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"Tree of Desire"

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I had a vision and we were all in a oneness. I knew that the melody was the love of God. It was just like an explosion that went into creation. Then the last thing the Father showed us was that we were holding on to the ram's horn. There was an altar that had 4 rams horns and we would not let go of them. I asked the father what all of this meant and he reminded me that the ram's horn is preaching the gospel of the Kingdom to all of creation.

Mark 16:15, <u>"Jesus said,</u> <u>unto them, Go ye into all the</u> <u>world, and preach the gospel</u> <u>to every creature.</u>" Every time we get in the Spirit that is what He is doing. He is preaching the gospel of His Kingdom and His salvation and His love to all creation. The altar represents the love of God and what Christ did for every human being past, present and future.

God is causing us to go deeper and deeper so that He can accomplish much. We hold on to this deepness. Someone said, "You don't know or could even imagine what effect you are having on peoples lives, as God uses you. Even if you are sitting in a mall or driving down the road or just passing by someone, you can be effective. If you just smile at someone, it can make a difference in that person's life."

This realm is greater because of the energy of Christ. Wherever He is sending you, people are being touched.

God has put something on my heart. You may have heard this before but He will be adding on to what He has already shown us. God has been preparing us for the next place. He is causing the sons, who are willing to go all the way with Him, to come into another place in Him. We know that the fullness of God is the love of God and we also know that it is the redemption of the body. We know that the whole creation is groaning and waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God. Waiting fullness for the of His manifestation in the realm of the Spirit. Man has yet to see the full manifestation of all His glory and all His power. Rom 8.

The glory of the Lord shall cover the whole earth.

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Isaiah 11:9, "<u>The earth will be</u> <u>full of the knowledge of the</u> <u>Lord as the waters cover the</u> <u>sea."</u> It is hard for the mind to comprehend that. The Father's glory has risen upon each and every one of you. The glory of God is the anointing and the power and the love of Christ.

God has been talking to me about his fullness. We have the fullness of God in us but it will not operate out of us until our minds change. Our thinking has to change. Our thinking has changed to some degree but we have a way to go.

The whole creation is in darkness and the only way they can be reached is by love. Love conquers evil; love conquers all. It never fails. The whole principle of the Kingdom of God is love. We know the principle of the Kingdom is giving. God so loved the world that he GAVE. That is totally contrary to the ways of the world. The world is different.

We are going to teach about the Law of Life in Christ which is Love as well as the law of self which is self preservation. It will help you to understand what happens to you and me in our walk with God. God has

called us to allow Him to love His creation through us. The whole purpose for our existence is for Him to be seen, not you. This is the reason you are here. God wants to express all that He is to mankind. We know that the Lord has expressed Himself in degrees by His anointing and power. There have been many healing ministries that have come and gone but we know that there is something on the horizon that is happening. Something that man has never seen. If you look at the scriptures you see that Jesus healed everyone that He came across. When the glory of the Lord and the fullness of God began to explode in the full manifestation of all that He is, we will see that happen again. You will see it take place just as it did when Jesus walked the earth. It will be in a many membered body; a corporate body. It will be a people who are willing to be what God wants them to be. Yes we are saviors and deliverers on Mt. Zion. Obadiah 1:21, "And saviours shall come up on Mount Zion to judge the Mount of Esau; and the Kingdom shall be the LORD'S." Yes we are on Mt. Zion which is the mind of Christ and are bringing salvation and deliverance and healing to mankind NOW. It is not something in the future. The good news is it will be whoever the Father wants to heal. Some people are going through trials because they need to be humbled in order to bring them to a place where they actually want to change; truly desire to change. Every individual will eventually have to change because God is going make everything to

beautiful. In order for anything to be beautiful it has to be like Him. If it is not like Him it is not beautiful. Ecc 3:11, <u>"He hath</u> <u>made every thing beautiful in his</u> <u>time: also he hath set the world</u> <u>in their heart, so that no man can</u> <u>find out the work that God</u> <u>maketh from the beginning to the</u> <u>end."</u>

We need to understand that you have the love in you but it is not always flowing out of you. I will show you when it isn't. When it is flowing you are not centered on self. I have to go back to the beginning to explain what I am saying here. The whole trick of the serpent is to get you to focus on <u>you</u>. If he can get you to focus on you, then you will lose sight of God's Word and God's purpose. So again the Law of Self is self preservation.

