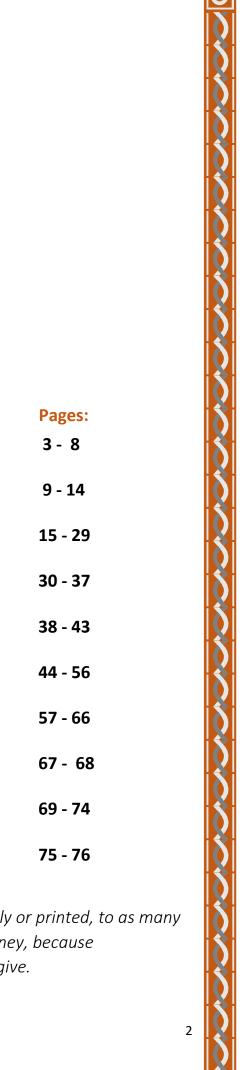
# CHURCH - WAKE UP!

# **NOW IS THE TIME**



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GOD BLESS YOU IN JESUS NAME.

#### FEAR OF THE LORD:

My child, only when you treasure My Wisdom, will you acquire it,

And only if you accept my advice and hide it within, will you succeed

So train your heart to listen when I speak

And open your spirit wide, to expand your discernment

Then pass it on to your sons

Yes, cry out for comprehension, and intercede for insight,

For if you keep seeking it

Like a man who will seek for sterling silver

Searching in hidden places for cherished treasure,

Then you will discover

#### THE FEAR OF GOD

And truly worship Him in the awe and wonder He deserves!

Proverbs 2:1 -5

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Fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom
But fools despise wisdom and discipline

Proverbs 1:7

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... Do not forget my teaching
But keep My commands in your heart
For they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity

\*Proverbs 3:1\*\*

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Wisdom is Supreme, though it costs everything –
Get understanding.

Proverbs 4: 7

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#### Everyone wants prosperity without obedience...

We are willing to spend fortunes to study. We are willing to give up certain pleasures in life to study ways of increasing our income, to the goal of providing us with a life we have dreamed of. A life with status, financial security and even world fame. Self-sacrifice is part of family life to acquire the best for our children... but the true Wisdom – That which is Supreme and above all things, and will cost everything this world has to offer, it is not found in the classrooms, or in the training fields of big corporate companies. It is not found on the TV screens, or in the bars or in the music of this world. It is not found on the race tracks, or in the fitness centers, or the football fields and sports centers. Neither is it found in the celebrity kitchens or in the fine wines, or in the foods we put into our mouths... only one place ... the place we are so willing to refuse, the place we choose to avoid, the place we run from.... IN GOD.

God's Word – the same yesterday, today and forever, is the source of all Wisdom, the source of all knowledge, it is the blue print to understand who our God is; and to know Him is to love Him! To know Him is to understand that we were created in His image because He wants fellowship with us as sons and daughters. There are no grandchildren in heaven! Animals can be very intelligent, but at the end of the day, they are different, and their differences mean we cannot have an intimate relationship with them, though some would say their dogs know them better than the people around them know them. But initially, God created us out of a love to share all that He is and all that He can be for us, in a relationship of love and trust.

We are all willing to follow the membership rules for the local golf club or other groups we want to be connected with. In the military: army, navy or air force, all must submit themselves to the rules and regulations of those in command, but when it comes to the most priceless gift of all, the most precious love that will never let us down, never disappoint us, never abuse us, never treat us with disrespect, the heart that longs for us to succeed and prosper, the heart that longs for intimacy and fellowship, we have no time for, no desire for, no trust for, no heart for!

God's Word has given instruction more priceless than anything in this world, and He has given us a free choice to follow it. No-one can be forced to love another... and He is waiting for us to choose. But this perfect love comes with a price tag that was paid for by Jesus on the cross. All He asks of us to be part of His eternal plan, is that we obey His command to walk in holiness and to understand that when He returns He will return as the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, and not as a baby in a manger. He set the boundaries of holiness in the Law of Moses. Jesus repeated the same boundaries of holiness in the New Testament. Jesus, the Word who became flesh,

said "If you love me, you will obey my commands." In other words, if you don't like the rules of membership, don't join the club! This book is not for unbelievers, but for those who have joined the club and yet fail to know who God is.

THE FEAR OF THE LORD is recognizing the awesomeness of God who is the Beginning and the End. He is the Creator of the Universe and all that is there in. In all His magnificence and power and authority, He IS HOLY. In Him there is no sin. All He asks for is that to be part of His eternal plan we too will obey His commands to walk in holiness, and to understand that at the end of this time before He returns, not as a baby in a manger but as The King of Kings and Lord of Lords. His mercy and grace cover us in our weaknesses and help us to walk in the righteousness of Jesus, but He calls us to be wise, not as in the world but in God. It is important that as He holds back the time that none should perish – giving all a chance to hear and believe... there is a time line, when those who have rejected Him and walked in wilful disobedience to His commands, WILL NOT inherit the Kingdom of God and live in His presence for eternity. He is the One to decide the ultimate destiny for eternity and His decisions are made on our free choice to get to know Him and love Him. For as many as receive Him, they shall become sons and daughters, but He and He alone has the power to decide where our soul will spend eternity, after our flesh body is dead.

I o understand this is called the **FEAR OF THE LORD**. We **FEAR** him but are not afraid of Him. We FEAR Him because He is Almighty, and All Powerful, Majestic and Holy, but we are not afraid of Him because in His love there is mercy, love, forgiveness, and the fullness of joy! We are not afraid of Him because He is our Father and He delights Himself in us. He knows each one of us intimately, even before we were made, He knew us by name. He knows the number of hairs on our head (easier to count on some than others), He knows the plans He has for us: plans to prosper us and not to hinder us, His heart is ever searching for our hearts to respond and connect. In addition to all of the amazing Father-heart love, there is Jesus, who is the only begotten Son of God, who was in the beginning with God and was God, and nothing was made that was not made by Him, He is the Word that became flesh, and is now awaiting His prize. He is awaiting His Bride: the Church who will rule and reign with him as His Queen, as His Beloved, as His Equal. His passionate love for us is beyond measure. His love woos us and chases after us, longs for us, and it transforms us to be like Him, from glory to Glory! How does He do all of this? By coming to live within us. The Holy Spirit of God comes to dwell within us, making each one of us a Temple, and His Spirit imparts to us the heart of God, revealing the mysteries of God – which he shares only with those who are sons and daughters, His Bride to Be. His Spirit guides us and leads us in paths of His righteousness, and empowers us to do the 'Family Business'. Oh such love, Oh such grace, Oh such fullness of joy, that I be called worthy to be son or daughter of the

Almighty God: Abba Father, and to marry the King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Lion of Judah, Prince of Peace.

