

Trapped by Uncertainties

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Patterns

Have you ever noticed how effortlessly we can put our foot in our mouths and chase people away? I believe it's because there are dark areas in our lives where Satan hides to sabotage us every time we remove our eyes from loving God.

“Oh Lord, don't let this night creep in and blot out our light together. Work in me a desire to persevere through this evasive darkness that hides when things seem right and suddenly turn wrong.”

Abuse hurts others when losing sight, but most of all, You, my Lord. This makes me ineffectual in Your kingdom when wrong seems so flippantly right. I only hurt You by placing myself above others and this makes You not want to be around me. I feel the oppression of this darkness that takes me down into the pit, stealing my joy till my strength is gone. I know it's wrong, yet I'm powerless to stop myself. I implode when You're not there; I'm not strong. For pride has come again before my powerless fall. Knowing that without having had proper role models to guide me, I again find myself alone in an arrogant hell of exclusive pain while not aware, for if I had sight, I would see to know and ask, “Why is my denial of pain here?”

I feel the outfall of my actions and don't understand why, as blinded, by not embracing my pain, I look to cast blame on anything but myself. So, I don't see the pattern that I'm in needs discipline. Oh, Lord! I weep and wail, I stand here alone again while hoping my uneasiness will pass until I build to fall again, without seeing Satan's blind pride living within. I am humiliated by my own efforts of essence that shall eventually spell out saboteur once more.

“Oh sinful man that I am, for that which I want to do I do not do, and that which I do not want to do I do.” It's my desire to love

perfectly as I yearn for the perfection of my intimacy with my God as “Perfect love casts away all fear,” and here I am protected from my sufferings. For I am with my Lord, “To know God is to know eternal life.”

With a mother and father who didn’t know beyond a try of proper care, I ran with gangs and picked up bad habits till I found myself alone, even while at home. I clung to what I learned for dear life as I was a survivor from what I knew of a hostile world with no place safe. This pattern of being alive without fully understanding God's sanctuary allows things in dark areas to hide as they seemed normal without Holy Spirit flood lights on.

I see how others respond to me and wonder why as I’ve clueless blind spots in my eyes that allow me to look out without looking in while unaware of being so filled with sin. Outside the flock, I’m still part wolf and part lamb while still before the Great I Am. He suffered long with me as I am only a man, for I’ve been isolated for so long without relational ties, which would have allowed me to see how to respond to others in humility. No boundaries or emotional intelligence made it hard for me to just make sense. So, I continued being a loner without any relational ties and lost sight of the world with my God living inside.

Taking every thought captive in subjection to the Lord Jesus Christ is fine. Yet, because He lives in others, without this awareness and alone for so long, I was left to discover a walk in the night that stepped on toes. People responded by backing away. I was rough around the edges, and no one ever stuck around to explain. This left life unkind in my mind. So we must look for Jesus in everyone else, outside of self, where love and truth balance out until others appear in a way that is clear.

It is like this within the pattern of faith as well. "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mountain, 'Get up and be cast into the sea,' and it will be done for you." A spirit of doubt will always try to get you to look back at the mountain till your faith gets covered by a landslide, which will spark a double-mindedness of trusting the voice of the world in place of trusting in God. This always tears faith away from the Lord.

I say to you, press in and persevere when this happens, for the devil is always trying to get you to believe that abuse is greater than God's love, when in fact, "Love never fails."

Uncomfortable

Everyone has that first cry after birth, looking to meet a need. Isn't it interesting how we learn to cry out for help to get our physical needs met, and yet when we are born again of the Spirit in our spiritual infant state, most don't cry out to have their needs met by their heavenly Father? No, most try to carry out their spiritual needs with physical ones. They get confused as needs are no longer spiritually met physically anymore, as being of another kingdom, a different appetite needs to be explored. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

We now desire to do good because we know that doing right by God allows us to become more intimate with Him. We've tasted and seen that the Lord is good and now desire to have heavenly things of His Kingdom rather than things that no longer satisfy the flesh because the Holy Spirit has given us a foretaste of things to come. We follow the path of God because He tastes sweeter than what the world has to offer, and this puts the flesh to death.

We're a part of God's family by the bloodline of life from Christ, and the affections from His kingdom will always be better to me than the stale rejections of a spiritually unsatisfying, abusive world. After a while, new flavors are lost, and everything tastes the same. However, once a Holy Spirit appetite is ignited by fervent love, entrance into the resurrection cycle of intimacy is gained.

Prayer is communication. Through our actions and words, we convey a message to everyone around us through prayer. Tame and wild animals sense our demeanors even before we open our mouths. Plants and chemicals react to us as well. Our discomforts are easily noticed when stress tenses our bodies and facial expressions from spiritual forces that take their toll. Yet those

with the Holy Spirit of God, when trouble comes, I can stand unmoved while under the shelter of The Almighty. These are the ones who have found true comfort within God's kingdom of peace and have the perspective to see when troubles are coming. Yes, due to being still and in God's presence, a spiritual attack can be discerned by sensing the uneasiness of commotion in others. This permits us to step aside by trusting God rather than entering into any conflict that would disturb or distract us from walking with Him.