Here is Adam, he is Spirit and God called him they. They were one with the Father. God had created them and said – let us make man in our image. God had created them in His image and they were in the love of God in the Kingdom of God; walking in the cool of the garden day by day. They were walking in the presence of God, having the mind of Christ, and the word of God was overshadowing their minds and they were partaking of the Tree of Life.

God gave them one commandment. He didn't give them anything else but that commandment because it was the plan of God. It was in the plan of God for Adam to fall. Without the fall you and I would never have needed deliverance. We would never have learned anything about the nature and all

that He is. We would never have learned that He is a healer and a deliverer and all there is to know about Him. *Rom 8:20, <u>"For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope."*</u>

Referring back to the fall. Whatever you focus on becomes vour state of being. You need to write that down. So if your desires do not line up with God's Word, you will begin to pull away from the Word and that desire will feed the soul which is the flesh. The flesh cannot produce any life. I am going to compare Jesus, Adam and Eve. God gave them one commandment. He Said, "Feed on the tree of life," which is the Word and the Spirit. He said, "If you feed off of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall surely die." So we see that there are two mirrors there. It was okay for them to see the tree of knowledge of good and evil but they were not to eat off of it.

Your mind is being fed constantly. You are feeding it with all kinds of thoughts. The Father wanted the tree of life to overshadow their minds. He wanted the Word to overshadow their minds because that would bring them life. Life is love, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. That is what the Kingdom of God is.

God desired to have a relationship with Adam and Eve. He wanted the relationship to continue and go deep where it would be a love affair. He just wanted them to obey Him. They did want to obey God but the enemy set out to change their focus. The enemy wanted to distract them and get them to eat off of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. He knew he had to get them to focus on self in order to get them to change their focus.

Drawing the attention to Eve. He asked a question. That is what happens in your mind; there will be a question in your mind. God will give you a promise and instructions. He will give you a Word and it will be a true Word but then there will be a certain circumstance of situation that will make you begin to doubt and you forget God's promise.

I remember when God told me that He was going to heal me of cancer. I knew it was true when He spoke it to me. But then the next day I got even sicker. Then I started having the thought that I was getting worse. I said, "God what is going on?" He answered and said, "You have got to keep your mind on the Word that I have given you and believe it. Trust me to bring it to pass. You can not go by your five senses. That is what the serpent was doing to Eve. He was getting her into her five senses, and as he did, that desire changed. She began to desire the tree of knowledge of good and evil. She had no knowledge of good and evil before. Adam and Eve had been covered with the Glory of God. They were covered with the mind of Christ. The Word of God covered their minds before the fall.

The enemy is a thief and a liar. The trick of the enemy is to steal and he can do that by getting you to focus on self. Then

you get out of the realm of love. Adam and Eve were in the realm of love and of oneness with the Father. There was harmony between the two of them. Nothing was separating them. There was no death in that realm. None whatsoever. There was nothing but life and love and they were walking in that love, and life in God.

The serpent wanted to change their minds because he knew if they were to stay in this love, this great authority and anointing, they would rule the world with this love. Do you understand what I am saying? This is the love that God is bringing us into once again. Lord have Mercy!! It is the love of God that will rule the world. The opposite of the love of God is self. The only way that the serpent could get them to be distracted from the goal was to get them to focus on self. God told them to multiply and replenish the earth. They got off of that goal and focused on themselves.

Every time you are distracted and lose sight of the goal you lose sight of God's purpose for you. You lose sight of the purpose for which He called you. The serpent will try any distraction he can bring about, and whatever question that he can put in your mind to bring about doubt and unbelief.

What happened when Adam and Eve fell. Selfishness entered in the world. Do you not see that today? Everybody is about themselves. Everybody is trying to preserve self. In the fall they hid from God. They hid from His presence. The first thing they knew was that they

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had to cover themselves up. When people disobey God and disobey the Word of the Lord and thev don't have а close relationship with the Father, they have got to cover themselves up. They hide behind a mask. They are secretive about things that they are doing on the side. An individual who loves the Lord has nothing to hide. They are like an open book that the world can see. They are who they are. On the other hand there are those who are very secretive. They are covering themselves up and hiding themselves. Why? Because they came under law. They came out of the love of God and into the law of self. Down through time self has always tried to save itself. That is what holds back a lot of people from going deeper in God. They know that if they go deeper they have to lose self. Lord Have Mercy!!

