

# Lord of Life Ministries

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## Green Bed II

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You should go back to the last meeting, Green Bed I so that you will be able to see what God is trying to do and what His purpose is. He is getting us ready to do something. He always brings a word to prepare your heart and to open your mind in order to show you the way and to show you where He wants to take you. He always has a purpose for what He is showing us. I have been trying to get to specific instruction but each time I think that I have gotten there; God shows me that I have to go back further. He wants to show you the path that He wants you to walk on and for you to be consistent with it. You need to have the proper background.

Last week should have been enlightenment to some of you. We were going to touch on, a little bit of last weeks teaching. We were ministering on beds. There are different types of beds mentioned in the Bible. I found that a bed is speaking of a union. The union goes on in the mind. The Lord is trying to teach us that He has called some people

aside and unto Himself. Those who will worship Him in spirit and in truth. I also found out what true worship really is. You can not worship God unless you are walking in truth. If your mind is not walking in truth then you are walking in imaginations and illusions and lies. Some of these images become so real that we believe them. God has taught us over the years that we are not to look at the things which are seen. That is where all your problems are. We are not to walk by sight but we are to walk by faith. It is not easy. We are so prone to go by our feelings and five senses. Some of God's people, His own Christians, are nothing but soulish people. They want to live in their soul. They want to live in their emotions and their feelings. They do not want to walk in the spirit. You have true worship when you walk in the spirit. Our thoughts keep us from walking in the spirit. Those thoughts cause us to lose sight of God and we become conscious of our problems and situations and very conscious of what is happening outside of

ourselves. God was trying to teach the disciples how He wanted them to walk. Every one of you in this room is a disciple of the Lord.

The Bible says - if I be lifted up (which is Jesus) I will draw all men unto me. So how is Jesus going to be lifted up in your life? It is your walk, your talk your actions your behavior. Christian means Christ-like. To be like Christ, to walk like Christ and to allow Christ to express Himself through us. You are Christ in the Earth. You are His ambassadors. You are a representation of His kingdom. You are an example of who He is to mankind. So if Christ be lifted up, it means that you are walking in true worship. So how can I walk in true worship with God? God wants you to understand that any thought that exalts itself against the knowledge of God is against the truth. That is any thought in your mind that is against truth; totally against the word of God. Any thought that does not line up with God's knowledge and God's wisdom. Any thought or imagination or illusion that is

not like Him and is against God.

A thought can become a stronghold and the stronghold can get a hold on you. It can make you forget who you are. When that happens, unbelief sets in and you begin to act out that thought. You have to understand that you are creators. Your mind is creative and you are creating. Your mind creates thoughts and energy. Did you know that thoughts are energy? You are around people and their thoughts are constantly flowing out. There are waves of energy going out. So thoughts can either be destructive or they can be full of life. When they are full of life, they bring life to others. Thoughts of love, joy and peace and life is the energy that God wants us to portray to mankind. So you have to become it and the only way this can happen is for Him to change you. It will be a consistent change that you are allowing Him to bring about in your life. You begin to want to walk out this kind of life.

Last week we were talking about beds and I am going to get into some things that are very, very important. If you really hear what God is saying to you today, to you personally, you will begin to see that God wants you to be happy and to have a fruitful life. He wants you to have a successful and an abundant life. He wants you to have a

life that portrays to mankind, one that is different from what man is demonstrating to the world. Man has tried to find happiness but the only real and true happiness is found through the obedience to Christ. You can not have it any other way because life is so empty without God. It takes a long time for some of us to find that out. Some of us keep seeking things outside of ourselves to try to please the soul and to find happiness. That happiness is only temporal and it doesn't last very long. It comes and the next thing you know you are miserable again. God just waits very patiently until you understand that you can not have both worlds. He wants you to have His world because He loves you so much and wants the very best for you. He came and He died on the cross to give you the best that there is. He wants you to have all that there is in the Kingdom of God. It is a world without end, a whole new and different life which is totally contrary to your old way of living.

The Lord is working on a people whose life style is a life of praise. It is not a life of going around saying Halleluiah but it is a life that demonstrates the joy of Christ. Your life demonstrates the respect that you have for your heavenly Father. You respect Him and put Him above everyone else. He is first in

your life and there is no one else that can take His place. He is the ultimate. It takes time for us to get there but God is very patient.

