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Dear Friend,

In the beginning, when our Father God created the first man Adam, He did so not because He wanted to start a religion, but because He wanted a family. He wanted fellowship. That is why in Luke's account of the genealogy of Jesus, Adam is called **the son of God** (Luke 3:38), for he was made **in the image of God** (Genesis 1:27).

When Adam disobeyed God, sin entered into the world and brought death to the spirit of man. Yet, through God's love, Jesus was sent to redeem us.

The redemption plan for mankind meant that we had to be born again—born spiritually in the image of God—exchanging our corrupted spirit for one alive with the life and nature of God.

In John 3:1-8, Jesus explained this redemption process to Nicodemus, a process that would once again allow mankind to become the sons and daughters of God:

There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Speaking to Nicodemus, Jesus said, "What's born of flesh is flesh, and what's born of Spirit is spirit. You must be born again." A better interpretation of this last phrase is "born from above."

Our first birth happened when our spirit came into existence from our natural parents—through "flesh producing flesh." At that moment, we inherited a sin nature—spiritual death—that was passed down to us from the lineage of the first man Adam. But when we accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior, our sin nature was put to death with Christ, and we were born again—born from above. We were risen to newness of life with Jesus and received a nature like His.

The life that Jesus was born with is the same life we were born again with, but our spirit is as unique to each one of us as is our natural body and personality. And now that we have been born from above in the Image of God, we can fellowship with Him Spirit to spirit.

As believers, we are part of a corporate body, but we are not some mass of people whom God does not know individually. We are the Body of Christ, individuals with individual hearts whom God longs for in fellowship. He longs to fellowship with us, each one of us personally.

In God's family, each one of His children is different. And as a loving Parent, He desires to spend individual time with each child. Why? Because fellowship with each child is unique, for each of us is different in who we are and in whom God has called us to be in His Kingdom just as His parenting toward us is unique. And He is so pleased every time His children respond to His desire for fellowship and intimacy with Him.

Our Father has millions of children on the earth, but we can all rest assured that He longs to spend one-on-one time with each one of us because He has always had family in the forefront of His mind.

When mankind became separated from God through Adam's sin, just as quickly as He could, our Father sent Jesus to bring us back to Himself. The moment we surrendered our life to Jesus, we became a child of God able to develop a relationship with our Heavenly Father—personally. A lifestyle of fellowship with God became available to us: a life of learning of Him, walking with Him as our Father, learning to obey Him, maturing in Him, and demonstrating His life within us to a world that is lost and hurting. God sought us out for this kind of fellowship, and we're giving it to Him every time we draw near to Him as our Father. There is nothing God desires more than our personal fellowship with Him as our Father.

This month the present-day speaking focuses on the Lord's pleasure in us and in our coming to Him, yielding our time for fellowship with Him. In doing so, whether in private worship, in His Word, in talking to Him as child to Father, or praying in the Spirit, we are allowing Him to reveal in us deeper understandings of life in His Kingdom, including who He is and who we are in Him.

May these words not only encourage and strengthen you in your individual fellowship with your Father but also help you understand more how He sees you as His precious child, the great love He has for you, and the pleasure He has in you. We again encourage you to use the letter this month to fellowship with your Father concerning what He is saying to you in these words. God bless you!

Your friends and co-laborers,

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Present-Day Speaking 'I Am Pleased'

Know My Pleasure

My desires for you are strong, and My hope in you is unwavering. I eagerly look forward to the time you devote to just you and Me, for our life is a fellowship, and in this fellowship, there is much for you to receive. Come, be refreshed and receive from the fountain of who I am. Know My pleasure and know My love and come and see more clearly who you are in Me and who I am. I am Love and I am your Victory—come and receive from Me.

1 John 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

Rewards of Obedience

It is rewards of obedience I am leading each one into, and this one-way path includes a fight against thoughts and feelings that oppose My desire for the moment, the hour, or the day. The rewards of obedience are knowing My pleasure. The rewards of obedience are the steps being gained in true life in Me, and the rewards of obedience are Heavenly rewards, far beyond temporary earthly pleasures, that allow My hand to move in the earth.

John 15:7,8 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

I Bring You From Glory to Glory

As I bring you from glory to glory, you will understand new things. You will understand more about victory. You will understand more about peace. You will understand more about the strength that comes from Me. Let Me do My work in you by My Spirit that I may bring you from glory to glory, for nothing is more pleasing to Me, says the Lord, than for your fellowship to become richer and richer day by day.