The deeper you go the more you will lose your soul. But if you lose your soul you will gain. How many times do we worry and fret over various situations. If the enemy can get you to focus on your problem; you begin losing sight of God's purpose in your life. Many people think they can live in the Kingdom of God and still do whatever they please. God will let you get away with that for a while. Think about Samson. His soul pressed on him daily. The woman, Delilah pressed on him daily. God knew Samson's weakness. The woman vexed his soul even to death. Many times your soul has talked to you and has caused you to descend out of the Spirit and lose your peace and joy in Christ. It brings about

doubt and unbelief.

I meet so many Christians who say they are mad at God. They are angry with God because they need someone to blame. The blame actually started in the Garden of Eden. Blaming is still going on today. You may blame an individual who caused you to do something bad or negative but actually you had a choice. God gave us all a will and we make choices moment by moment and day by day.

Eve saw; she ate and he ate and they both came down into another realm. They had not conscious been of their nakedness. Thev were not focusing on that at all because they were living in the pureness of God and the love of God. All they could see was good. When they descended into a lower realm it was because they were eating and feeding off of the thoughts in their mind. They hid from God. God started talking to them again and He asked them a question. Who told you, you were naked? In other words, who have you been talking to? Who have you been listening to? Are we listening to what other people are saying? Are we really listening to what God is saying?

When the soul separates itself from the Word, that is when trouble sets in. This is when doubt and unbelief enter in. Notice you didn't see fear. You didn't see the word "I", and it is because self didn't exist. Self was swallowed up in the love of God. So when you walk one with God your will is swallowed up because there is only one will operating and that is the will of God. When you are one with

God and you walk in oneness with Him; it is not you and Him or me and God. It is just one will because of the oneness. You don't get there all at once. God has to put you through a process in a particular area in your soul to bring it into submission. The soul has to get to the point where it starts laying down with the Word and the Christ, because the soul separated itself from the Word that was given and the soul left that Word and began to listen to the thoughts that were coming from the serpent. Do you understand what I am saying? They lost their focus. They were not focusing on the Word God gave them and they began to focus on self. How many times have you had problems and have spent a lot of time and energy thinking about yourself and the problem? What a lot of time we waste in doing that. Did it produce life? It couldn't. All it produced was fear, unbelief and doubt. That happens when you really don't believe the Father. You lost sight of the Word.

Two things stand out to me. Who have you been listening to lately? Who has been talking to you? Who has been telling you not to come to these meetings? This fellowship does not have a choir. We don't have entertainment. Jesus and the disciples didn't have choirs. They were busy about the Father's business. That is what this ministry is about. It is about you losing sight of yourself. When you begin to be delivered you move on to getting quiet so God can use you. He has created you to make you fishers of men.

That is why we hold onto

the horns of the alter. You are preaching the salvation of Christ to mankind. God has many ways to reach people. If God wants to reach someone in an eating place or at the Mall, or if he wants me to knock on doors, I will do it. It is essential that we come to these meetings and lose sight of self. The more you forget about yourself and your problems as set there and you start worshipping Him; the deeper He will take you in the Spirit. You notice the power. Why? Because a love affair is going on. It works just like a generator. It generates energy, as the Word and the Spirit goes out to mankind.

There was a difference in the testing of Jesus and the testing of Adam and Eve. The serpent tried very hard to get Jesus to focus on Himself. The serpent said, "If thou be the son of God." A question given in order to cast doubt. Always a question. Why? He tries to change the focus. This is all about God's love. The gifts are great and I thank God for them. Even Paul said, "There is <u>something greater than the gifts</u> and that is love." I Cor. 13:13 That is what I want you to covet. That is what I want you to pursue. It is greater than the gifts. Prophecy will be done away with but the greatest gift is the love of God. God will bring his sons into this. You already have God's love in you; it is shed abroad in your heart. God is trying to get you to the place where you will walk in the realm of the Spirit and have a love affair with Him all the time. You are to be an example for men to follow. As you walk in His love, you will understand when people misuse you or persecute and reject you. You will understand when people hate you, and they will. When that happens what are you supposed to do? The Word says, love your enemies. Pray for your enemies; pray for those who misuse you. You do this because this is the realm of love and in that realm you cannot have anything against anyone. Mat 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.