God showed me that the man He is measuring is the new man. God is measuring the new man in us. He is measuring with His word and creating a new man in the earth. This new man is corporate and He is coming forth and appearing on the horizon. The world has not begun to see what God is getting ready to do. This new man shall come forth in all of God's glory and all of His power and His nature. His nature will be demonstrated to mankind, just like Jesus demonstrated the nature of the Father. So shall this new man that God is creating throughout the earth. The old man is passing away. The old man was crucified on the cross and the sooner you wake up to who you are really are, the quicker you will reckon that old man to be dead. You will then realize that you are the Christ in the earth. Some of you have an identity problem. You do not really want to identify with your true self. You keep identifying with the old man and so you make him alive again. The only reason you make him alive again is because you have lost sight of your true identity

I am going to show you how we can get to where God

wants us. *As a man thinketh, so he is Prov. 23:7*

It is so true. Just listen to your thoughts sometime. You would be so surprised at how you are thinking. You know, I have to go through the same thing that you go through. At times you are around people or God has you ministering to a lot of people and you pick up all their restlessness and their depression. Then you have a thought to enter your mind. "I think I am going to be depressed because that is how I am beginning to feel." But you do not give in. You change your thoughts and remember your identity. I am not going to be depressed because that is not who I am. Christ has called me to be peace, love and joy. That is my true identity - that is who I am. We must identify with the I am who is in you. The I am is love. The old man is hate, unforgiveness and jealousy.

The old man holds grudges and is strife. If you start identifying with those thoughts you have forgotten who you are and you went right down the line with that old man and made him alive again.

As we said, a bed is a place of union. So where did you have your bed this week? What bed did you dwell in? What union did you have this week? The Bible speaks of different types of beds. But there is only one bed that God wants you and me to dwell in

and that is the Holy of Holies. He wants you to walk in the spirit. You can not do this by yourself but you are able to do it by having a union with Him. He is in you and there is nothing impossible with God. Christ is your strength. Sometimes when you hear negative thoughts you need to depend on Him like a little child. You need to humble yourself and cause those thoughts to come down immediately. You are not to feed those thoughts that enter your mind. Do not feed any thought that tries to exalt itself against the knowledge of God because it will cause you to lose sight of God and you will begin to worship those thoughts. You would be surprised at how many times you worship carnal thoughts. They are thoughts that have no truth to them. Thoughts that have no life. They hinder what God is trying to bring into your life. So God is trying to renew your mind. He is transforming your mind and changing your way of thinking; changing your attitude. God is trying to get you to see that all your situations are beautiful. They might not look beautiful to the natural eye but that is where faith comes in. Faith is believing without seeing and knowing that everything that God is doing in your life is beautiful. Of course we do not learn overnight. There are times when I get down too.

But I gird up my mind. I know that God is in control. I have to understand that nothing can come my way except He allows it. You gave your life to Him. Did you not? So then, nothing can happen except He allows it. But we do make choices. We are choosing between life and death every day. There is a bed that God is trying to bring us to. A bed to live in and walk in and to have a union all the time. That bed is a green bed. That green bed is nothing but life.

God began to show me that there is a bed called slothfulness. I wondered who of you stayed in that bed this week. Was there a lazy Christian this week? If you get slothful that is when you will fall. Pride will cause you to be slothful.

I had a vision this week and in that vision I saw a path where everything was green. The individual who was on the path was surrounded by greenery. There was nothing but life, life and more life. The Lord spoke to me and said the only person who will walk on that path will be one who is humble. I saw the word humility, humility, humility.

Sometimes there is a thought in your mind that exalts itself against God. Pride will cause you to go with that thought. Even Adam, in the beginning, fell because of pride. Lord have mercy! He was prideful and chose to go

with his five senses – what he saw, what he felt and what he tasted.

I like what Gail said to me this week. She mentioned Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. She was sharing with me how God brought this little principle out to me. It was about Snow White. How your soul is white and clean. Also Christ has covered your soul with His blood and so your soul is snow white. Now how many of you know that you have seven dwarfs. Now there is grumpy – “I do not like what is happening to me.” Sometimes you have one or more of the seven dwarfs operating in your thoughts. So you have to deal with it. But the seven dwarfs are what bring you to perfection. Lord have mercy! One of the dwarfs was lazy; he did not want to do anything. I thought that what Gail shared with me was so interesting. Because it is so true. Remember – the witch came along to deceive Snow White and she had an apple. Now do you know that there are things around and outside of you that want to bewitch you? The whole point is to get you off of the simplicity of Christ; to get you off your goal in God and to cause you to be slowed down in your walk with God. The whole point is to cause you to fall and to keep you from knowing who you are in God. So Snow White had a choice, she did not have to

partake of the apple. You also are tested. You can choose whether or not to take a bite of the apple when it is presented to you. You do not have to take a bite because you can immediately call on Christ and He will give you the strength to refuse to partake of the fruit that will cause you to fall asleep. Snow White fell asleep because she was going to sleep spiritually. Do you understand what I am saying? We have a lot of enticements out there in the world; a lot of things to tempt us week after week, but God wants you to wake up as to who you are.