To those who surrender to His Will, and to His Kingdom membership rules, there is nothing but joy even in the midst of darkness and troubles which for us, is for just a short time more before Jesus our Bridegroom comes for us.

My child, when the Lord God speaks to you

Never take His Words lightly

And never be upset when He corrects you.

For the Father's discipline comes only

from His passionate heart of love and pleasure for you

And even when it seems His correction is harsh

It's still better than any father on earth gives to his child

Those who find true WISDOM obtain the tools for understanding

The proper way to live;

for they will have a fountain of blessing pouring into their lives.

To gain the riches of **WISDOM** is far greater
Than gaining the wealth of the world......

Proverbs 3:11-13 (The Passion Translation)

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In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight

Do not be wise in your own eyes

FEAR THE LORD, and shun evil

This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones

Proverbs 3: 5-8 (NIV)

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Many in the church have not heard the **FEAR OF GOD** preached or taught because in the past maybe it was considered to be what was called preaching hell and damnation. The problem was it was preached with the absence of His love. But what has happened is in the current days we have moved away from the **FEAR OF THE LORD** and focused only on His love. The outcome has been a false teaching on God's grace allowing us to do all things, because of his forgiveness on the cross.

The message has taught: 'Once saved always saved', and has been watered down to "The Sinner's Prayer". Now you are saved, and your name is in the Book of Life. Now you can receive all the blessings of heaven, good health, prosperity, riches. In fact you can have anything you ask for now from heaven. You just name it and claim it in Jesus name.... and it is a lie!

I am going to share the Words of God that will prove this is a lie. The Word of God is as a two edged sword that will pierce our hearts with Spirit and Truth. Whilst it is true that whoever believes in Jesus, shall not perish but have everlasting life, because the Word of God tells us it is true then the word to **Believe**, must and does have a different meaning to us than that to God. It says that the demons believe and shudder. Why would they shudder? Because they know that they are not saved. They are condemned to eternity in hell. But they **believe**? They know who Jesus is, and fear because they know He has all power and authority and they know they are not going to heaven! If we **believe**, then surely we will live our life based on that belief. If we believe that playing with fire will burn us – we don't put our hands in the fire, or touch hot things because we **believe** we will be burned. The commands of God are teaching us the spiritual principals of the things that will burn us, or indeed lead us to an eternal fire without God's presence. If we **believe** that they will bring us destruction, then we will not do them. Only the foolish would want to be destroyed and live forever without God's eternal presence. God Is Love. Fools are those who have been deceived by the Father of Lies, and this book is about the hope that the Words will bring life, and lead those who read it to the cross of repentance, to turn away and surrender to THE Perfect Love that casts out all **FEAR**. (Angst, to be afraid of, in terror of...)

There are two ways to read this book.

1: You can flick through the pages and just read the scriptures that are written in brown italics.... This in itself will fill you with the Word that will not return void! They are taken either from the NIV, NKJV or in some cases TPT which is The Passion Translation.

OR

2: You can read it through as a book with the comments I have made according to the lessons I have learned based on these scriptures and what I believe the Lord is saying to His Church today.

Either way:

The clock is ticking... alarm bells are ringing.

It is time to WAKE UP!



#### **JESUS SAID:**

Thou shall not commit adultery;

Thou shall not steal.

#### Matthew 5:29-30

"If your right eye causes you to sin – gorge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be **thrown into hell**. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole **body to be thrown into hell**." (NIV)

These scriptures appeal to our vanity though it speaks in a spiritual sense not a literal sense. Of course the Lord is not saying if we steal something then we are to cut off our hand (although in some countries, that is indeed the penalty if found guilty), or when we look at pornography or evil movies that we literally pluck out our eyes; but it appeals to our sense of fleshly beauty, because it is the way of the world in which we live. In order to be accepted and even to achieve in many areas, the beautiful that is the beauty of our outward appearance is the first consideration of 'this world'. But God is telling us that it is NOT what He sees as beauty. (Do not lean upon our own understanding) He says that outward physical impairment is better and to have eternity with God than to be "Body Perfect' in the eyes of the world and to lose eternity with God. In other words, it is the outward physical beauty that is used to manipulate others through a spirit of lust. To 'lust after' is to covet, to desire to have, and is not willing to wait; lust must have it now. The world of advertising works in this area to 'manipulate' the selling power of products. Often using beautiful men and women using the product. We lust after the men or women and buy the product basically: Gorgeous male model owns the latest model of car and gets the beautiful girl.

But God is saying that the thing in us which causes us to steal or lust after the things that would be wrong for us according to the Law given to Moses, are the things we need to cut off. It is about a repentance, and turning away from doing these things. It is better for me not to take what is not mine to take, or watch a movie if it will tempt me to do the same. Better to wait for the prize which awaits me in Jesus, than to forfeit eternity with Him for the sake of guilty pleasures in this world. Jesus is telling us that these things are bad for us and will have eternal consequences for us. If we trust Him and know Him, we will believe that He is telling us for our benefits, not to hinder us.

Thou shall not commit murder;

#### Matthew 5:21-22

You have heard it was said long ago "Do not murder, and anyone who murders, will be subject to judgement".... But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother, will be subject to judgement. Again, anyone who says to his brother "Raca" is answerable to the Sanhedrin. BUT, anyone who says 'You Fool' will be in danger of the fire of hell!"

Jesus is telling us that if we have private thoughts of anger or even call someone a fool, we are in danger of losing eternity with Him. It is not just about the actual act of killing another, but even thinking of it. The Lord tells us to renew our mind, and also to take control of every thought therein, because if we do not it will lead us away from the presence of God.

#### Matthew 5:17

"Do **NOT** think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets;

I HAVE NOT come to abolish them but to fulfil them.

I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear,

not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen

will by any means disappear from the LAW

until everything is accomplished.

(Jesus paid the penalty on the cross for us. That is His fulfilment **when** we repent and turn away from our wicked ways. Not just once at the receiving of Christ as our Saviour, but every day of our lives making Him Lord and Master of our lives.)

Anyone who breaks the least of these commandments

and teaches others to do the same

will be called least in the kingdom of heaven,

but whoever practices and teaches these commands

will be called great in the Kingdom of heaven.

FOR I TELL YOU THAT UNLESS YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS SURPASSES

THAT OF THE PHARISEES AND TEACHERS OF THE LAW,

(The religious leaders of that time)

YOU WILL CERTAINLY NOT ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

Jesus was not just saying this to the unsaved, He was teaching Kingdom principles for those who **believe.** 

#### Luke 12:1-5

"Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees,
which is hypocrisy. There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed,
Or hidden that will not be made known.

