

'To Wait Upon the Lord'

JOHN 5:19,20

John 5:19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

John 5:20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

John 5:19-20 So Jesus answered them by saying, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, the Son is able to do nothing of Himself (of His own accord); but He is able to do only what He sees the Father doing, for whatever the Father does is what the Son does in the same way [in His turn]. The Father dearly loves the Son and discloses to (shows) Him everything that He Himself does. And He will disclose to Him (let Him see) greater things yet than these, so that you may marvel and be full of wonder and astonishment.

To wait upon the Lord is to sit in My presence and hear the mind of the Lord until you have received His counsel **in completeness**.

At that point you yield your will unto His mind.

You go where I say go.

You say what I tell you to say.

You do what I say do.

You act as I say act.

My Reward System

Do you think that I have a reward system that pertains to your mind and the way that you think, says the Lord?

My reward system is not the way that you think. Hear what the Spirit would say, for a man can walk a short time with Me and have a great reward. And another man can walk a long time with Me and have little reward. It is not how long you serve Me.

It's what you are faithful with, and My reward is based on the less that the person sees and the more faithful they are to Me, the more faithful they are in the time of trouble, in the time of war and the more they accomplish in My Spirit and the more that they serve Me when others fall away.

Hear what the Spirit would say. It is with these attributes that I carry My revivals and My glory. At times there are only a few hanging on. Oh, the reward they will have for not turning loose when all others turn loose. Great will be their reward. But tend your own backyard, says the Lord.

Be faithful. Pull your own weeds and I will bless you. I will bless you, says the Lord. You will see, for I have great things prepared for you.

Once the Flames of Revival Are Ignited

I want you to envision the igniting of a fire. Consider how a small spark can ignite and become a raging fire, and how it begins with such a small incident. But, I want to elaborate more on once the fire is started. Don't forget, in its infancy stages—before the fire erupts and it is only small embers that you are dealing with—I am the One who comes and blows on those embers until a flame ignites. I am that wind. I do what you cannot do. You offer yourself up to Me—that is what you do. I go beyond that. The wind of My Holy Spirit blows on your offering; I blow on it until it ignites.

I want to warn you and the Church: Even once the fire erupts, the most vulnerable time for any fire is in its beginning stages. That is when it is the most vulnerable to being extinguished. That is what I want to warn you of.

Even once the fire of revival is ignited here and the flames grow, be on guard because your enemy will do everything possible, especially at the infancy stage, to try and extinguish the revival fire. Because he knows the longer it burns, the more that it will spread and the harder it will be to extinguish. So, know this: Your battle has not ended once the revival has ignited here; it has just begun because you will have to guard against all the deception that the enemy will throw at you in his effort to extinguish the flames, and in his effort to sidetrack the revival and turn it in such a way that it brings a reproach against My Name. The enemy knows the longer the flame burns, the larger it becomes, and the more dangerous it is for spreading.

Also, do not forget that you continue to need to supply fuel for any good fire to continue. There will never be a time in this revival that you can ignore your personal time with Me. That is the fastest way for your part of the revival to be over, because when you do not spend your time with Me, you are more vulnerable for being led away into traps constructed by the enemy to derail you. You have to make sure you are spending your time with Me to avoid those traps.

I will have My revival, and I want you to be a part of it. Beware of this deception of only being warmed by the fire, instead of being immersed in the flames. I did not call you here for you to be warmed by this [fire]. I called you here to be a part of it, to be immersed in it. My plans for you involve transporting this [revival] to other locations, destinations. [My plans for you] are to be that spark that I can blow to other areas where My children are so desirous for revival. I want to use you to carry this flame when it is ignited to ignite others. This goes for many who are a part of this Body.

There are red-hot embers here, now. If you want to know where this Body is in relationship to revival, envision a bed of red-hot embers. Gradually, I am blowing on those embers, knowing that, soon, flames will ignite. How close is this? It is very close.