Did not Jesus say – I am the Way. He was meek and lowly. So if He is the way then he is an example that we are to follow. He is the pattern that we are to follow and none other. So since He is the Way, He was totally separated unto His Father. He learned obedience through the things which He suffered. God expressed Himself through Jesus because Jesus was totally surrendered to the Father. God wants you to walk humbly before Him. Lord have mercy!! But you can not get there on your own. The Bible says – you should remember all the way which the Lord your God led you these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and to prove you, to know what was in your mind and heart, whether you would keep His

commandments or not. **Duet.**

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He puts you in the wilderness in order to humble you. God can not even use us until we are broken. You know it takes a little while to break a horse. We all started out like a mule; stubborn, rebellious and sitting on our haunches, God was waiting and wanting to get on that donkey. Why do you think He rode that donkey into Jerusalem? The donkey represents you and me and all mankind. Jerusalem is peace. If you let God ride you, he is going to ride you right into the place where you will stay in the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. It will bring you on past all those thoughts that you have been having that keep you from having that peace. God will turn that donkey into a white horse. That horse will come forth with glory and power. God will use that horse.

Have you ever seen a horse that has been broken? Have you ever seen a horse that has totally yielded to his master? You could hear the whining of the horse when it has to come down on his knees. That is like your soul. It is crying because it is dying. I just wish the Lord would kill it a lot quicker and get it over with. I also wish that some of you would quit holding on to things that you do not need and that hinder you. The

thing that causes you to keep holding on is pride. God showed me that it is stubbornness and pride.

Let us talk about the bed a little bit more. We have the green bed; the bed of slothfulness and we have the bed of mischief which is thinking of what you can do and get away with. We have the bed with the woman and also two men. I am not talking natural now – but I am talking spiritual. You want to have a relationship with Adam and at the same time, a relationship with the Christ. God says – enough is enough. I am directing this to the older ones here. You younger ones are going to be pulled in a much quicker as you yield to Him. The older ones have had the word for a long time; enough is enough. It is time for your soul to lay down with the Christ. This is what God is trying to do. He is trying to get you to lie down at the feet of Jesus which means that you will begin to walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. You are to lay down with the Word.

Sometimes you may wake up with a negative attitude. You will say – I am going to have a lousy day. I am going to have another bad day. Nothing is going to go right. You have just set it in motion right then and there. You are the one who sets it in motion. You need to talk to your soul. You have to tell your mind to

shut up. Say to your soul – bless the Lord, oh my soul and all that is within me. I am going to praise Him and to give Him thanks in everything, no matter what. Then you will see a great change in your life. We have to put His instructions to work. I will show you later on, about those that do not use the instructions.

There is also a bed of Egypt that is people who are worldly. Let us go to *Prov. 16:24* *The path of the wise leads upward to life, which he may depart from the hell beneath.* That is what God is trying to do; to pull you out of all your hells. When you are pulled out of your hells, you are going to have to turn around and pull others out of their hells.

Look at *Prov. 7:4* *Say unto wisdom thou art my sister, call understanding thy kinsman, that they may keep thee from the strange woman.* Okay, who is the strange woman? I will tell you, this it is your soul. That is your soul when it pulls away from the Christ. That soul has become a strange woman. That soul is your mind, your will, your emotions and feelings. The strange woman begins to flatter you with words and thoughts. Oh Lord have mercy! Can you hear what I am saying? When that woman is lying down with the Christ she is not strange. When that woman is yielding to the

Christ and walking in the spirit she is not a strange woman. She is covered with the Christ; covered with the word and the spirit. But when that woman pulls away from God; when your soul begins to wander off, it is strange. Every one of you in this room has wondered. HELLO!!!! Your soul has wondered from God at one point or another, in your walk. But God is bringing you to a place where you will be consistent; where He has swallowed up your soul and you can not wander away anymore. *“That they may keep you from the strange woman. Prov. 7:5*

So what is going to keep you from this strange woman? She is strange because she is foreign to the word and the spirit. She is not speaking truth; she is speaking lies. She is having thoughts that are not true to the word of God or to the Spirit of God. The strange woman will not be able to speak to you if you will walk in the wisdom of God and in His understanding and you will apply His understanding to your daily life with Christ.

