

Dear Friend,

During this time of seclusion because of the Covid-19 pandemic, we have worked diligently to obey the instructions given by the Lord in the ten-prophecy document we call the Blueprint For 2020. There are many instructions contained within it, but if one had to summarize it in a single sentence, it might be stated as, "*Come away with Me, says the Lord.*" It is a call to intimacy through prayer, fasting, worship, and the Word.

Pastor Dave always called prayer and fasting the "power twins." I believe that with all of my heart. As I have been doing more of both, however, the Holy Spirit has brought two other words to the forefront of my thinking for this season. The result of the increased prayer, fasting, worship, and the Word has resulted in a call to be more HUMBLE and to make sure I am endeavoring to SEEK Him with my whole heart. Two of my favorite verses that contain those words are:

**1Pe 5:6-7 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: (7) Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.**

**Jer 29:13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.**

The person who embodies both of those qualities more than any other is the Lord Jesus Christ. I remember when the Holy Spirit said to me, "*Jesus of Nazareth was the most humble man who has ever lived.*" First of all, we know that before He was conceived in the womb of Mary, Christ, the Son of God known as the Word, had always co-existed with God, and in fact was God:

**Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

Think of the first level of humility that the second member of the Godhead would humble Himself to be incarnated on earth as a man. Until recently, I had never seen this passage in Psalms as it relates prophetically to the Lord humbling Himself to behold the things that are upon the earth:

**Psa 113:4-6 The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens. (5) Who is like unto the LORD our God, who dwelleth on high, (6) Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth!**

Having humbled Himself first to become a man and dwell among us on earth, He further humbled Himself by continually SEEKING the Father's will in every single circumstance. He then HUMBLISHED Himself by laying down all of his "rights" to live a normal life as a "man" and chose to live the Father's will for His life instead of His own.

**Joh 5:30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.**

The result of HUMILITY and SEEKING is OBEDIENCE!

**Php 2:5-9 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: (6) Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: (7) But made himself of no reputation, and**

**took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: (8) And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. (9) Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:**

Now for the transparency part of this letter ... If you had asked me before this season of extended seclusion and intimacy with the Lord, "*Gary are you humble? Gary, do you seek the Lord's will for your life? Gary, do you obey the Lord's instructions for your life?*" I would have told you with all honesty that I did. But the power twins of prayer and fasting have done their job by revealing in me how far short I am in each of those areas when compared with Him who is the author and finisher of my faith. You might say, "*Gary, don't be so hard on yourself. That was Jesus. You can't expect to walk the same way He did.*" Jesus plainly said in Luke 6:40 that the disciple is to be as his Master. John wrote in his first epistle:

**1Jn 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.**

All of us are pressing into revival. I wonder why I don't see the same results of power when I pray for the sick and cast out devils. How can I possibly expect to walk as He walked without humbling myself and seeking the Father's will like He did? If I am to be His disciple, I must be as my Master. For me, in this season, the power twin words now are HUMBLE and SEEK. And when I say seek, I am not talking about seeking His power. I am talking about seeking His face. He recently said, "*If you find ME, you find my hand.*" I fear I have spent too much of my life seeking His hand when I should have been seeking His face. Now I am seeking the root of "knowledge." The root of the word "knowledge" is "know." It is time to know Him in a way we have never known Him before.

This whole letter is pretty much summed up in a single sentence from the Blueprint for 2020. This excerpt is from the prophecy titled "You Who Have Ears To Hear."

*There are not many in proportion to that Church who have turned aside to seek My face and cry out and abandon their flesh and abandon their world and abandon their aspirations and abandon the self-exalted and self-expressed life.*

First is the call to **seek His face**. Then **humility** is expressed through abandoning the flesh, and abandoning the world, and abandoning our aspirations and all self-exaltation and self-expression. Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith. The result of His life being spent in SEEKING and in HUMILITY is summed up in the Amplified version of the following verse:

**Joh 5:30 I am able to do nothing from Myself [independently, of My own accord--but only as I am taught by God and as I get His orders]. Even as I hear, I judge [I decide as I am bidden to decide. As the voice comes to Me, so I give a decision], and My judgment is right (just, righteous), because I do not seek or consult My own will [I have no desire to do what is pleasing to Myself, My own aim, My own purpose] but only the will and pleasure of the Father Who sent Me. AMPLIFIED CLASSIC BIBLE**

We thank God for your generous and giving heart. God bless you!

Your friend and co-laborer,

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