.”  
~ Leonard Ravenhill

“To hear correctly prepares one to obey.”  
~ Andrew Murray

“Especially deny your own interests. Do not live to please yourself, but your neighbour. He who seeks his own life will lose it. He who lives for himself will not find life. But he who truly imitates Jesus--to share in His joy--let him give his life as He did. Let him sacrifice his own interests.”

~ Andrew Murray

“It is eternal life that works in me. Christ Himself is my life. I have to receive Him every day as my life, given to me by God, and He will be my life in full power.”  
~ Andrew Murray

“This new life is nothing less than eternal life...eternal life is nothing else than the very life of God. It is the life that He has had in Himself from eternity and that has been visibly revealed in Christ.”

~ Andrew Murray

“Entertainment is the devil's substitute for Joy, the less joy of the Lord you have the more entertainment you need.”

~ Leonard Ravenhill

“I think if eternity has really gripped a person, many things on this earth would lose their attachment and interest...We are careful about being passively entertained by things that have their origins in this world and culture, seeing that “the whole world lies in the power of the wicked one.” Even Christian entertainment is a being 'played upon' by another (for the most part).”

“Having said all that, there are many who can testify of being saved by attending Christian concerts, etc, and I say 'Amen' to that. The Lord will use what He can to get the attention of His creation. I have to question much of the spirit of what goes on in those places, and see them as a provision for our immaturity in the absence of vibrant priestly ministry. But it is only as priests that we will rule and reign with Him. Where ministry is mixed with self-promotion, self-interest and whatever other 'selves' we will not be fitted for the glories that could otherwise have been ours. That is why eternity needs to be rooted in our consciousness and life. How does one become a 'priest unto God' ”

~ Simon Hensman

“We love God as we think Him to be but we refuse Him as He in fact is.”

~Art Katz

“Anti – Christ is not only that which is opposed to God, but that which is seeking to be something like Him yet not Him.”

~ Art Katz

“We boast of being carried out of a meeting after being slain in the Spirit. Paul boasted of being carried out of the city after being stoned...”

~Doctor Brown

"The ordinary mind of man, at it's best, is another mind. This will of man, at it's best, is another will...our best intentions are defiled, our purest motives are unclean. We cannot produce from this nature anything acceptable to God."

~T. Austin Sparks

"We seek truths God seeks to make us true."

~Art Katz

"This period we are in now is a dressing room for eternity."

~Leonard Ravenhill

"God will forgive you but time will never forgive you."

~Leonard Ravenhill

"There are a million roads into hell but there isn't one way out."

~Leonard Ravenhill

"Many say they would like to meet a prophet...You may want to see one but not hear one, he'll leave blisters on your soul."

~Leonard Ravenhill

"Many listen but few hear..."

~Leonard Ravenhill

"Anyone can hear the knocking but few listen for the voice."

~Robert Gladstone

"...if the enemy can succeed in brining the church to viewing benefit as the determinant by which something is judged to be of God, we may well have been brought to the very ground of deception itself."

~ Art Katz

"Be ruthless against yourself in finding time, in sending the kids out, in getting out of the way of those clamoring legitimate things that are always clawing at you. Lock yourself in a room, throw the key away...seek God and be found of Him."

~ Art Katz

When you are flying never forget to walk

When you are on the moon (stadiums etc.) never forget you came from earth

When you are exulted never forget to bow

When you are famous never forget you were in obscurity

When you are rich never forget you were poor

When you are in the promise land never forget the wilderness

When you are married never forget the hardships of being single

"Never be afraid to walk in what God has you to walk in, speak what is not desired, be yourself, sit down when everyone is standing up, be alone when everyone is "assembled."

I love you,

~Nick

"Our lot in life is always the hardest alternative..."

~Carrie

"We respond to the word and not the need."

~Carrie

"That is what makes us so dangerous, we can loose everything and we continue on."

(Spoken after one of his closest friends died and another betrayed him)

~David Hogan

"...nothing is more natural and beautiful and blessed than to become nothing, that God may be all.