So it is time now to begin to prepare for when the flames ignite. Brace yourself for the onslaught that is to follow. For many, it will truly be a fight for survival. As long as you are prepared for it in advance, you will be fine. Do not wait until the fire erupts, because then it will be too late and you will be fodder for the enemy, and he will do everything to try and turn you out of the way and bring a reproach against My Name.

Is it close? Yes, it is close. Even now the wind is blowing. Even now the smoke is rising. Even now the embers are glowing red hot, and in a moment, seemingly from out of nowhere, flames will begin to dance on the coals. That is how close you are.

So do not lose sight of the objective. Do not lose sight. Press in now harder than you ever have, because what you have hungered for, what you desired for all of these years, I have desired for so much longer than you. I have waited for someone with whom I could pour Myself out upon and it would not destroy him. Finally, finally, we are this close. Press in. Do not hold back. Give Me everything that I need to bring this to pass.

Through Our Fellowship All Things Are Done

The majority of My family still wonders how I can use them and how I will be able to use them as I pour out My love, My grace and My power on this earth. Though you are in this world, you are citizens of My Kingdom and members of My glory. There is nothing that is done in My Kingdom that is by your power or ability, for it is not by your might or power but by My Spirit. It is a Kingdom of one. We are one in My Spirit and all that is done is done by My Spirit through you.

In the world it is taught that ability is the gateway to all that is done. I have been retraining My family and teaching the ways of My Kingdom—the ways of My family. In this world, much is made of your ability, but in My Kingdom, I am your ability. We are a family, and it is **IN ME** that you live and move and have your being. Your life is **IN ME** and we are not separate entities; we are one by My Spirit in you. We are united by your life in Me that is the life in you. You were born into My image. The most important factor is our relationship, not your ability. The more you grow in your knowledge of Me and your trust in Me, the more you will allow Me to use you by My Spirit.

Many would say, “Oh, but My Lord, You may use me as You wish, by Your Spirit. That is my one desire.” Yes, that is your one desire, but the things of your soul that get in the way of My desires in you must be removed as you are retrained by My truth. The least bit of your soul that wants to have its way over your spirit can keep My Spirit at bay and can keep Me from having My way. Trusting Me, so that you allow Me to move through you, comes by our fellowship. It is also through this fellowship that you agree to My Spirit removing those things of the soul that rule in you. Our Kingdom excels through trust, and this trust comes as you know Me and spend time with Me, by My Spirit.

Take the life of My Son as your example. He knew Me, He loved Me, He fellowshiped with Me, and He totally trusted Me. He did nothing without Me, and He did everything for Me. His life was totally given over to Me. There was not one part of His life or one moment of His life that was not lived for Me and in Me as He walked on this earth. He was devoted to Me—this was the fruit of His fellowship with Me.

Each moment of fellowship with Me, you grow closer to Me and grow in your devotion to Me as you live more by My life within you. Your life in Me is in our fellowship together. Our life is a fellowship and only a fellowship, for it is in your union with Me that I do all things.

Seek Me: I Am About to Deliver Many Things

Do not be surprised when I start tapping you on the shoulder to come and spend time with Me. My purpose is to fortify you for the days ahead, for if they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you.

In My Presence is fullness of joy, and it will be to My Presence that I call you, for it is in this place that great exchanges take place of My strength for your weaknesses.

You are the people who have heeded the call of My Spirit to “Come—come into who you are in Me.” Come and know Me and know My love for you. Come and know who you are in Me. The call is going out from My Spirit to walk into a place in Me, and this is a place of great joy and great peace and the fulfilling of many, many things.

You are entering into more love, more grace and more strength in Me, and the enemy will try to hold you back from entering into more in Me, but your only focus is to be Me, and the only thing your eyes are to see is the truth that comes forth from Me. My Word and My grace will bring you through into the place I am bringing you into of fulfilling many things.

There is a joy and a peace awaiting you, as well as great strength in all things, as you respond to My tapping on the shoulder to “Come, and spend time with Me.” Seek Me, for I am about to deliver to you many things.