The enemy wants you to focus on you and have a self-pity party and say look what they did to me. If you harbor hurts and resentment the situation gets worse and worse. Then the love of God can not flow out of you. I have watched over the years in the ministry that when God starts delivering people and He is bringing them more into the nature of God they always have thoughts that try to get them out of the flow. They get thoughts that try to get their mind off of what God is trying to do in their life. It can happen in a job or in the home or anywhere. An attempt is made to get their attention away from God's purpose and what they have been called to. When this happens it takes much longer to get where God wants them and it slows down the process. Lord have Mercy!! People have so much insecurity and so many fears and they try to work it out themselves without the leading of the Lord.

So, as we said, you cannot have anything against anyone. The Bible says that love pays no attention to wrong doing. THAT IS A BIGGIE!! If you pay attention to wrong done to you the enemy has got you and you are focusing on you. Do you see that? Are you starting to catch on? God wants this river of life to flow out of you constantly. You will have people that will do all sorts of things to you. Sometimes you do have to speak up and tell them in a loving way. But you can not let your hurt feelings stay in your spirit. You have got to let it go and release that person and forgive them and move on. If they don't get it, that is not your problem.

Love endures, love bares all, love is long suffering; love is not quitting and giving up. That is what we are called to saints. That is where it is at. It is what the world is waiting to see. That is the manifestation that the world is waiting for and groaning for. Cor 13:

Jesus quoted scripture. He said, "It is written." He wouldn't allow His mind to be separated from the Word. He said, "There was only one way to worship and that is to worship the Lord thy God only." He understood that if His mind was removed from the Word than those thoughts would come into His mind and He would start worshipping those thoughts. God has given you the power and authority to bring every thought into captivity that is against the Christ. Let us get down to the nitty gritty here. Let's go back to Samson.

God had dealt with the same area in Samson before. The scriptures say, Jdg 16:16 <u>And it</u> came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his soul was

vexed unto death;

The woman caused him to focus on himself and his desires. He then yielded to the woman. Immediately the Philistines took over. He said to himself "I will just shake myself off just like I have in the past." He had made mistakes before and he knew if he asked God to forgive him, God would forgive him and the anointing he had would just go on flowing. Judges 16:20, "And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him."

That can happen for a season but there came a time when God, in a moment, turned him over to what he wanted. When he began to pursue God guess what happened? God left him. He knew that if Sampson had to go it alone long enough and not hear the voice of God Sampson would be ready to let God deal with him. There was nothing flowing and no anointing and none of the love of God to deliver Israel from the Philistines (the Philistines are thoughts). He knew that the only way that he could get delivered this time was for him to be willing to deal with the source. I am ready to change. I don't want that in my life. I don't want that weak area anymore.

God lets you have those things in your life and he forgives over and over again but then He says, <u>"My mercy has been there</u> <u>long enough."</u> He says, <u>"If you</u> <u>don't want to change I will let</u> <u>you have what you are holding</u> onto. I will step back and wait patiently until you are tired of the hell and torment." You can not seem to get to sleep because of all those thoughts are going through your head. It is happening because that desire is so strong.

Now the Philistines are on your roof top. The Philistines are all those thoughts that are flooding your mind. It wasn't until Sampson sought the little young man and said, "Show me where the pillars are." Show me the strongholds that are in my soul. That stronghold that keeps creating thoughts in the mind and that keep causing me to disobey the Lord to where I keep going back to the imaginations and illusions that cause me to focus on myself. The serpent tried really hard to get Jesus to focus on Himself but Jesus would not do it. He did not give in because He knew who He was. You have got to get a hold of who you are.