~Andrew Murray



“We know one thing about a man heading down the road with a cross. He is not coming back.”  
~A.W. Tozer

“The hear that learns to die with Christ soon knows the blessed experience of rising with him.”  
~A.W. Tozer

“The man with a cross no longer controls his own destiny. He lost control the moment he picked up the cross. That cross immediately became an all absorbing interest and overwhelming interference. No matter what he desires to do, there is only one thing he can do; that is, move on toward the place of crucifixion.”  
~A.W. Tozer

“The man of God has nothing to protect, no ambition to pursue and no enemy to fear. For that reason he is completely careless of his standing among men. If they follow him, well and good; if not, he looses nothing that he holds dear; but whether he is accepted or rejected he will go on loving his people with sincere devotion. Only death can silence his tender intercession for them.”  
~ A.W. Tozer

“You don’t love the Lord, you watched the world - series for two hours you didn’t pray ten minutes. Who are you fooling?”  
~Leonard Ravenhill

“We say, “Just confess the Lord and you are in!”  
He says, “Not everyone who says to me Lord, Lord will enter the kingdom...”  
We say, “Just pray this prayer and it’s done.”  
He says, “If anyone would come after me he must deny himself,  
take up his cross and follow me.”  
We say, “Just come to the alter it will only take a minute!”  
He says “make every effort to enter through the narrow door.”  
Who do you think is right?”  
~Doctor Michael Brown

“ Man is called not to do the facile but the impossible. The facile is to find a method,  
a system, and to make it work... to wind it up and let it run in  
a giddy frenzy of "success." We become famous in the proportion  
of our success, although placed on the scales of eternity this may  
prove to be as empty as a dream, a mere illusion of our own twisted  
thinking. The impossible has to do with the spirit of man inhabiting  
an earthly body and reaching out to possess eternity.”  
~Paul Ravenhill

"When He shall appear, we shall be like Him."  
Another translation reads "if" He appear...  
That is - we shall be like Him **if** we see Him... **if** the  
glaze and glitter of earth’s values have not blinded our eyes.

"Looking unto Jesus" and "beholding" Him is still THE  
thing which God cares about in our lives."

~Paul Ravenhill

' Any attempt to ground the truth of God' s Word in  
human reasoning, however devout and sincere, inevitably  
leads to theology being subverted by human, historical  
modes of thought and thus to "anthropocentric theology",  
the evil against which Barth fought so hard.'

~Article written on Karl Barth

The Bible and the proclamation of the gospel only become God' s  
Word in a functional sense, that is, when they testify and  
proclaim to the living Word, Jesus Christ  
( ' The Bible is only God' s Word to the extent that God causes  
it to be his Word, to the extent that he speaks through it' ).  
~ Article written on Karl Barth

"A god who let us prove his existence would be an idol."  
~Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"God more frequently makes rich men poor  
than the poor men rich."

"Whatever is your best time in the day,  
give that to communion with God."

~Hudson Taylor

"People who do not know the Lord ask why in the world  
we waste our lives as missionaries. They forget that they  
too are expending their lives ... and when the bubble has  
burst, they will have nothing of eternal significance  
to show for the years they have wasted."

~ Nate Saint, missionary martyr

"You can give without loving. But you cannot love without giving."

~ Amy Carmichael

"God uses men who are weak and feeble enough to lean on him."

~ Hudson Taylor, missionary to China

When James Calvert went out as a missionary to the cannibals  
of the Fiji Islands, the ship captain tried to turn him back.

"You will lose your life and the lives of those with you if you

go among such savages, he cried.

To that, Calvert replied, "We died before we came here."

"He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose"

~ Jim Elliot, missionary martyr

"Resolved: never to do anything which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life."

~Jonathan Edwards

"A man Grows by Obedience. Obedience only comes in proportion to our hearing, and a man hears by the grace that self denying Humility opens."

"How long will we place on our coins

"in God we trust"

but to hell with His commandments."

~Leonard Ravenhill

"Christ has gone this way before us; and His beloved apostles likewise,  
and we His servants are not above our Lord."

~ Adrian Corneliss

"I can speak of what God has given me; that I know."

~ Pieter Witese

"This is the true way to eternal life, which is found by so few,  
and walked by a still smaller number; for it is too narrow for them,  
and would cause their flesh too much pain."

~ Jan Jans Brant

"I do not want to lay the cross of Christ aside."

~ Conrad Koch

Let us fight valiantly on, pressing toward the prize.