A rock can stand against the waves of time. God is that rock, and when we build a relationship with Him, we are held and sewn eternally on earth as it is in heaven in His land. "Everything that can be shaken will be shaken so that which will remain will remain." Everything that is not at rest outside of God's kingdom will come undone. It will be blown out of existence from its lack of stability and density of truth. For truth has stability and can withstand the motion of time, whereas everything false is as unstable as sand upon the wind and having no foundation, it will be discovered to be a lie.

"Where do you come from, Satan?" asked the Lord. "From going to and fro and up and down in the earth," was this fallen angel's reply. The devil then challenged the Almighty concerning His stability, and the Lord answered, "Have you considered my servant Job?" We learn in this story how Job defeated it by standing firm in His relationship with God.

The battle was fierce, and Job lost everything He had, along with family and health, while spirits taunted him through the use of his friends by the words of their mouths. Even Job's wife said, "Curse God and die." Throughout all his trials, he said, "Naked came I into this world and naked shall I leave, blessed be the name of the Lord," as he did not depart from but only questioned God. "Cursed is the day that I was born, better that I had died in the womb." Yet also was

said, "You know that I am not wicked as Your hands have fashioned me." Have you ever suffered so much as to ask, "Why?" In all this, Job didn't curse God. His reward was the answer to really knowing God. God questioned Him when he felt abandoned after everything he endured during this storm. "Who is this, who darkens counsel with words of ignorance? Gird up your loins now like a man; I will question you, and you will answer, where were you when I founded the earth?" and so on. After God's discourse, Job humbly shut his mouth and listened more intently to Him. "Would you condemn Me that you be justified?" "Crucify Him!" were the words from the crowd before Pontius Pilate, and they must be true believers' words, as we all are a part of the crowd. God continues, "Have you an arm like that of God?" and so on. "You have no right to be asking Me questions," said the Lord.

Job responded, "I know that you can do everything. I have spoken but didn't understand things so marvelous for me, which I did not know as I know where my vindicator lives. By hearsay only I have heard of You, but now my eyes have seen you." I believe Job had a vision of faith, which is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. For off in the distance, Jesus Christ was yet to come on the cross. This anticipation of the Son of God was enough to heal him. Aren't those who do everything as unto the Lord, laying down their lives for others until they see Jesus in them, justified, too?

I further believe that Job held onto an intellectual idea of God until he met Him face to face in repentance, as he stated that He was dust and ashes before Him. For God gave Job revelations of Himself in a short span of time to draw him closer, going from glory to glory as our example, just as he does with us throughout our lives.

Mary, the mother of God, is a perfect example of “Do everything as unto the Lord.” She is the first begotten of “The Church” to be adorned to God as bride. This is accomplished within her womb first before she gives birth to Jesus Christ, which, as “The word became flesh and dwelling among us,” is in Mary. So the whole “Church” is in Mary, making all scriptures a part of the Magnificat, which is stated to Elizabeth, “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord. My Spirit rejoices in God, my savior. For He has looked upon His handmaiden's lowliness, behold from now on all ages will call me blessed. The Mighty One has done great things for me, and His name is holy. His mercy is from age to age for those who fear Him. He has shown might with His arm disburied the arrogance of mind and heart. He has thrown down the arrogant from their thrones and lifted the lowly and the hungry. He has filled them with good things; the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped Israel, His servant, remembering His mercy, according to His promise to our fathers, to Abraham and his descendants forever.”

She has been blessed by her willingness to honor God, which prepares the Church to be adorned as Bride for Jesus Christ. Luke 1:30-38 states, “Then the angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. He will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom, there will be no end.’”

Mary asked the angel, “How will this be since I am a virgin?” The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the child to be born will be Holy, and he will be called the Son of God. And behold, your cousin Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a

son, and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing will be impossible for God.”

Then Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me according to your word.” After this, the angel departed from her.

Because “The Church” of Jesus Christ was conceived in Mary, she’s the new Eve as the Church’s actual mother as *she* gave birth to The New Covenant that “The Church” adheres to. Mystical or otherwise, as in Revelations Chapter 12, Mary is “The Woman” that’s described. Mary shared in the Lord’s burden by bearing His Son as our example so we could share in each other's burdens. In this way, we, too, share in God’s burden by fulfilling His commandment to “Love one another” so that our joy may be full and be pleasing in His sight. We will do what we do otherwise with a mind of flesh in selfishness as the essence of God’s Spirit will go missing from within for another occasion of sin. Now for those who are saved and truly reason with the Lord as their “Supreme Father,” we do what we do to honor Him in all.

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