Samson killed more Philistines in his death than he did when he was alive. He died completely to self. He died totally to self and went into another realm. He got to the root of it; he got to the source. He got to the stronghold that kept creating those thoughts in his mind. The serpent tried to reach Jesus in the area of pride. He tried to reach him through the things of the world by offering to give him everything of the world. Everything, the pride of life. 4:4, Jesus always Matthew answered, "IT IS WRITTEN, IT IS WRITTEN. Man shall not live by bread alone but by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of

<u>God."</u> You can't live by King James alone. You have to live by every Word that comes out of the Spirit, out of the mouth of God. The scripture goes on, Matt 4:5, "Then the devil taketh Him up to the Holy City and setteth Him on a pinnacle of the temple," Some people use the gifts of God for money, for attention, for recognition or reputation. Some claim to be ministers even though God did not anoint them. There are ministers elected by people and not by God.

We wonder why we keep on reproducing Adam rather than what is coming out of the Spirit of God. "*and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,*" and "He said, if thou be the son of God cast thyself down....." That kind of question is always there because he wants you to doubt that you are a son.

The serpent says, remember all the promises God has made to you and they haven't happened yet? That is a lie. So who are you listening to? We have got to listen to the Word and to the Spirit of God.

Back to *Matt.* 4:7, Jesus was kept from temptation by the Word. It goes on down to say, Jesus answered him, 4:7, <u>"Jesus</u> said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." That really jumped out at me. Jesus was one with God and He was saying "You are testing God" He knew who He was. Emanuel in the flesh. He knew He was God in the flesh. (<u>"Thou shalt not tempt</u> the Lord thy God.")

The whole purpose was to get Jesus to focus on Himself, to separate Himself from the Father,

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to see Himself separate from God. The purpose the enemy has for us is for you to see yourself separate from God. Fear causes you to feel that you are separate from God. Also unbelief causes you to distrust God. The serpent wants you to get your focus and desire to change. That is the world's strategy.

God's purpose for us is that His love will be manifested. That is what the New Testament is all about, the love of God. The scripture goes on to say, 10, "Then saith Jesus unto him, get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve."

We are not here to worship self. If you focus on self, guess who you are giving attention to. Of course, we need a balance. You focus on self in some ways like eating properly and striving to be healthy because this is the temple of God. He doesn't make you quit eating French fries or McDonald's hamburgers and all the sweets. You might get your body in such a condition that you will have to pay attention and quit those things. You are what you eat. Our eating habits effect the body. The toxins, preservatives and processed foods can all hurt the body. People can not understand why Americans are sick more often than those in other countries. Our fast foods have not helped us. You have to hear from the Lord yourself.

I want to bring your attention to Peter. Jesus is telling His disciples that He is going to the cross and that the priests and the people are going to persecute

and crucify Him. All of you are familiar with this scripture, *Matt.* 16:21. What really jumped out at me is what Jesus called Peter. From that time forth Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders and the high priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day - I am going to stop right there. Jesus knew what he was going to go through. He had already been to the Garden of Gethsemane. He knew what He was getting ready to go through. He was telling the disciples what he was going to have to suffer. The life of Joseph is very similar to Jesus' life. Joseph said, "Put my cup, the silver cup, in the bag for the youngest one." Out of all the brothers of Israel only one could get that cup.

A true son will be willing to partake of that cup. The only way God's love can come out of you is through pressure. I know you don't want to hear that. We know that if you want wine, the new wine from grapes; the grapes have to be pressed. If you want to get all of the flaws out of a diamond, it has to withstand pressure. Then the diamond is pure, clear and radiant. Then the diamond can shine. The only way you can come into this more beautiful and greater love, than you are manifesting now, is from pressure. You have to withstand pressure.

Everyone's pressure is different. There is only one cup and Joseph handed it to Benjamin. There is a first fruit company that is willing to go through pressure first; before the rest of creation. Lord, have mercy! They are willing to go through the tribulation before the rest of creation. The word says, "If you suffer with me you will reign with me." Out of that suffering you are brought to a place where you will surely reign with Him. That reigning with is through all Him the millenniums and ages and beyond time; through eternity, forever. That position which the Father has given you, to reign with Him, is not temporary.

Out of all your brothers and sisters or any other family member God chose YOU. He chose you to be a son, to become kings and priests and rule and reign in the Kingdom of God forever. But He did say the only way you can reign with me is by suffering with me.