The one who turns to one side or the other will perish

with Lot' s wife who turned to look back, feeling

sorry for the possessions she left behind.

~ Hans Betz

Listen all you Christians who have been born again!

God' s Son from the Kingdom of Heaven did on the cross and  
suffered death and shame. Let us follow him! Let us take up  
our cross! The blood of Jesus washes away the sins of those

who leave all to follow him, and who believe on God alone –  
 even though they have sinned much. The Holy Spirit is given  
 to those who believe and are baptized, if they follow Christ.

With the Spirit they kill the flesh and find peace with God.

Those who are washed and made free from sin with the  
 blood of Christ walk in the Spirit with broken hearts.

The Spirit rules them and shows them the way.

Therefore, purified children of God -- born again -- keep yourselves pure!

Let no man deceive you! The one who sins is a slave to sin.

Those of us who have been washed with the blood of Christ and made  
 free from sin, are tied together in our hearts. We now walk in the

Spirit who shows us the right way and who rules in us.

The Spirit rules in our sinful bodies, that are now dead.

And in Christ we become members of his body (eingeleibt),  
 and buried with him through baptism in his death.

~ Ausbund

“Oh! one hour with God infinitely exceeds all the  
 pleasures and delights of this lower world.”

~David Brainard

“The more you come out of yourself the more you will enter into me.”

~Thomas A. Kempis

“It is your daily cross that makes you weep more than any other thing;  
 that sends you to frequent prayer; that leads you to ransack the promises;  
 that makes you cry out, like Jesus, “Father, why is this?”  
 that causes you to put both arms around the neck of your Saviour in yearning love;  
 that makes you sick of earth and self; that gives you wistful longings for heaven.”

~G.D. Watson

“Adam has three daughters...the lust of the flesh the lust of the eye and the pride of life.”

~John Bunyan (Pilgrims Progress)

“...Though I have fallen I will rise again.”

~John Bunyan (Pilgrims Progress)

“Let me live with a man a while and share his prayer life, then I’ll tell you how tall I think he is or how majestic I think he is in God.”

~Leonard Ravenhill

“All of the bride is Christ’s body, but not all Christ’s body is the bride.”

~Arlen Chitwood

“I doubt that more than two percent of professing Christians in the United States are truly born again.”

~Leonard Ravenhill

“...Dismiss any notion of our ministry being glamorous.”

~Jason Upton

“God is not done with His church but He is through with ours.”

~Jason Upton

“Blessed is he who always has his hour of death before his eyes.”

~Thomas A. Kempis

“The love of discipline will makes us confident in the end of our days.”

~Thomas A. Kempis

“What will be said when you dead about the gospel you carried.”

“Learn now to die that you may begin to live with Christ.”

~Thomas A. Kempis

“The day is coming when you will desire just one more day or hour.”

~Thomas A. Kempis

“Keep yourself as a stranger and a pilgrim on the earth and as one to whom the affairs of this world do not belong.”

~Thomas A. Kempis

“Blesses is he who always has the hour of his death before his eyes and daily prepares himself to die.”

~Thomas A. Kempis

“The soulish word (the word coming from the soul and or appealing to the soul) encourages man to be his own entity apart from God, while the spirit word (from the Spirit of God to, or through your Spirit) calls men into submission to Christ’s way, namely, death. Men love to be free unto themselves, or their own individuality. While the word of the lord makes you a captive unto true freedom.”

“Almighty God wills that we be perfectly subject and obedient to Him, and that we rise high above our own will and our own reason by a great burning love and a complete desire for Him.”

~Thomas A Kempis

“We must set our axe deep to the root of the tree, so that, purged from all passion, we may have a quiet mind.”

~Thomas A Kempis

“..the more perfectly a man can renounce himself and all the worldly things, and by despising himself can the more die to himself, so much the sooner will grace come and enter more plenteously into him and lift his heart higher unto God. Then his heart will see..”

~Thomas A Kempis

“Apostolic living has ceased, no wonder apostolic miracles have ceased.”

~Amy Carmichael

“Satan is so much more in earnest than we are, he buys up the opportunity while we are wondering how much it will cost.”

~Amy Carmichael

“Christ’s cross is Christ’s way to Christ’s Crown.”

~William Penn

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