It is not enough for you to sit here and listen to the word. God wants you to eat it and digest it. He wants you to become it. It becomes a way of life and you are automatically walking out the instructions of the Father. As it becomes life to you, you will teach others after you are delivered and you begin to have a consistent

walk with Christ. People will look at your life and see that it is productive and fruitful. They will see the fruits of Christ. They will see that no matter what you go through you are walking in victory and they will know there is something very different about you. Some will respect you and listen to you. But let me tell you, if you are living in those two worlds people will not respect your instructions, they will not respect your word. But if you become what God wants you to become, there will be respect for the Christ in your life because they are really respecting Him and He is the one they are looking for. People are looking for Him in each and every one of you. When you begin to use these instructions and begin to apply this wisdom that God is giving you then that will keep the flattering woman from talking to you. She does talk to the younger ones. She talked to me for many years and I was a yo yo Christian, up one day and down the next – I did not have the wisdom and understanding that I needed. The word says – *she waits. – that they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger which flattereth with her words. For at the window of my house I looked through my casement. Prov. 7,6*

You are looking through your eyes; the windows of your soul. You are looking through your casement. God

looks through your eyes many many times and points out to you the people that He wants you to minister to. Or sometimes you just bring home their burdens and you pray for them.

*And I beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding Prov. 7:7* So that young man that God is creating unto Himself is that new man. When you start out in God you are like a young man; a male child that God is creating, male and female. In the Kingdom of God there is no male or female, so it is that new creature that God has created to have His nature. That strange woman will rise in you or rise in someone else with flattering words to deceive your soul. It will deceive your true self and bring deception. Pride brings deception. Lord have mercy! I hope you hear what I am saying. Now if we fear the Lord and we respect Him we will obey Him and not listen to the flattering words of the soul of another individual or the flattering words from our soul. HELLO! *And I beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding passing through the street near her corner. Prov. 8:7,8* So that was his first mistake; going too close to where she was. That is why I say flee from your youthful lust and do not have any fellowship with people

who are in darkness because the Bible says – how can you be righteous and still fellowship with those who are unrighteous. **II Cor. 6:14**

We have got to learn all these things. It goes on and says – and behold, there met him a woman with the attire of a harlot, and subtle of heart *Pro. 7:10,11 She is loud and stubborn, her feet abide not in her house.* This is the soul that is very stubborn. She says to this young man – *I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved works, with fine linen of Egypt. Pro. 7:16.* This is the soul that is in the world; worldly. There are people who are in the world that will literally hate you because you are walking with Christ. He said if the world hated me, it will hate you also. It is very simple. When you make a decision to walk with Christ and to walk in the Kingdom of God you can be sure that people will dislike you. But that is okay because great is your reward in heaven. You will be rejected because of His nature. Notice, it talks about the fine linen of Egypt. So this is the seducing spirit, seductive soul that is trying to get this young man. Notice where she brings him. *For the good man is not at home – no he wasn't at home.* His soul went on a long journey and left her husband. *With her much fair speech she caused him to yield – Pro. 7:19,21.*

A good example of this is of Samson and Delilah. Samson had a great anointing. He was dealing with all the Philistines which were actually thoughts that were in people of Israel. Those in Israel got mad at Samson. They said leave us alone, we want these Philistines. We want these thoughts; we do not want to change. But we know that Delilah came and worshipped. The whole point was that they wanted to destroy the power that was flowing out of this man. You need to recognize your tempter when it comes around. You need to get smart and to use wisdom. Your tempter is not going to be ugly or easily recognized. And he is not going to come with a pitch fork and a long tail. That is not the way Satan comes. He comes as an angel of light. Oh yes! Very subtle. Some of you are enticed before you ever know it hit you. Some of you do not even know it until you go into hell. You realize that you got hit when you go in hell. Satan is Adam and he come in many forms. Sometimes you become Satan. Lord have mercy! But guess what her point was the whole time? She comes with a fair speech. She caused him to yield with flattering lips. She forced him. He goeth after her straight away. There was not any struggle or resisting. She did not resist. So actually I am a Christian, a Christ like individual that wants to lay

down with that woman; that soul. Well that is the way it was with Samson. The woman was whispering in his ear everyday. She knew that his anointing was in his long hair. Hair represents your understanding and the wisdom of God. She thought if I can take that understanding and that wisdom away from him, I can cause him to come down and be bound back in darkness again. Lord have mercy! And that is exactly what she did. Everyday she pressed on his heart. You will have thoughts that will come in your mind and will press you daily. These thoughts are lies. These thoughts are not true. They are to deceive you and to cause you to forget who you are in Christ. They will also cause you to turn away from your goal that God has called you to.

