

PERSONAL TRANSFORMATION. (Pt 4)

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Genesis 28:10 -22

16 Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it."

17 And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, AND THIS IS THE GATE OF HEAVEN!"

Jacob called this place "**THE GATE OF HEAVEN.**"

Gate = The root meaning is to split open, to break through, a rip in the realms (between the seen and the unseen), a portal, interface, access point, dimension of closure and openness etc...

What we see here is a picture of what a Church or a Kingdom Community is meant to produce. It is meant to be a place that causes a rip in the realms of the seen and the unseen. It is to be a place of interface, an access point between the dimensions of heaven and the dimensions of earth.

It is truly amazing how some movies portray these things so well.

Example: Stargate

Matthew 16:18

18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

It is important to notice that JESUS refers to both portals in this verse – what I mean is that JESUS refers to Peter's interaction with heaven and also the fact that there will also be interactions with hell.

In fact Peter in just a very short time after having an open portal with heaven, ends up having an open portal with hell!

When JESUS spoke of building His Church, He spoke of developing and building up His people so they would be built to handle the existence of conflict, battle and pressure between these two gates.

It is noteworthy to also mention that JESUS equated building to the ability to interact with revelation from the unseen dimension of heaven.

JESUS goes on to teach His disciples something immediately after Peter had both interacted with heaven and hell.

Matthew 16:24-27.

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

Here is a clear instruction from JESUS Himself that tells us how to keep the gates open to the unseen dimension of heaven and how to keep the gates shut to the unseen dimension of hell!

Denying the rule of self, exercising sacrifice in order to fulfill the purpose of GOD and losing your self life will cause you to find the real you that GOD created you to be!

Once we die to our self we begin our journey to discover our true self.

Our flesh still carries the fallen self nature and if this is not dealt with it will get into the thinking systems of our hearts and minds and will deny us our rightful interaction with the unseen dimensions of heaven.

All through the Bible you will see that GOD places His people in environments where there are enemies...

* Adam was created and placed in the Garden of Eden and there was an enemy there.

* The children of Israel were led into their promised land where there were enemies.

* There is of course the example of JESUS being led by the Holy SPIRIT into the wilderness where there was an enemy.

In all three cases GOD expected them to confront their enemies!

This brings me to a point that we need to resolve once and for all!

GOD Himself is a warrior – He is the LORD of Hosts!

You and I have inherited His nature – *therefore we are warriors and fighters!*

What is GOD expecting you to confront and overcome?

What is GOD expecting you to war over and wrestle to the ground?

One thing is for sure is that Adam failed in his ability to confront and overcome his enemy!

W H E N A D A M F E L L H E F E L L I N T O H I M S E L F...

When JESUS as the last Adam came to fulfill all righteousness and do right what Adam did wrong, He conquered the temptation that Satan put before Him to save Himself.

JESUS was a warrior, He actually overcame the whole dimension of self as a benchmark for us all, this is our calling as well – *WE MUST OVERCOME SELF!*

What Adam fell into, we are fighting our way out of – our first denial of self was when we received salvation and laid down our right to rule our own lives!

GOD HAS GIVEN YOU A FREE WILL WHICH YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO EXERCISE ONCE AND THAT IS THE DECISION TO OBEY HIS WILL FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.

So who is the real enemy?

Is it Satan?

No, it is self!

Haven't you noticed?

If you want to stand among the mighty and not be ashamed, you need to die while you are here and make sacrifice – otherwise you will not be a true representative of GOD.

Pronounce war on your flesh – *DIE!*

It is time to *LIVE LIFE ON THE BORDER* – or in other words to stand hard up against the border of this earthly dimension and be accessing the border of the heavenly dimension.

LIVING LIFE ON THE BORDER is the place where our emotional life, our psychological competence and strength of soul are rejuvenated by a greater power that rests upon us.

LIVING LIFE ON THE BORDER is moving from the border of my own mind into the mind of GOD. It is stepping from my own mind into the portals of GOD's mind. Even amongst the world's ever increasing complexity we step over into clarity of sight and comprehension.

LIVING LIFE ON THE BORDER is moving from the weakness of man's reason into the realms of the wisdom of GOD.

LIVING LIFE ON THE BORDER is accessing GOD's purpose through sacrifice and overcoming the resistance of SELF.

LIVING LIFE ON THE BORDER is where eternal reality touches temporal reality.

Since birth the systems of this earth have assaulted us with all kinds of wrong thinking and perceptions – there has been an all out attempt to conform us into the image of something far less than GOD intended!

This earth has no right to tell us who we are – this is where we adopt the warrior nature of GOD and stand upright and go live life on the border and thereby hear from the heavenly dimension and then go act it out!

False personalities have been formed out of the injuries and fractures of this life – but dying to self has to do with escaping the darkness of this world.

Life on earth can only be mastered through an increasing interface with a resource that does not come from the earth – what does GOD say about me?

When GOD turns up and recruits someone for His service, He is actually requiring that person to die to their own plans and their own self life – it is when we agree to His call that we become conduits of His life flow in the earth!

The Kingdom of GOD advances through death – we unleash GOD into our lives by death – GOD only ever builds with dead people!

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