What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight,
and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms
will be proclaimed from the roofs.

I TELL YOU MY FRIENDS,

DO NOT BE AFRAID OF THOSE WHO KILL THE BODY
AND AFTER THAT CAN DO NO MORE.

BUT I WILL SHOW YOU WHOM YOU SHOULD FEAR.
FEAR HIM WHO, AFTER THE KILLING OF THE BODY
HAS POWER TO THROW YOU INTO HELL."

What is Hypocrisy? The Pharisees were guilty of it – they were religious leaders who had the appearance to others as being godly. Unseen to others they were involved in unrighteousness. The Pharisees never acknowledged Jesus as the awaited Messiah, but they were part of the people who believed in God. They all knew the Laws of Moses, and held them tightly to judge others of their sins, eager to stone a woman to death for the sin of adultery. Jesus however knew their own hidden thoughts and deeds when He said: "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone."

Our thoughts and deeds might be hidden from others, but they are not hidden from God who sees all things and knows all things. He calls us to repentance, but if we refuse, He tells us that even the things that have been done and said in darkness, will come out!

God has given me these scriptures that I am outlining in this book, to preach to the churches, because I believe He has said to me that the Bride should get ready because the Bridegroom is coming soon.

Is He coming for a Bride who is prostituting herself with the world? The Lord tells us that you cannot serve two masters. You will love one, and hate the other. He is coming back for His Bride, who is found dressed clean in holiness and who has

prepared herself. Our Beloved is calling us to repentance. You cannot love both righteousness and unrighteousness. We may confess to be His, but this word tells us clearly, that if we choose to please man over pleasing God, and continue to walk in lies and deceit, no matter how long we have been a church member or even a church leader, we will not enter the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God and all the blessings within, are for those who <u>love</u> Him and <u>obey</u> Him.

#### **Testimony:**

After reading all the scriptures to the people of God in the Sunday Service, the Lord clearly said;

"Call all the leaders of the church to stand. Ask if they have committed any of the offences mentioned, during their time of ministering as leaders to the body of the church. If the answer is yes, call them to come forward. Remind them what happened to Ananias and Sapphira when they lied."

All stood, not only the pastors and preachers, but also elders, deacons, evangelists, teachers of the Word and in the Sunday school, worship team members not just the leader, translators, intercessors, and administration. Then I waited for the people to respond publicly to what the Holy Spirit was speaking into their hearts. Every single one who had stood as a leader, came forward to repent for their misdeeds.

"Why a public repentance?"

Because publicly they have deceived and defiled the church. Others in the church were asked to repent before the Lord privately from their seats. One such church member said:

"Today God has ambushed us!"

I want to say at this point – it has never been my aim to shame anyone, but the Lord Himself declares that the things seen and done in darkness and secrecy, shall be shouted from the roof tops for all to hear. Darkness breeds more darkness. We have been called to walk in the light. I believe God has asked for this because He wants to empower us to the work still to be accomplished. This is about deliverance and restoration. This is God's Healing. This is REVIVAL, and it begins in the Church.

What about you Fenella, are you perfect? Absolutely not! And the Lord asked of me, in preparation for this ministry in these last days, to shout from the roof tops in the three books published prior to this book. Rejoice: books 1 and 2 and the last one Catching Foxes. He always makes sure that when I begin to teach or preach, I always have to share my testimony first. They should not think that there is anything good in Fenella except for Jesus! He is the only good thing about me. Without Christ, I am dirty and dark as the tents of Kadar from Song of Songs.

Without Christ, I can do no good thing! I know because I turned my back on God as a prodigal, and there the naked truth of my fallen capabilities even shocked me. He allowed me to come to my senses before I returned to Him almost seven years ago at the time of writing this book. When He asked me to write the books in the beginning, I asked Him if He wanted just the good bits about my life. He said that He didn't, and He wanted especially the bad bits, because in telling the bad things I was guilty of, His grace and mercy and love would be seen. So perfect I am not. I am still learning, still asking the Lord to shine His light within and search my heart, and still a work in progress of being transformed from glory to glory.

The danger is that yeast spreads! Hypocrisy is like yeast that spreads throughout the whole bread. It does not just remain in the one who is guilty of it. Like a tea bag when placed in a cup or pot of boiling water, the whole cup or pot becomes flavoured by the flavour within the tea bag. So it is with the spirit, it pervades every single one of the church. That is why to be a leader you will be held even more accountable for the things you do and say, for by your position you have the power and authority to influence both 'for or against' God!

Matthew 16:25 / Luke 9:24 / Mark 8:35

If anyone should come after me,

he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

For whoever wants to save his life will lose it,

but whoever loses his life for Me, will find it.

What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world,

yet forfeits his soul?

If anyone, (meaning you and me) chooses to follow Him, believe in Him, then we are to do what He then says. This is 'We must deny ourselves and take up the cross and follow Him.' That means we have to choose. The ways of the world or the ways of God, but we cannot do both. To try and do both is to deny Christ. He says that our own desires and will for our lives are to be crucified; put to death. That is what the cross meant in those days, it was the sign of a terrible death with prolonged agony before death came. It meant horrendous suffering and pain, loss of blood, and to lose one's dignity before others, as it was a shameful way to die – before others witnessing your shame and your guilt. He then says to us, that if we try to keep friends with the world by keeping the things we have done in darkness and secret, we will not save our life but rather lose it – eternally. We may keep friends in this world, gain riches and fame – whatever it is our heart is longing for, but to

chase after those ill gotten things of this world, and be liars and deceivers, covering up the sin, whilst appearing to be godly in the eyes of the world, and winning their confidences, **we will lose eternity with God**. Eternity is a lot longer than the days allotted to us in this life. Rather to fix our hopes on the times after this with God than eternity away from His presence.

People say that there is no God because of all the terrible things happening in the world today, but sadly they will find out maybe too late, that despite the presence of God with us, the day is coming when His presence will be taken away. It says that the gates of hell shall not prevail against the church. The church of true believers is the presence of God on earth, and we are holding back the fullness of that which the Devil is waiting to unleash on this world. The Lord has promised that His Church, will be taken home in the twinkling of an eye, and the presence of God will be removed for a period of time. In those days, people will be longing for death to come. The terrors that will occur are such that have never been seen in the history of the world. He will allow it for a period of time, before He will return to rule and reign for a thousand years. Of the gentiles left behind, when they come to realise that Jesus is the answer, the only way of salvation will be choosing death over surrender to the Devil. And of the Jews, only a remnant will survive that time, a remnant being a third of the people. Two thirds will die through this terrible time. The remnant will be the 144,000 that are mentioned in the Bible, they will be of the twelve tribes of Israel, and they will flee into the wilderness rather than surrender to the powers, and put their trust in God as did their forefathers in the wilderness after their exodus from Egypt.