I tell you, something is on the horizon, right at the threshold and it is getting ready to take place. Something is getting ready to happen. That is why God is saying to every one of you in this room; prepare your hearts for the coming of the Lord. Prepare your hearts. It is a day of preparation.

As for Samson, he went right along with it. But look where she took him in **Prov. verse 25,26**. This is where your soul will take you. Your true self is Christ. Your true self is not your soul. Christ

gives you life; your soul will take you to death. *Verse 25, Let not thine heart decline to her ways. Go not astray in her paths. For she hath cast down many wounded; yea, many strong men have been slain by her.* She will wound your soul every time. She will cause much pain and much hurt in your soul. Many disappointments will take place in your life when you listen to her. You will be disappointed over and over again until you get it. *Verse 26 says cast down many wounded; yea many strong men have been slain by her.* Is that not true? You can look through the Bible and see how many men were slain by the woman. The woman has been the problem from the very beginning. The woman was Eve. Eve is your soul. She has caused us to fall out of the spirit. But because of pride you make the choice to lie with the woman.

All of you know the story of Joseph. God was using Joseph in a mighty way. All of a sudden the king gave him everything. He said everything that is mine, is yours. Basically that is the way it is with God when you come into the Kingdom. He wants to make you joint heirs with Christ. You may not understand what that really means. It means that everything that Christ inherited is your inheritance as well. The glory that God gave

Christ is your inheritance in Him. God wants us to understand this. That is the cry of Jesus. That was His prayer in *Jn. 17.* *He said Father that they will be where I am also. That they would bear the same glory that I have born in you also.* That is the cry of Christ. Your inheritance is the glory of the Lord. That is what God is trying to bring all of you into. He brings you from one glory to another glory, to another glory.

God is getting ready to bring us to the final glory. Lord have mercy!! Don't have time to get into all that today, but that is where He is heading. I am so excited. I hope you understand what He is saying here.

Now all of you know that the woman came to him and said lie with me. But Joseph was wise. He said, why would I want to lie with you and sin against God. Every time you lie with the woman (soul) you sin against God. Why would I want to lie with you when God has given me every thing? What have you got to give me that I do not have already in God? What you have to give me is nothing but hurt and pain and hell and destruction. As soon as he refused to lie with the woman he was thrown into the king's prison. When your soul quits lying with things that do not produce life, you will be thrown into God's prison and

you will be a bond slave to Christ. We all, at one time or another, have been bond slaves to sin. Now God wants us to become bond slaves to love and life. Bondage to the Christ.

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haven't had the water baptism which you do need to have. That is when that old man is buried. We will explain more about that later. It is not a water baptism after traditions or doctrines of man but it is after the Spirit of the Lord and after the order of Melchisedek priesthood. It definitely brings a change in your life. Now the only thing that is going to break that pride and rebellion is the fire. HELLO!!! It is your trials. It is your pride that brings you into your hells. When you rebel against God you go right into your hells. Everyday I go here and there. I go where God leads me. It is pride in an individual that wants to make their own decisions and not yield to the leading of Christ. They just do not understand and they think they belong to themselves. They want to take the reigns and that is where ego and pride sets in. Then that is the beginning of a fall. Do you know what will keep you from walking in pride? The fear of the Lord. You come to have the fear of the Lord when you have had enough hells. If you go through enough hells you will begin to respect Him and you will awake in the morning and say - what are your orders today Father? And you will simply obey because you have come to enjoy this love affair and this life in Him. I have a point that I want to make here. As I have said before - there is something on the horizon;

actually at the threshold. I have seen the door. I have seen the entrance and some of you have been on this course for a long time. Some of us are getting ready to enter into the fullness of the Life that is in God. Lord have Mercy!! We are getting ready to enter into that realm where no death can enter in. Not one thought can enter your mind if there is death in it because your mind has totally been transformed into the mind of Christ. You are letting God have His way. You are beginning to follow His instructions and walk in the path that is that life in Christ.

Back to the two paths. One path is the broadway of destruction. *Enter ye in the straight gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction and many there be which go in there at. Matt 7:13*

The path of destruction is of those who simply refuse to obey the Word of God and the Spirit. The carnal mind is very prideful. Sometimes my soul does not want to do what I know God wants me to do. But I have learned through experiencing hardships and sufferings that I can not pay any attention to my soul. I do not pay any attention to that soul or the carnal mind, instead I yield to God. We yield to God because we understand that if we do not the outcome can be destruction. That is the path

that God pointed out; a path full of destruction. Israel was stiff necked and rebellious. Every one of us have been stiff necked and rebellious at times and we have suffered the consequences.