Your Fellowship Is Everything to Me

Have I not said, “Is anything too hard for Me?” [Jeremiah 32:27] I am the God of the impossible, and even in all of this, know this, says the Lord: When I begin to do notable miracles for you, always remember it is your change, as you grow closer to Me, that I rejoice in. For the miracles are nothing to Me, but your fellowship is everything.

The Way of a Wise Man

To enter into My rest and My peace is the way of a wise man for he that seeks peace is he that can walk in My standing. For many weapons have I but some of the greatest are those weapons that cause you to stand fast in what I have already finished and already done and not be moved to the left or the right, but single minded with purpose stand in My Presence and magnify and glorify [Me].

Begin to Turn Yourself Over to Me

When I begin to order your path, when I work your future, then I also can pull you into it. For when things in your past keep you from fulfilling your future, know you not that I am the Lord your God who pulls down all strongholds? And even in that which seems to be stronger than you are and beyond you, all I need is for you to yield yourself to My grace and to what I have provided for you since the foundations of the world. And when I destroy the strongholds of your past and I work your future, then I also can pull you into it, and there is nothing impossible nor anything strong enough to stop you.

How is it that you do those things that avail not yourself to Me? How is it that you go down those trails that count for nothing? Pull yourself aside, step out of the cares of this life, not the responsibility—the cares—and begin to turn yourself over to Me, for I am He who has said that all things are possible to him that believes.

The Kind of Care That Releases Me—True Responsibility

When peace first started coming, I thought that it was indifference. And the Lord said, It would be if you were not on your face. When you are on your face, seeking Him with all your heart, when peace comes, it can be so strong, you think it is indifference.

One time He told me, He said, You cannot take My kind of care over something. If you take your kind of—He said that you try to take responsibility over things that can be out of your control.

But you cannot take true responsibility if you take the kind of care that takes it out of My hands. Only—only when you understand the kind of care that releases Me to lavish My care on you, can you truly take the real responsibility for both natural and spiritual things.

Here Is My Heart—I’m Just Glad You’re Here

Here is My heart, and this same heart is a part of you. Remember when I said the fast would go faster and the slow would go slower? And this has been so. And remember also when it

was said to leave those who are slowing down in My hands? Many have done just that and I am pleased. I know for some this has not been easy. Now, one more thing—guard the heart.

Guard your heart, for out of it flows the things of My life, and My life is love. Be careful that no scorn or disdain is allowed in for the slow going slower, for you know not the desires in those hearts that struggle with the stronger pull of the flesh that they have not yet gotten in check. The enemy would like to come in with a disdain and with scornful attitudes, and these are not found in My life within you. Guard yourself from these things, and let My compassion and wisdom rule.

Many who have left the fast track will return, and I ask that you keep a place in your heart for them as I do. Let your heart say the same thing that I do—“I’m just glad you’re here.” The doors of My heart are always open, and I expect the same of you.

Many in My Body go slow and think they go fast, but their hand is holding onto Me and never letting go. Hold onto them on My behalf and strengthen them through your prayers. I look for avenues to come in through each of you. Your authority is needed.

Don’t disdain the slow, instead let your hearts begin to see them through My eyes—the eyes of a Father looking for the return of those who have strayed, and ready at every moment to encourage those who have slowed their pace. I look; I wait; I love—ever ready to say, “I’m just glad you are here.”

A Time of Narrowing Your Focus on Me

It is the hour of the relentless pursuit of your place in the family of God rather than the family of man. It is the hour to allow Me to Father you as much as I can. Neither husband nor wife nor mother nor father nor brother nor sister nor child—no sons, no daughters, nothing on earth that is—is to be in the way of Me Fathering you as much as I can.

Yes, you do have responsibilities in this life. Yes, you do have family in this life. Yes, you do have accountability in this life, but most of the time there are things involved in each of these relationships, in each of these responsibilities that are not a part of your walk with Me. It is a season of allowing My Spirit to help you to distinguish between that which is of the spirit and that which is of the soul, that which is of your life with Me and that which is of your life in the soul of man.