### **JAMES AND JOHN:**

#### **James 2:10**

For WHOEVER keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking it all!

Have you ever learnt how God does mathematics?

99% Obedience + 1% Disobedience = 100% DISOBEDIENCE

This is what James has to say according to the Law, which still stands until all things have been accomplished. On the cross Jesus said "Finished". What He had to endure was finished, because taking upon Himself all our guilt and shame and who was without sin. He overcame the power of death... it was the beginning of the end. He said Himself, that He must ascend to sit by the right hand of the Father, and He will send the Holy Spirit to help us to accomplish that which needs to be done! So our disobedience, no matter how small in comparison to how much we have been obedient, will always nullify any good we may have done. It is impossible to live out the Law without the residing presence of the Holy Spirit who guides us, into paths of righteousness, and empowers us to deny the desires of our own fallen nature to sin, and to walk in holiness.

Does that mean that we never fail? No it doesn't. Even Paul wrote that he struggled with doing the things he did not want to do, whilst the things he wants to do, he does not. That is where God's grace lifts us. When the Lord knows that our hearts are intent to do what is right, but the flesh is weak, and we cry out to Him for help to take away the things that weaken us, the Lord says; 'My Grace is sufficient for you; for My strength is made perfect in weakness.' When we love the Lord with all our hearts, we will not run from Him in times of weakness and temptation, but run to Him, because again it says if we draw close to Him the devil has to flee.

In this day and age the problem is that there has been the false teachings that have subtly laid the foundations that says if we pray long hours, fast, read our Bible every day, give our tithes to the church, evangelize, and all the other good works of caring for the sick and the needy, and the widows etc. we believe that all the good works, which are in fact a part of what should be as an overflow of our love for God, will count good against the acts of disobedience. We have the mentality of getting nine out of ten right, we have earned a silver star and worthy of high praise. But it is

leaning to our own understanding, and not to the truth and what the Lord actually says. Jesus openly admonishes the leaders who have indeed paid tithes from their herbs and spices, but have failed to keep the law."

#### Matthew 23: 23- 24

<sup>23</sup> "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith.

These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.

24 Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a came! (NIV: 5)

#### James 4:4-10

Adulterers and adulteresses!

Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God?

Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world

makes himself an enemy of God.

Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain
"The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously?"
But He gives more Grace... therefore He says
"God resists the Proud but gives grace to the Humble"...

therefore submit to God.

Resist the devil and He will draw near to you.

Cleanse your hands you sinners

and purify your hearts you double minded.

Lament and mourn and weep!

Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and He will lift you up

This, when He calls us all adulterers and adulteresses, means not just of sexual sin, but that all sinful pleasures which are of the world is like sleeping with another. For we have proclaimed and made a Covenant relationship to belong to Him, and invited Him to dwell within us. What man or woman accepts to be joined in marriage and then allow the spouse to go and have intimacy with another? It is an abomination. Whether it is sexual, or stealing or murder, or coveting or lying, all these things are fruits of the flesh and have nothing to do with God. This is being joined together with God, and yet flirting and committing adultery with the Devil. The word now clearly tells us that if we do these things we have made God our enemy. God is a jealous God and will not share us with any other! It is all or nothing! But it is our choice. We can receive Christ in a Covenant vow, and then spend the rest of our lives being delivered and set free from the bondages of our previous life. That is what it means when Paul says we are being transformed from glory to glory. The day we said Yes to Jesus, glory stepped into our lives and became resident! His work from that day is to do a house clean, getting rid of the cobwebs of our old lives, to evict the spiders of iniquities, and to restore the foundations and walls of our inner man to be a palace fit for the King of Kings!

I recently read the testimony of a Pastor who had been asked by other ministers of other regions if he could identify the spirits that were contesting against their churches. He told them that he thought on the whole it was the Spirit of God, because He resists the proud but gives grace to the humble. In this day the church is full of pride and arrogance, believing that their ways are higher than the Lord's commands. This denomination or that have always done things in this manner and always shall, even if it is contrary to the Word of God! So God is calling His church to submit to Him and His ways, and as we draw close to Him in humility, He will draw close to us.

In truth – we have become proud and arrogant hypocrites, who have prostituted ourselves with the pleasures of this world believing falsely that we are going to heaven, and if that is not bad enough, leading others to the same end. Is it not what Jesus talks about?

### **Matthew 23:15**

You travel over land and sea to win a single convert,
and when you have succeeded,
you make them twice as much a child of hell as you are. (NIV)

#### Revelation 2:2-7

The Loveless Church! (NKJV) Ephesus

I know your works, your labour, your patience
and that you cannot bear those who are evil.

And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not
and have found them liars,
and you have persevered and have patience
and have laboured for My name's sake and have not become weary:

Nevertheless I have this against you — that you have left your first love.
Remember therefore from where you have fallen;
repent and do the first works
or else I will come to you quickly

The first love is not the zeal of the Lord to do, pray and read your bible or evangelise etc. Your first love is to love your God with all your heart and with all your mind and with all your soul and have no other Gods before Him. It is the first of the commandments in the Law given to Moses. No idolatry.

and remove your lampstand from its place – unless you repent.

If you love yourself, your wife, husband, children, land, ministry, possessions, your work, your gifting etc. above God, it is idolatry. We are to long for His presence even in the silence, even without words or actions, just longing for more of His presence in your heart above all things. Someone once said to me it is about trusting Him for everything. I agree with it, but it goes beyond that. It is about longing for Him, and more of Him. The more we see Him, know Him, the more we want of Him. To never have our fill and to be totally satisfied in Him.

It is hard to imagine but it is so blatant how many of us have placed family and friends before the Lord. Our jobs and ministry for the Lord actually ends up being what we worship more than God Himself. How do we know what idols we are worshipping? That's easy, it is what we spend the majority of our time thinking upon, dwelling upon. When a couple first fall in love, they cannot think of anything else. They even lose the ability to speak sense, the art of conversation has been replaced with: I love you. I love you etc. And yet – how often in the day do we think of Jesus, of our Father, or of the Holy Spirit, and tell Him how much we love Him.

What our thoughts are resting on, is what we are worshiping. Are we fraught from ever seeking to have more money? God's Word tells us to Seek first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and then all these things will be given to us. But our focus is on the money.