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Through Obedience, We Will Do Great Things

I can take one who is yielded and willing, and through obedience, we will do great things. I know that you see your failings, but in My choosing you, I did not consider these things. I looked at your desires and your yieldedness; and you must know, I am pleased. Your obedience is being fashioned in the secret place with Me as I bring you deeper into truth and freedom. First in My mind is your calling, and that calling is fellowship with Me.

Isaiah 1:19 If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land;

Learn of Me

Taste of My peace and know that I am Good. The only yoke I ask you to wear is to learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly, and I am the Rest you are looking for, for your souls.

Matthew 11:28-30 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

My Joy Is Your Life in Me

Oh, the joy in this Father's heart to be able to help My family gather their inheritance in Me and to walk in it. That is a joy to My heart; that is joy. My joy is your life in Me. My joy is your fellowship with Me. I know the journey is often difficult and not always easy. Know that your fellowship with Me in the journey is joyful to Me, and I know that to you it is fulfilling. How pleasing to Me, how pleasing.

John 12:26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

To Obey Me Is Your Inheritance

To know Me, to hear Me, and to obey Me is your inheritance. Your inheritance is the life of Christ in you. Your inheritance is the fullness of fellowship with My Spirit who brings to you the mind of Christ. It has been granted to you to know My will, walk in My will, and bring about My will in the earth through fellowship with My Spirit. Only through knowing Me, only through knowing My Spirit will you walk in the fullness of your inheritance.

Ephesians 3:16-19 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Don't Stop Moving Forward in Me

It is the good path you choose, and those who do not choose as you do will not have the depths in Me that are calling to the depths in you. Only by choosing this narrowing path you are walking into will you see My fullness in you. I love you. I so want you here—in My fullness. Don't stop moving forward in Me. You will make it. This feast of My love I have for you on the way is a many-coursed meal, so dine and dine and dine and feast on My love for you.

Psalms 16:11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Continue to Give Yourself to Me

Above all things, I would that you prosper and you be in health even as your soul continues to prosper. And as you continue to give yourself to Me, I go from glory to glory, and upon your foundation, I do fitly join together all things that would make up what I have called you to do for Me and where you are walking.

3 John 1:2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

Walking Where You Have Not Walked Before

When you do those things that promote My grace, you are promoting Me. Many of you will come within range of something I have for you, and your hunger will intensify, and your reach will intensify. And it is because of these things, because of your hunger and because of your thirsting, because of your reaching that I am able to employ My grace in its highest form, and that is the form that it takes—unearnable, unmeritable—but in a free flow. And the highest kind of grace that I love to give is when you are reaching for Me, you are reaching for a fellowship and a place in My Spirit that you will walk with Me where you have not walked before.

Psalm 37:4,5 Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

Yielding Brings You Past Obstacles of the Flesh

Grace is My strength working in you, and motivation is My expertise. In your growth and training, yielding has been what I have needed from you to bring you past obstacles of the flesh. My Spirit has been faithfully walking you past hard places and bringing you higher and higher in Me, and your endurance has allowed these things. You are a people in whom I am pleased.

James 4:6,7 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God.

I Am Always There With What You Need

Every time you yield to Me, I am there to give you what you need to prepare you and strengthen and enable you to keep moving forward into that which you know will be manifested through our fellowship. I am always there with what you need for the moment, for the hour, and I delight when you trust Me that I know best what you need. That is one of the things your yielding speaks to Me.

Hebrews 4:15,16 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

When You Respond to Grace That Draws You

I am the Beginning and End of all that pertains to you, and it is well pleasing to Me when you respond to the grace that draws you. My grace is as My wealth and riches to you, for it is the Strength that sustains you and the Strength that moves you forward into all that has been given to you in Me.

Isaiah 40:31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Your Attentiveness and Endurance Are Pleasing to Me

Understand My great joy to work by My Spirit in your lives. Never take lightly how I cherish the fellowship and the opportunity to work individually in you by My Spirit and to train you very personally. Your attentiveness and endurance are pleasing to Me.

John 16:13-15 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

He Is Pleased

Even if there are areas of your life right at this moment where you are not in complete obedience and you know it, but you are still doing those things, maybe not perfectly, maybe haltingly, stumblingly, hesitantly—but something in you just won't give up, and you drag yourself back to prayer at least for a while, obey Him on this thing, obey Him on that thing—you will not quit, and He wants you to know: He is pleased.

James 1:4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

I Truly Am Your Everything

You are so loved, you are so strong, and you are on your way into things in Me you cannot fathom and cannot quite see. Take that which you have learned and continue to do those things that are of My Spirit and which produce a stronger walk in Me. Together we will do it. Together we will see. Together we will walk into much, much more of your reality—in Me, you live and move and have your being. I truly am your Everything.

Psalms 62:5 My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him.