That which you are involved with in your life with man is to be walked in through the companionship and the partnership of My Spirit. If it is a work of the soul, if it is a work of the emotions and the nature of the old man, it has no part in the walk of My Spirit, and those things must be turned away from. Most of the time, those things are false responsibility. Everything that you do in this earth is to be a partnership with Me through My Holy Spirit’s walk with you and in you. Everything that you do is to be accompanied by My Spirit’s power, for it is not by might, it is not by power; it is by My Spirit. So those things in your life that have nothing to do with your walk with Me are those things that must be set aside.

Everything that you do in your job, in your business, in your relationships, in your marriage, with your family and with your friends is to be a walk with My Spirit and not a walk of your soul. Everything is to be in partnership with My Spirit. Now is the time that I am preparing My people to walk this way in preparation for the things that lie ahead. It is a crucial hour of distinguishing between the soul of man and the spirit of man and putting aside those things that are not of My Spirit and that are of the old nature, for it is the Spirit of God by which you will walk and not the old man. You are no longer that old man; you are that new man in Christ, and this is the walk that we are refining in this hour. This is the walk that is being fine-tuned and honed by My Spirit, for these things must be perfected in this hour for you to walk in the manner in which I desire for you to walk in the things that lie ahead of you.

The way in which you walk by My Spirit has progressed into this place in Me that it is now the time for My sons to begin to fine-tune the walk of the Spirit and to begin to put aside those things that are the responsibilities of the soul and not the responsibilities of the spirit. It is the time to fine-tune and distinguish between soul and spirit. The things which you have been taught by My Spirit that bring the new man forward are the things that you are to give the most time to as you can.

You are to walk with My Spirit and to discern between those things that are necessary in your walk with Me and those things that are to be put aside. It is a time of narrowing. It is a time of walking into that narrow path where the path is becoming narrower and narrower. These things have been spoken before and these are the things that you are walking in now.

Now is not the time to get off track. Now is not the time to turn back. Now is the time to push forward into that which lies before you in your walk with Me. All of these things pertain to Me Fathering you, and all of these things pertain to you walking after the Spirit. This is the walk of the Spirit that you are pursuing, and this is companionship and fellowship with My Spirit. Everything that you do is to be done with My Spirit, who is forever with you. If there is no walk with Him, then these are the things that are to be set aside, or these are the things He is wanting to partner with you in that you have not yet allowed Him into.

As you can see, it is a time of a narrowing of your focus on Me. As you can see, it is a time of you moving closer and closer to Me—walking closer and closer in fellowship with Me so the things of this world become more distant to you and the things of the Spirit become your way of life. It is a time of distinguishing these things. There will be fasting. There will be much prayer. There will be much worship. There will be much time, as is possible, to be set aside to give to Me, because the more that you give of yourself to the life of the Spirit, the more that you allow Me to Father you. I am the Father of spirits and My walk with you is as a Father to you. That is who I am. And the walk that we have and the development of it, which we are walking into, is crucial for the things which we will walk in together in the days ahead of you. So hear the voice of My Spirit as I call you into a place in Me of closer and closer fellowship, a closer and closer walk with Me, a narrower pursuit and a narrower focus on who you really are in Me and who I am to you. It is a time of narrowing in your focus on Me.

Heed these things. Heed these things of My Spirit, and with Me, you will walk free. We will walk, you and I, into the things I have prepared before you.

The Enemy's Plan to Divide

Don't think it strange the trials that may come to test you, for the enemy comes to try the very ground you walk on, that narrow path in Me. It is a narrow path that you walk on and the path is becoming straighter into Me.