Luke 18. When the rich young ruler comes to Jesus asking how he can have eternal life, the Lord knows his problem beforehand. First Jesus corrects the flattery used when the young man calls Him good teacher. No one is good but God! You see this is another thing we have our own understanding of, because we are all guilty of calling this person or that a good man or woman, yet Jesus says that no-one is good but God.

He asks the man about obeying the certain parts of the Ten Commandments; to which he replies that he has followed them all since he was a boy. I am sure he was telling the truth, but then Jesus pinpoints the problem. He is told to go and sell all his things, and give to the poor then to follow Him. The rich young ruler was sad and left. His greatest love was for his riches. He loved his wealth above God. It is idolatry. Now if it were you and me, we would have tried to convince him by saying that Biblical principles are that whatever we give unto the Lord we will receive tenfold. If he had been told that, he would have quickly calculated his profits and decided it was a brilliant return on His wealth, becoming even wealthier. But you see, He would still have been coming to church or giving his life not for the Love of God, but with his eyes greedily fixed on more money! And we would also have been thinking, whilst he is a member of our church we will benefit from his generous giving to rebuild the church and line our pockets, thus breeding more idolatry.

Jesus is not interested in getting all people by hook or by crook into the church! He is searching for those who have a genuine heart to love and be loved by God. Jesus did not heal all the people at the pool of Bethesda. He healed only the one the Father showed Him.

Jesus is looking for those who call Him Lord as His position of authority and not as His title. 'Mrs' or 'Ms' Stevensen could be used for me. 'Mrs' denotes I am married. I use 'Ms' because I am divorced, but I am not 'Miss' because I am not single and available. Many in the church call Jesus 'Lord' as a title like someone who owns an estate, but He is looking only for those who will accept Him as their Lord and Master. I know many who invited Jesus to be their Saviour and yet never made Him Lord. They want salvation without paying the cost. Judas was the only one at the last supper, when Jesus said that one will betray Him, that called Jesus Rabbi. All the others called Him Lord! Judas had never surrendered his all to Jesus, making Him Lord.

The Book of Revelation was given to John, by Jesus in a vision, whilst he was imprisoned on the island of Patmos. It is a glimpse into the future, to the last days heralding Jesus' return. (Did you know that Patmos means 'My Killing'? When John was sent there as a prisoner, it was the death of self. In that killing, not of the body but of Johns own desires and will (flesh), He was given the most amazing insight into the fullness of God, and the last days.) Notice in the first church mentioned, there are lots of wonderful tributes of what they have done well.... But they have lost their First Love. They love all their own works more than loving God. They are idolaters and unless they repent the Lord says He will remove the Lampstand, which I believe to be Jesus! The Lampstand is the light, and Jesus is the Light of World. These people are called His Church, and Jesus will vacate their inner man, unless they return to their First Love. Church - Wake up!

#### Revelation 2:12-17

The Compromising Church! (NKJV) Pergamos

12 And to the Angel of the Lord in Pergamos write

"These things says He who has the sharp two edged sword.

13 I know your works and where you dwell,

where Satan's throne is. And you hold fast to My Name,

And did not deny My faith even in the days in which

Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was killed among you,

where Satan dwells,

14 but I have a few things against you,

because you have there, those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel,

to eat things sacrificed to idols,

AND to commit sexual immorality.

15 Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.

#### Repent

or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.....

#### **Revelation 2:18 - 29**

#### The Corrupt Church! (NKJV) Thyatira

... 18 I know your works, love, service, faith,
and your patience and as for your works,
the last are more than the first (highly recommendable)

**Nevertheless** 

I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman **Jezebel**, who calls herself a prophetess,

to **teach and seduce My servants** 

to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality and she did not repent.

Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed,
and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation,
unless they repent of their deeds.

I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know

that I am He who searches the minds and hearts.

And I will give to each one according to your works......

These two churches have something in common. They have both been found good at the things they do except for this:

- 1 Tolerating Jezebel and Sexual Immorality
- 2. Eating food sacrificed to idols.

In the OT we knew what this meant – but what does it mean to us in this day and age?

#### **SEXUAL IMMORALITY:**

Fornication, Homosexuality, Incest, Paedophilia, Bestiality, Prostitution, Lasciviousness, Pornography, Rape.

- Lasciviousness / lewdness means: Cohabitation, Public indecency, group sex – orgies, wife swapping.
- **Co-habitation** is committed by two individuals living together as husband and wife and engage in sexual relations without the **sanction** of marriage.
- Paedophilia means: sexual feelings and actions with children children being classed under the age of 16 yrs.
- Beastiality means: sexual activity with animals

**Fornication:** Sexual acts performed as single people / widows or widowers.

**Adultery:** A married person sexually involved in anyone other than the spouse. It includes thoughts of lust, and imagining your spouse to be someone else. Even if sexual intimacy is with permission of the partner as in 'Open relationships', or another term of swinging – wife swapping, it is not allowed.

This also applies to divorced people. A divorced person is someone who has been given permission to live away from the spouse, but not given permission to remarry until one of the spouse dies, because the joining of two through sexual intimacy causes two bodies now to become one. Jesus says that a man marrying a divorced person is guilty of adultery.

Paul clearly writes that he is led by the Spirit of God when he says that singles and widows/widowers are free to marry, because they either have not been joined in marriage or the partner is dead and the single status now exists again. Of course no one wants to agree with me on this because it cuts against their own desires to be married and to have sex. But again, this is about not crucifying our will to live His will. Idolatry is also when we put ourselves before God. Jesus said in the Garden of Gethsemane that He would desire that God deliver Him from what He was about to endure, but then He says, "Not my will but Thy will be done! There is a Chapter on Divorce in Catching Foxes – so I will not repeat it here.

I must say that over all things is God's Grace! I believe that where people were not aware of God's word, God's grace covers. Where there are different teachings about remarriage, I stand to judge no-one. However the Lord is looking at the heart that is intent with rebellion. Sexual Immorality is sin.

This is about promiscuity.

This is about disobedience.

This is about defiling the temple.

Remember even masturbation is sin, because it demands the mind to think up and picture a scenario that would cause one to be aroused. Jesus has already told us that to even think after someone with lust – is to commit the sin. It is about self-gratification.

Sex was created for the pleasure of intimacy between a husband and a wife, and to multiply as in produce babies. Babies were never intended outside of one husband and one wife, joined 'til death do them part.