God wants you to listen to what He has to say today because this will spare you from experiencing many hells. The word says - enter the narrow gate. That is the gate that God wants you to enter through. It is an entrance. The narrow gate. But wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction. It is your soul that is prideful and will not humble itself to walk the way God directs. It is thoughts in the mind that you listen to that lead you to disobey the word and the spirit. It is rebellion, pure and simple. The gate that is narrow is contracted by pressure. How is God going to get you on this path of life? PRESSURE!! He has to put pressure on you. He has got to break you. He has to put you through the fire. But the fire is to deliver you and set you free from all your bondages. It is to humble you.

Notice in *Matt. 7:14 because straight is the gate , and narrow is the way, which leadeth to life, and few there be that find it.* Interesting - the Lord showed me a long time ago that path of life is actually the Tree of Life. That tree of life is Christ and the word in you. God wants you

to feed off of the Tree of Life. But the mind is inclined to feed off of the negative. It is prone to feed off of things that do not bring life.

You are making choices, for example. Whether or not to eat the apple that is poisonous. Just like Snow White. To eat of the tree of life is to be feeding off of the mind of Christ. For some of you who are knew, I will tell you how you know if you have not been feeding off of the tree of life. You will have no peace in your mind. You will have no thoughts that can bring life. The mind of Christ is nothing but peace and life. The carnal mind can only bring corruption, destruction and death and hell. It can not bring any peace. The soul drives. If you feel driven to do something, you need to check yourself. Get back in the spirit and commune with the Lord. Get your soul to settle down. The Christ leads you and gives life but the soul drives you and does not bring life. The wisdom that comes from God brings peace and gentleness. So learn this and practice it, apply it and put it to use in your walk with Christ. Remember, there is an entrance and we are right on the threshold of coming into all of His glory and His fullness.

The opposite of rebellion is humility. Christ was meek and lowly. That is why Jesus was so exalted in His life.

Everything He did pointed to the Father because He was walking in that state of humility. One of the reasons why we walk in pride is because we lack humility - the humility of Christ. That happens because we do not really know who we are.

Sometimes the reason that some people walk in pride is because they are insecure. They have childish ways. They have the ways of little boys and girls who do not want to grow up. The soul wants to be pampered. It wants some of the pleasures of the world. The Bible talks about those who are prideful and prefer the pleasures of the world rather than the pleasures of God. So what does God do? He says - I have told you what I do. I have shown you how to walk humbly before me.

*Let this mind be in you that is also in Christ Jesus Phil. 2:5* So let us look at the mind of Christ for a moment. What kind of mind did Jesus have? He walked in humility and he was meek and lowly. He said I come to do the will of my Father. It will be a great thing when you wake up and understand that you are here for God's will and purpose and not for your own. Another thing about Jesus was that he made himself of no reputation. If you do have a reputation when you start out in God, you will lose it.

When I was very young in the ministry other ministers would come through and they would pat each other on the back. They recognized each other and lifted each other up. Oh brother, you preached a good word this week. You really moved in the gifts. I saw them comparing their gifts and trying to outdo each other. One time I said - God you made me a nobody and I was treated as a nobody. The lord spoke to me and said - No one will recognize or exalt you except Me. Do not look for someone to recognize you and do not look to have a reputation. He will exalt you in due season. You do not have to go around telling everybody what you did for Christ. You do not have to make a show of your life. In fact, you are on the right road if you do not look for or want recognition.

Some ministers would come through and say how many souls they saved this week. The Lord spoke to me and said he did not save anybody - I did it. We have to be very careful saints. Everything you do is to point to the Father. Everything should be pointing to the Christ. He should be lifted up so that He will be exalted. Never point to yourself. He not only did not make a reputation for Himself but He also made Himself a servant. You also are called to serve others; to be a servant and to be a son as well. He

humbled Himself by going to the cross. He endured the cross because of the joy that was set before Him.

Through patience you come to endurance. You have to learn to endure. But you can see the joy that is set before you. *The fear of the Lord is instruction of wisdom; and before honor is humility. Prov. 15:33* We have a strange God. He is the opposite of the way we are inclined to think of Him. Do you know that if you want to honor God He has to bring you down. He will cause you to experience humility. Lord have Mercy!! And he knows how to do that.