Joseph only gave the cup to Benjamin. It did not go to anyone else. As you are willing to take the cup of suffering you begin to turn away from focusing on self and away from self preservation. You begin to walk in a love affair with Him. If you walk in obedience to Him you will suffer with Him. Jesus went to the cross and suffered on the cross for every human being and paid the debt for every human being. It was for every individual that ever existed, past, present and future. The suffering you experience is because you are different. You are not of the systems of this world. You are not of the traditions and doctrines of man. You are not into those beliefs.

Every suffering that God puts you through is for creation. It is for the ministry of Christ; for those He wants to reach. You

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had to walk through it. You had to experience it. You had to identify with it. You could identify with all those that God sent your way. When He brought you out of it; you had hope. You could stand in the gap and have hope for them if they couldn't believe for themselves. You have the faith because of all that you walked out in Christ. He helped you through it and He sustained you. You were not sustained by your own strength. You were sustained by the Christ that is in you. You were sustained by mercy and grace and the love affair that you have with Him. Even though you did not understand why you were going through these things. All along he loved you and you know that only good could come You knew there was a of it. course that you had to walk

When Jesus hung on the cross He said, "Father not My will but THY will be done." He said He was willing to die because he had the understanding that it would multiply from generation to generation. Basically He saw himself not in one body but in many bodies all over the world. He saw Himself as a postman or a doctor or a nurse etc. He saw Himself, but knew it wasn't just He saw God with Himself. whom He is in oneness. Why should I save self?

Matt. 16:22, "<u>Then Peter</u> <u>took Him, and began to rebuke</u> <u>Him, saying, Be it far from thee,</u> <u>Lord: this shall not be unto</u> <u>Thee.</u>" 23, <u>"But He turned, and</u> <u>said unto Peter, Get thee behind</u> <u>Me, Satan: thou art an offence</u> <u>unto Me: for thou savourest not</u>

the things that be of God, but those that be of men." You are minding what partakes, not of the nature and quality of God, but of men. The law of self is to save self. So many people, whom God wants to use, will run from their situations and tribulation and they never come forth in what God has planned in their lives. They want it the easy way. They want to stay in the comfort zone. They want to be comfortable and they want to play. They let the soul entertain them. It is all about saving self. People will not speak the truth because they want to serve self. They do not want to be hurt or rejected because of speaking the truth in They just don't say love. anything. I believe I mentioned this before. Someone mentioned the following to me and I know it to be true. "Through the suffering that He experienced on the cross, every drop of blood that spilled out of His veins was the blood of God covering the whole earth." Every man will eventually be covered and they already are covered in God's mind. That is why He said, "It is finished!" They are already covered with the blood because of what He did on the cross. Every bit of suffering that you go through is a deposit of your blood. Do you understand what I am saying? It is your blood being deposited in mankind. Lord Have Mercy!!

Every persecution that you have overcome and have forgiven, you have deposited into the cup of suffering out to mankind and into the ministry that God is developing in you and me. Can you hear what I am saying? If we get this message today we will be right where God wants us. He is giving us every little nugget that there is to get us into the next realm. I realize that He has a timing for everything but I think His timing is close.

I know for a fact that the darker the world gets the more power comes forth in God. The greater the need is; the greater the power. It is always that way. That is how God works. I want you to see what Jesus said to Peter. *Matt.* 16-23, He did not call him Peter because Iesus recognized the voice. The voice within the voice. He knew it was the serpent. He said, "Get thee behind Me Satan." Sometimes you need to tell your soul to shut up; get behind. I am not going to listen to you. Ask the Lord to cover your mind with His Word. It was the Word that sustained Jesus. The scripture says, "Lean not to your own understanding." Every time you do, then you lose your proper focus.

In the Amplified Bible. Prove. 3:5, "Lean on, trust in and be confident in the Lord with all your heart and mind and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. 6, In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct and make straight and plain your path."