I was asked recently by a married couple with four children, what I think the Word says about family planning. Well, first let it be known that in the past I have been greatly in favour of it. But at that time I was 'leaning on my own understanding'. As a single person it promotes promiscuity. I know! However, in later years I had terrible problems with menstruation, with excessive heavy bleeding and awful pain. I was fitted with a coil which released the hormone progesterone over a five year period of time and I was completely free from all the horrific symptoms. Before that and before I was a Christian believer, living with a partner as an 18 year old girl and taking the pill, I became pregnant. My partner placed me in the position of making a decision to either have the baby or him, but I couldn't have both! I chose the man. Within a three year period of time I had two abortions. On the first occasion I was taking the pill as written, on the second occasion I had been taken off the pill because of a thrombosis (blood clot) forming in my neck. Instead I was given an IUD. Despite medical professionals saying I was one of a few people who suited it so well, I became pregnant! The Lord forgave me of the abortions, but I also had to forgive myself. I have since then come to agree that certain medicines used do not prevent pregnancy but rather abort after it has happened, which is a sin. Abortion is murder and is actually part of sacrificing to the god of Molech where child sacrifices are required. (Totally unknown to the vast majority of people like me at the time of making such decisions)

The best method is don't have sex! Or the next best is to use a condom. But what about the fruit of the Spirit, self-control? It is not impossible to have control over sexual desires, singles do it all the time, and just because one is married, it does not mean that they have to be like rampant rabbits. There can be many children and not enough money to support them all. Does it mean however they should continue to produce beyond their means to support them? Or expect others to support their children through welfare when they had not developed any sense of self control? What about the woman who is the one to go through all the bodily changes and discomforts and absolute pain in carrying and delivering the baby. If men truly love their wives, will they not be sympathetic if they say they cannot produce anymore

because of the pain and discomfort? Or do men love themselves more than they love their other half and her needs? Jesus says to love others as yourself. One man had a small boil on the end of his finger, as the boil was filling with no opening of escape, it caused great pain. He couldn't even preach because of it so he cancelled and stayed home. That night his wife bathed it in hot water causing it to open up, relieving the pressure. He said the pain was worse than that of giving birth. He said that to his wife who had birthed five children, and whose back and pelvis was damaged and muscles torn as the diameter of a baby's head and body was pushed through a narrow space of her body. Men have no idea of what pain is, not until they experience giving birth, and they never will! The trouble is men often want their cake and eat it. They use no level of self-control, or a condom, and then when his wife has no sexual desires, the man goes off to sleep with another because his wife is pregnant, or has just given birth, and does not want sex.

#### **Eating Food Sacrificed to Idols:**

Where does this apply in today's church? This is not about asking the butcher when we shop if the meat was sacrificed to idols. It refers to:

Matthew 4:4

Jesus answered, "It is written:

'Man shall not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

The 'food sacrificed to idols' are the words we feed on that have not come from the mouth of God. In other words, all the world's philosophy and psychology teaching that lead us away from God and not to Him. This is not to say that everything that we learn from philosophy and psychology is bad – but it must be measured up to and alongside the Word of God and not swallowed whole without chewing it over before we digest it. However, there is increasingly more wisdom creeping into our culture, wisdom that we as Christians have digested without 'taking it captive and bringing it into obedience to the Lord for discernment'.

2 Corinthians 10:5 (NIV):

We demolish arguments and every pretension
that sets itself up against the knowledge of God,
and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

We pay much to feed on this food of the world, and some of it is food sacrificed to idol worship, for these people who teach other than the Word of God feed us with the words of man; sometimes even worse, food of the Devil. We call it education,

training of the mind, and we encourage it, because with such diplomas etc. one can get well-paid jobs. It's called selling your soul to the devil.

For example: Recently it was being questioned by Christian believers as to which personality trait they belong to, based on the Temperament theory. (Sanguine, Choleric, Phlegmatic, Melancholic). This theory is rooted in the ancient 'four humors' theory. It may have origins in ancient Egypt or Mesopotamia, but it was the Greek physician Hippocrates (460–370 BC) who developed it into a medical theory. Humorism, or humoralism, was a system of medicine detailing the makeup and workings of the human body based on excess or lack of body fluids in the body (blood, yellow bile, phlegm and black bile), and later adopted by the Indian Ayurveda system of medicine, which is rooted in Buddhism and Ancient Greek and Roman physicians and philosophers.

Hippocrates is credited with being the first person to believe that diseases were caused naturally, not because of superstition and gods; allying philosophy and medicine. (Philosophy stems from the Greek to mean 'Lover of Wisdom'.) He separated the discipline of medicine from religion, believing and arguing that disease was not a punishment inflicted by the gods but rather the product of environmental factors, diet, and living habits.

Hippocrates, based on the removal of God or independence of God, teaches the whole world that the Bible is a lie. Actually he is saying that God's Word is 'superstitious nonsense'. Philosophy means 'lover of wisdom', and the Word of God tells us that The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom. Philosophy for we Christians therefore ought to begin with Fearing the Lord and loving His wisdom. How often do we find it easier and more natural to start with the wisdom of the world than the wisdom of God?

The Word of God tells us that curses are the result of disobedience to the Law set by God, of which sicknesses are a great part of. The Word of God is in complete contrast to what Hippocrates teaches. So if the 'food' we eat as believers is 'every word that comes from the mouth of God' then the teachings of Hippocrates must therefore be words coming from somewhere or someone else. 'Food' that is offered in opposition to the truth of God's word is 'food sacrificed to idols', and we need to repent of allowing such lies to nestle within. They are not tolerated by God in Revelation 2: 12- 29.

I am neither sanguine, choleric, melancholic nor phlegmatic. I am created in the image of God and my personality is imaging the person of Jesus Christ. Though I am

not yet perfect, it is my goal, it's what I reflect on. I leave no room in my mind — which is to be renewed through the washing of God's Word, for lies of the enemy to settle and bear fruit. I am being transformed from glory to glory in the image of Christ Jesus. When there is less of me and more, even all of Him, that is who I am because I have 'I AM' living in me.

There are no half-truths.

'Nothing is impossible with God' = Truth.

'Nothing is impossible' = False, because it states that independence from God is OK.

As soon as God, or Jesus, or the cross of Jesus is removed, it becomes a lie! Not a half-truth. It's all or nothing, it's a lie! I know because I used to teach motivational training. It is New Age food sacrificed to idols! I repented when the Lord revealed it to me. These things have become accepted in the churches; sexual sin is tolerated because it is the 21st century and life changes. No it doesn't! God's word never changes. His standards and membership rules never change. That is why many are sick in the church because of their disobedience.

#### Revelation 3:1-6

#### The Dead Church! Sardis

These are things He who has seven Spirits of God and the seven stars
"I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive,
but you are dead.

Be watchful and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die,

for I have not found your works perfect before God.

Remember how you have received and heard;

hold fast and repent.