I remember the time when He put me in court for three years, so I know what humility is. I sat there and was not able to say a word and I had to listen and be accused by the carnal man. I thought of Jesus and how He was crucified on the cross. He was stripped naked, stripped of all that He had. Why did he have to go through all of that? He had to, because God was getting ready to bring Him into a greater glory and honor in a realm that He had been in with the Father before the foundation of the earth. So He had to be humbled before He could come into that great honor and glory. Oh glory to God!! I tell you, if you want to go up in God you have to go down first. Anytime that you want to go up in Him and you want to go into a higher realm

you will have to go through something. But it is all for His glory. Isn't God good? He works in mysterious ways. *But humility and the fear of the Lord are riches and honor and life Prov. 22:4.* So it is those who walk in humility with the Lord who receive the riches of Christ and they do receive Gods' honor.

*Thorns and snares are in the way of the perverse and the proud. Prov.22:5.* If you had any thoughts this week that did not bring you life, those are the thorns; the carnal thoughts. The word says the snares are in the way of the perverse and the proud. He that doth keep his soul shall be far from them. So you have to learn to keep your soul. You have to learn to keep your mind. You must learn to keep your garden. You have to learn to guard it with the Christ and with the word of the Lord.

*A man's pride shall bring him low; but honor shall uphold the humble in spirit. Prov. 29:23*

I do not care how long you walk with a haughty spirit or with pride, you may think you are getting somewhere but you are in for a fall. It is bound to happen. But honor shall uphold the humble in spirit. I like that one. *Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly; but the proud he knoweth afar off.* God respects the lowly ones. If you see one with the favor of the

Lord upon them you will know that they are walking humbly with their God. Lord have mercy! *The highway of the upright is to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul. Pride and a haughty spirit goeth before a fall. Prov.16:17,18.*

You need to remember these things. Some people have a lot of riches but they also have a lot of pride. If you have wealth you have to be very careful. You have to remember where it came from and to walk humbly with the Lord in spite of your riches. *Charge them that are rich in the world that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God who giveth us richly all things to enjoy. I Tim. 6:17.*

You see God gives you all things to enjoy. We are to worship God in spirit and in truth. Sometimes your mind just wants to leave the truth. And other times it just wants to follow those fleeting thoughts. Just let those fleeting thoughts go right out of your mind. When you dwell on them you cause a stronghold in your mind. Then you begin to sink and to lose sight of Jesus.

When Jesus walked on water, Peter understood that He was trying to show him that the sea represents human thoughts. We can walk above human thoughts if we keep our eyes on Jesus. You know

the song that says "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" and the things of the world will grow strangely dim. Have you ever gotten upset over silly, foolish things? Later you feel pretty stupid when you realize how you reacted. *God resists the proud, but giveth grace to the humble. James 4:6-10* read it all.

Does anyone come to God saying - here I am God - oh you are so fortunate to have me as your son. No - we come to God when you are broken and humbled. That is the state God wants us to walk in, all the time. Some of God's sons have grown up with so much knowledge and understanding and some have no respect for their teachers and instructors. They feel like they know it all. You can't tell me anything attitude, they do not want to receive the further instructions that they need. Be careful saints.

There are ranks in God and different levels. I do not look down on anyone. I see everyone where I am. *Likewise ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. All of you be subject one to another and be clothed with humility. I Peter 5:5.*

The world says submit to the elders. Submitting one to another is not easy at times. But if you submit to Christ, you will submit to each other. It is as simple as that. Likewise you that are younger and lesser rank be subject to

the elders and ministers and spiritual leaders of the body, giving them due respect and yielding to their council. Lord have mercy!

So it doesn't do you any good to come here and say - oh well great word this week, I really enjoyed it, and then go out tomorrow and play and forget it. I am going to play and pamper myself. I am just going to lie down with my soul and do what my soul wants.

If you do not follow the counsel of the Lord, you are stupid; outright dumb. You are like a donkey sitting on his haunches. Stubborn as all get out. It goes on to say - clothe yourself with humility. You have to yield to the counseling and the advice of the elders. Some may not like the individual that God is using to teach. But it is actually Christ who is teaching. The counseling here, that you are receiving from me is not from me but from the Christ that is within. So we need to respect and receive it with wisdom and follow the instructions. The word says; *clothe yourselves, all of you with humility, as a servant so that it's covering can not possibly be stripped from you.*

Do you mean to tell me that your covering can be stripped? YES! That covering is the glory of the Lord. God wants you to keep that covering and keep walking in humility in Christ. I do not know how to

do that, Sister Joyce. Well all you have to do is get up in the morning and say yes to Jesus. You will say, I am going to do what you want me to do today. If you fall, do not stay there and get depressed; and say, I am never going to make it. Instead just focus on the word and keep your eyes on Jesus.