Eve would never have fallen if she had acknowledged God and His Word. Look at what Jesus did. He acknowledged God and the Word. These two things kept Him from falling into temptation and failing the test. So any temptation that comes your way or any testing, to keep from falling just acknowledges God, and His Word. Stop and do not lose your focus. Say to yourself, "Wait a minute, how am I thinking here in this situation?" Lord cover my thoughts I am going to spend time with you because I want these thoughts to be brought into captivity. I am not going to think that way and I am not going to get into my emotions and feelings. If we do get in our feelings we will make mistakes.

One time I needed a car and God was sending me to all of I found a blue these places. convertible and I thought it was nice looking. I drove it and it just glided. I said, "Lord is this it, is it this one?" The Lord said, "You are listening to your soul; your five senses." I said, "Lord, I just looked at it, I haven't bought it. I am asking you if this is the one." He said, "NO, I want to be in everything that you do. I want to be in all the decisions that you make. When I am not in all the decisions that you make, you have just left me out. When you do not acknowledge Me you are acknowledging self. You lost your focus again when you didn't seek me and My direction." If you don't acknowledge Him you are leaving Him out. So how can He move on your behalf?

That is why in this oneness, you in Him and He in you, He is the one making the decisions through you. He puts His desires and thoughts in you. No wonder He said, He would give you the desires of your heart because the more you become one with Him it becomes HIS DESIRES.

Jesus said, <u>"Get thee</u> <u>behind Me Satan; Thou art an</u> <u>offense unto me.</u>" So every time you try to preserve self and save self, you have just offended the Christ and the Kingdom of God and the purpose of God. He said, <u>"You are an offense to Me get</u> <u>thee behind Me, Satan thou art</u> <u>offense unto me for thou savoreth</u> <u>not the things that are of God but</u> <u>of those things that are of men.</u>" Your mind set is in the worldly way of self preservation.

In *Matt. 6:4-6, it* talks about praying and about giving. You can think about what your motives are. Some do all kinds of things because they have a motive behind the act. The world gives, because it wants something back. Some today, marry because they are looking for something from the other person. But God's love is unconditional.

Jesus was talking about those who were giving and announcing what they were giving. They were drawing attention to themselves. God said, "They will get no reward from Me." The only reward they are going to get is from man. The scripture goes on about praying. They were out in the street and praying for everybody. They were as much as saying - SEE ME, LOOK AT ME, and look at what I am doing.

Basically when we come to God we are insecure. We want attention and we want recognition. Oh Lord, have Mercy!! God said, "Their reward was with man". Self centeredness is with most of us. Saints this is not about your family - "me and my family and that's it." If you think that, then you are in the wrong place. This is your family right here. This is vou spiritual family. Yes, you have your natural family, you

might say, Sister Joyce just goes home, she doesn't care about me. You have no idea what I have to do when I leave here. God has to wean some from me because I need to spend more time with the newer ones. Every time a newcomer arrives God pours out His love and attention in the beginning and then after a while, He pulls back. I don't want anyone to rely on me. I am here to point you to God. Actually I call many of you, in the Spirit. I am visiting you in the Spirit. Many times in my bed with the Lord. Yes we do have a real concern for the young ones. We are not here to go it alone; we are a team. You need to intercede for the new ones. God deposits them and gives them a chance. "Many are called but few are chosen." I have watched this over the years that those who are afraid to go deeper are those who want to save self. They have a fear of losing self when they have everything to gain.

This past week the Lord has been dealing with me. Checking me when I am dwelling on a situation. He has been telling me that it is old habits that you give to God but the habit really hasn't gone away. God does not want you to keep focusing on it. He does not want you to keep praying about it either. If you keep doing that, you forget your goal and your purpose. There has got to be a knowing within. <u>"Seek ye first</u> the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all things shall be added unto you." His appointed time is everything that He wants to manifest in His time. Every situation is working His

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nature in you and me.

This is what it is all about. He is working more patience and long suffering in order to bring about what He wants. It is all working together for good even if we don't always understand. We give a problem to God but then two or three days later, we take it back. We must learn how to leave it right there with God.

We hope that this has brought another awakening in your mind. All for His purpose. We know that the next realm is nothing but total love. Unconditional love will flow out continuously. So if you are persecuted this week, let it go Forgive quickly and quickly. move on. Love does not hold on to what anyone has done to you. How many people today keep an account of what others have done to them?

Thank God for His forgiveness and that He remembers no more, with His unconditional love.