Therefore if you will not watch,

I will come upon you as a thief in the night

and you will not know what hour I will come upon you...

you have a few names who have not defiled their garments

and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.

He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments,

and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life,

but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

He who has an ear let Him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Our names can be written in the Book of Life and then be blotted out if we fail to repent! 'Once saved, always saved' is definitely a lie when reading the words of Jesus here.

#### Revelation 3:14-

#### The Luke-Warm Church

I know your works — you are neither cold nor hot.

I could wish you were cold or hot, so then because you are luke warm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you from my mouth.

Because you say I am rich, I have become wealthy and have need of nothing

and do not know that you are wretched, miserable poor blind and naked.

I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed, and anoint your eyes with the eye salve that you may see.

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten... therefore be zealous and REPENT.

Behold I stand at the door and knock.

If anyone hears my voice and opens the door,
I will come in and dine with him and he with Me.

You cannot serve two masters. You either love one or hate the other. You cannot be a believer and follower of Christ and live partly in the world and partly in the Kingdom of God. It's all or nothing.

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#### **Revelation 22:12-15**

And behold I am coming quickly

and My reward is with Me to give to every one according to his work.

I am the Alpha and Omega,

the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.

Blessed are they who do His commandments

that they may have the right to the Tree of Life, and to enter through the gates into the city.

BUT outside are dogs and sorcerers and <u>sexually immoral</u> and <u>murderers</u> and <u>idolaters</u> and whoever loves and <u>practices a lie</u>.

How can we continue in our sin after reading this?

How do we overcome?

#### Revelation 12:11

They triumphed (overcame) over him (the devil)

by the Blood of the lamb

and by the word of their testimony;

they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death (fear of man).

I am living in a part of the world where it is known that no-body tells the truth of their testimony! Having said that, I realize it is the same everywhere in the world. I am told that it is not normal practice to tell all the sordid past of what the Lord has forgiven me of. Maybe I am not normal! According to the Lord, and what He asked me to do, writing the books, He has said it is normal to speak of His grace, and His love and His mercy through His forgiveness. How can I show all of His kindness and love except to share of my failure and sin? How can I show His righteousness except by revealing my own unrighteousness?

There are other spiritual principles to this also. The devil wants to keep us in bondage through fear. Fear that if someone knows what I am, or was really like, they will not love me, work with me, or be friends with me. So Satan suggests the lie that if we keep it all covered over in darkness, no-one will ever find out. Then to

cover up we invent a lie to sound good. Every time this lie is about to be uncovered or questioned, we lie and maybe even add to it, to make it sound more believable. We have now just entered into the 'who loves and practices a lie'; and it becomes an intricate spiders web of lies woven together to be a death trap. Our death trap if we don't repent.

Instead, where I live, they come forward and give testimony as part of their worship, and thank God for waking up again this morning. But everyone there woke up this morning, so what's special about your wake-up? Nothing is told and no glory to God given, lies continue to conceal, and life continues the same as before.

The other spiritual principle which I will come back to again in the next chapter is God's Glory. When we fail to tell of what God has forgiven us of, we fail to show the Glory of God, so no-one sees how wonderful He truly is. If He can do it for you he can do it for everyone, and that gives hope and freedom to those still bound in chains of sin and shame.

I realised when I told my testimony, I was overcoming the devil because I was saying that even if no-one else loves me, Jesus has forgiven me and His forgiveness and acceptance means more to me than their acceptance of me. It places God as my First Love! In this testimony, I stand face to face with Jezebel and take a step of victory for me and the church, because it encourages others to do the same.

# **PAUL, HAGGAI AND JAMES:**

#### 1 Corinthians 6:9-20

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the Kingdom of God?

DO NOT BE DECEIVED.

Neither fornicators, not idolaters, nor adulterers,
nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, not thieves,
nor covetous not drunkards, nor revilers,
nor extortioners will inherit the Kingdom of God...
and such were some of you (and me)
But you were washed,
but you were sanctified,
but you were justified

in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

"All things are lawful" but not all things are helpful.

"All things are lawful" for me but I will not be brought under the power of any.

#### Fornication:

Sexual immorality as a single / widow or widower.

#### Adultery:

Sexual immorality as a married /divorced person with someone other than the spouse.

#### **Idolaters:**

Anyone who worships a person including family, object, possessions, money or work, talent etc above God.

#### Homosexuals:

Same sex relationships: man with man or woman with woman.

# Sodomites:

Anal sex: either man with man or man with woman.

#### Thieves:

Someone who steals from another person.

#### **Covetous:**

Someone who is greedy, lusts or is jealous to another person's belongings or spouse.

#### **Drunkards:**

This covers all addictions – not just alcohol, where there is no self-control.

#### **Revilers:**

Someone who slanders another person, critical or insulting.

#### **Extortioners:**

Someone who swindles and cheats / defrauds money or property

'All things,' as Paul writes, was the 'coining of a phrase' the Corinthians used to justify their immoral behaviour. Paul reminded the Corinthians that freedom from the ceremonial laws of Moses did not give them licence to sin or indulge their own selfishness. This would only enslave them in the sin from which Jesus had freed them. "Under the power of any." The only power that should control us is the Holy Spirit. Sin should never dominate our lives because the Spirit empowers us to fight temptation.

**Now the body is NOT for sexual immorality** but for **the Lord** and the Lord for the body.....

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?

Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot?

Certainly not!

Or do you not know

that he who is joined to a harlot is ONE with her?

For the two shall become one flesh"

But he who is joined with the Lord is in one spirit with Him.

#### Flee sexual immorality.

Every sin that a man does is outside the body,
but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

Or do you not know
that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you,
whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

For you were bought with a price,
therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God's.

This word clearly defines that he was writing to believers not unbelievers, because they had once been washed, sanctified and justified in the Lord Jesus. There is no doubt Paul **is addressing believers**. Don't lie to yourselves that it is ok to be part of these things mentioned and still think you can enter the Kingdom of God!

Sexual Immorality is the only sin which takes part inside the body, the body which is the Temple of the Holy Spirit. All other offences take part outside the body. But sexual immorality defiles the Temple of God. The place where the Holy Spirit has taken residence has been defiled. Our body that is now betrothed to Jesus has been defiled.

I have found that there are people who hold to the belief that so long as they are engaged or betrothed to be married, it is now OK to have sex. In the days of Mary and Joseph, when the angel came and performed the planting of God's seed within her body, Mary was a virgin. She was betrothed to be married to Joseph, they were engaged. They had made a promise to one another to get married, but it was not permissible to have sexual intercourse, until after the wedding.