I used to get down and I would focus on the negative. The Lord told me to quit that and to look on the part of me that is like Him and to focus on His word. I would hear negative thoughts in my head—you goofed again—you are never going to make it. Have you ever done that? Of course you have. Some of us are so hard headed we can not even hear.

One day God gave me a telephone call. He literally caused a ringing in my ears; I was in bed, down and depressed. Then there was a ringing in my ears that would not stop. The Lord said I am trying to get your attention. And I heard this very clear. I will finish the good thing which I have started in you to the day of My coming. From then on I put my trust in him. You have got to trust Him and obey Him. It is that simple.

God set Himself against the proud, the overbearing, the presumptuous and the boastful and frustrates and defeats them. He also knows how to defeat you. Guess who is going to win! He is! Isn't

God good! God gives grace, favor and blessings again to the humble, therefore humble yourself, lower yourselves under the mighty hand of God that in due time he may exalt you. **I Peter 5:6** Do you see that? In due time He will exalt you. Cast all your cares, anxieties and worries once and for all, on Him. Do not give your worries to Him and then take them back. If you do, you are worshipping those thoughts and you are losing sight of God. He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully.

Be sober because your adversary the devil is like a roaring lion, that walketh about seeking whom he may devour. **I Peter 5:8** *whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.* **I Peter 5:9** All the brethren in the body of Christ go through the same thing that you and I go through. I said—Lord why do you say to resist the devil after you were talking about people who are prideful? It is because the ego, the Adam man which is the devil. Adam is always trying to save himself. That is why one minute Peter saw who Christ was; he said you are the Christ. Then the next minute he says to Jesus—after Jesus said, He had to go to the cross—you can not go there, this can not happen, save yourself. Jesus turned to Peter

and said---Get thee behind Me Satan. It was like saying, Adam get thee behind Me. Always trying to save self. Read **Col. 3:12**.

God wants you to walk in that oneness with Him. You will be walking humbly. This is the only way that God is going to be exalted. **In Isaiah 2**, he says He is going to bring every prideful and lofty thing down and make it low. So you might as well say bring it down. He can bring it down now or bring it down later. He said that He would bring it down that He might be exalted; that He might be lifted up. He said—I will be supreme in people's life. Let Christ keep measuring with this Word; week after week. You will not be sorry and you will see that it works. God is measuring the man, which is the temple. He is measuring the temple that is worshipping Him in Spirit and in truth. He is not measuring the individual who wants to live in the soulish realm.

So if there is a part of your soul that still wants to go outside of yourself and disobey the Lord, you will be turned over to your imaginations and illusions and they will trample you under foot. In other words, they will bring you right into hell. I see that very clearly. It takes the trials, testings and the fire to bring this new man forth. Those two witnesses are a people who are witnessing the

Christ. Their life is a witness for the whole world to see. Who are they seeing? They are seeing God in their lives. They are seeing the glory of the Lord upon them. They are seeing something different about them and their light is bright and shining. People are seeing this joy and love which is the Kingdom of God and they are a witness to others. **Rev. 11:**

I just want to point out, as we close, what will cause you to keep from being humble. It is your insecurity. We go around trying to get attention from others or trying to be recognized. Sometimes you feel threatened by someone. Have you experienced feelings of insecurity? Well we have a God that can restore those areas in you as you allow Christ to be strong in your life. That is the good news. Something else that will cause you to be prideful is impatience. I have heard someone say-I do not want to have anything to do with you anymore; so on and so on. Well we need to be patient with one another. You see it is pride, pride, pride! HELLO! Have I stepped on anyone's toes here? Well, you know the truth is the truth. It is real and genuine. We have all been impatient with ourselves and with others. We have been disgusted with different people at times. But we have to change and not be that way. At times you walk in pride

and you have forgotten who you are in Christ. Your true self is Christ.

Another example of pride is when you have a thought which exalts itself against the knowledge of God. Do you ever shut God out of your mind? You know what His will is but you turn your back-that is pride...that is when you fall...Also, sometimes we might have impulsive desires and we act on them. There is also jealousy, greed and covetness. Pride will deceive you. You walk in deception and do not even know it. You may walk in haughtiness in your mind because pride deceives. God hates pride and he wants you to hate it too. Hate the pride that is in you.

Now I understand why many ministers and people started out in God but did not end up in Him through their walk. To God be the glory.