The enemy will try to come and test the foundation that you walk on of My image, which has been built in you of My love and strength. His purpose is to set in the midst of you those who would come to divide. Don't let that deter you; instead, hold fast to your walk in Me. Hold fast to your purpose in Me. Walk in wisdom. Walk in love. Walk in grace—speaking the truth in love at all times and holding fast in your purpose in Me of My nature being brought forth to such a degree that I can bring revival to this city and spread it well beyond this city.

Hold fast to your purpose in Me and do not be moved by your adversary, for he is already defeated in Me. Use your authority; stand fast on your foundation of love in Me and you will see increase and more of Me.

The enemy's forces have already struck and he has tried to bring division, but he has an assignment he is preparing and his intent is to bring in those he can use to divide. Some will come whose purpose is to divide. Others will come whose ways divide. Their motives are for themselves and not for others. Their motives are to have the upper hand, not to humble

themselves under My mighty hand. It is not that they don't belong to Me—they do. They would tell you of their great love for Me, but they have allowed themselves to become deceived and their hearts are not solely fixed on Me.

It is important that you stay on the narrow path that you are on and on the foundation of My love, keeping your faces set like a flint on Me. I have a purpose, and that is to bring revival to this city. Look not to the right or to the left, but keep your eyes fixed on Me. The enemy's plan to divide through those who come in will not prosper as you keep your eyes on Me.

Your authority is to be used in these things and you are to keep your eyes fastened on Me, hearing the voice of My Spirit and following My lead. I will walk you through in victory and the enemy will see His defeat.

It is My intention to recoup lives and to turn their hearts back to Me as you walk in love and speak the truth in Me. Let your focus be pressing into more of Me and following the lead of My Spirit as I lead you through these things, and the enemy will not have the upper hand. He will see great defeat.

Putting Away Childish Things

I have said that the fast will go faster and the slow will go slower. I have said that the path is getting narrower and a narrow path is My delight for all, but a narrow path does not have as much "wobble room" as does the wide path.

The narrowing path requires the leaving behind of those things that are not found on the trees in My vineyard which will be heavy laden with the fruit of who I am in them. The narrowing path will require a leaving behind of childish things and a growing into the knowledge of My love and all of its ways. This is a walk full of wisdom and understanding in who I am and who you are in Me.

The wise in Me get wiser and the strong in Me get even stronger as they continue on the path that is getting narrower each day in this walk with Me.

I have said that the time to wake up has come. I have said that the time to pursue Me has come. I have said that My return is nearer than you think, and I still say these things. The fast are getting faster, and this includes understanding things you must come out of in the mind of the flesh and the importance of wanting—more than life—the pursuit of who you are in Me and the understanding of these things, for to understand fully is to walk in who you are in Me.

It is not as hard as it seems to continue into this narrow place of growing that so many are experiencing, for there is grace for all things. There is always grace for all things.

Grace is you depending on Me instead of depending on you, for My life in you has the strength that you need. It is a matter of developing your dependence on My life that is within you and leaving behind the ways of the flesh, for that is the way of childish things.

It certainly is a time of leaving behind childish things and picking up the strength that I give to walk into the fullness of the stature of the life that is of Me. It is a time of putting away childish things and putting on the fullness of the stature of the life that is in Me.

Follow your words into these things and speak forth the truth of who you are in Me. Speak the words of life that are in Me.

Speak forth life; speak forth truth; speak forth that which is good for edification in Me. Speak the truth in love in all things.

Speak in agreement with Me, for your new man grows stronger by these things. Don't speak what you see; speak what you hear in Me. Have My mind in all things. This is the way that is narrow and this is the only way to walk into the fullness of your stature in Me.

If the greatest heart cry of the exalted Son of Man could be heard upon the earth today it would be this:

“Oh, that My brethren would sit, listen, and hearken to the counsel of My Father's Spirit as He brings My mind to them.”

For His mind IS the will of the Father.

His mind is made fully known unto the Spirit of Truth.

The Comforter will take of His and show all things unto His brethren

IF they will sit, listen and hearken as the Spirit brings the voice of Him who speaks from heaven to the earth.