Had she not yet been engaged, she would have been bringing a child into a world without a father which is contrary to God's plan for every child to have a father and a mother. It would have been scorned upon also and not understood. Because of the engagement, the angel visited Joseph and explained so there was no scandal, and Jesus would have a normal life until His time had come to begin the work of the ministry. Until then, Jesus grew up with brothers and sisters, and learned from Joseph how to be a carpenter like him. He learned to be obedient in all things.

1 Corinthians 5:1-8 Immorality Defiles the Church

I haven't written these scriptures out — as you can read them for yourselves in your Bible. It is here to tell or remind us of the story behind this writing:

<u>I Corinthians 5:9</u>-Immorality Must Be Judged

I wrote to you in my epistle,

not to keep company with sexually immoral people.

Yet I certainly did not mean

with the sexually immoral people of this world

or with the covetous or extortioners or idolaters,

since then you would need to go out of the world.

But now I have written to you

not to keep company with anyone named a brother (or sister)

who is sexually immoral or covetous,

or an idolater or a reviler or a drunkard or an extortioner

— not even to eat with such a person.

For what have I to do with judging those on the outside?

Do you not judge those who are on the inside....."

The man in question was sent out of the church for a time of discipline, but in 2 Corinthians he is restored again because repentance and restitution has been made good.

When I was being disciplined for immoral dreams, I wasn't actually sure if I had done the act or not, and thought I was pregnant. I was sent out from the mission school, so as not to contaminate those I was with. I was sent lovingly to a place where I was restored. I was off the front line for 9 months before being restored and sent back. So long as I was willing to receive the discipline, but if I had refused I would have been sent home and dealt with appropriately.

There are some really strong spiritual principles here that people fail to see or understand. It goes back to the yeast of the Pharisees, and the tea bag in water.

We should not just sit and fellowship or eat with such people, not just the sexual immoral, but those engaged in all of the things mentioned. Why? Because the spirit of the flesh will defile that which is pure, causing both to be affected and fall. So in the case of people who are leading in ministry, they spread their ungodly spirit throughout the church, corrupting everything and everyone they touch. They should be removed from any fellowship, according to Paul's letter, until they have undergone repentance and time to prove that they are now free from the spirit of the world and no longer contagious!

Leaders who look godly but walk in unrighteous acts, pollute and defile the church and the whole body, leading them away from God by tolerating Jezebel.

#### Haggai 1:4

Is it a time for yourselves to be living in panelled houses
whilst the house remains in ruin?
Now this is what the Lord Almighty says:
"Give careful thought of your ways.

You have planted much, but harvested little.

You eat but never have enough.

You drink, but never have your fill, you put on clothes but are not warm.

You earn wages only to put them in a purse with holes in.

This is what the Lord Almighty says:

Go up to the mountains and bring down timber

and build the house so that I may take pleasure in it and be honoured....

The panelled houses today (New Testament Times) are the church buildings and our homes, bricks and mortar. But the temple that is laying desolate is our heart, the true temple of the Holy Spirit, which has become defiled.

The curse of rebellion is listed above, and it also describes the orphan spirit that never has enough to satisfy, even though they have, they need more, just in case. What does going up to the mountains mean? It is referring to the need to repent, to humble oneself and to be cleansed of the iniquity. The trees used to build were always on the mountains. The Lord does not wait until the Temple is ready, He is interested in every part of the 'building processes'. Obedience is worshiping in Spirit

and Truth, which is holy and acceptable. It is not easy to climb and cut wood, it is an uncomfortable exercise. Neither is it easy to accept our faults and bow down before the Lord to repent, but it is the process. We climb the mountain of the Lord, and our worship is cutting down the trees, and pulling up the roots of sin and iniquity in our hearts.

#### Haggai 2

This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt,

The Promised Glory of the New House!

But what of the defiled?

Ask the priests what the law says -

if a person carries consecrated meat in the fold of his garment and that fold touches some bread or stew some wine or oil or other food – does it become consecrated?

does it become consecrated

Then the priests answered

'No'.

Then Haggai said

"If a person defiled by contact with a dead body touches one of these things does it become defiled?

"Yes" the Priests replied –

"It becomes defiled"

So it is with the people of this nation in my sight, declares the Lord.

Whatever they do and whatever they offer there is defiled.....

# Let's look at this clearly:

If I am carrying something that is holy and clean that has been consecrated to God, and I carry it in a handkerchief. If the handkerchief then touches something else that is not consecrated what happens? Does the un-consecrated / defiled become consecrated? The priests knew the answer.... The answer is **no**!

Now if a body touches something that is dead – thus it is considered defiled... and that defiled body then touches the same things, will they become defiled too? The answer is **yes**!

God is what makes us Holy, but if we are walking in sin then everything is contaminated and everything we touch or have fellowship with will also become contaminated and defiled. It is the law of sin. It is like yeast that passes through the whole bread. If you have a basket or bag of apples, or even potatoes. As soon as one of them is rotten, very quickly the whole bag of apples or potatoes will also become rotten. The good potatoes do not make the rotten one good, but the rotten one will make the good ones rotten!

In the Book of 2 Samuel, when Samuel the prophet says to King Saul that he is to kill all of the enemy: men, women and children, cattle, sheep everything. Nothing was to be taken as trophies or souvenirs, because the spirit of that tribe would be carried on, and spread through to contaminate the people, so everything and everyone must be killed. The Amalekite spirit was to be got rid of. However Saul disobeyed God's command through the Prophet Samuel. Samuel returns to tell the king, that God prefers Obedience above sacrifice.

The king lost his kingdom because of that act of disobedience. The woman taken hostage was the wife of the king, and she was pregnant. Five hundred years later, it is a descendant of the Amalekite king that was called Haman. His sole goal was to have all the Jews killed, but Esther was there for such a time, to save them. Saul said he had kept the cattle and sheep to offer a sacrifice of worship to God. God didn't want his act of worship! He wanted obedience. Obedience is worship in spirit and truth.

So this brings me to say that all the good works, worship times, prayer meetings held, when done by someone walking in disobedience, God doesn't even want them! He doesn't even listen to them! His word again tells us:

James 5:16

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

In other words the prayers of the unrighteous achieve nothing! All those prayer meetings and doing good works, throughout the night meetings – for what? Own personal gratification which is feeding the flesh, not the Spirit of God at all!

There are church leaders who say we must not judge less we be judged... I have mentioned it before, but the scripture above written by Paul clearly tells us that Church leadership are supposed to be the ones to judge, and to lovingly help and restore someone back to salvation and fellowship within the body. It is love that is willing to come alongside a brother or sister who is walking in sin and especially sexual immorality, because do not be deceived, they will not receive eternity with Christ unless they repent.

"But that is the job of the Holy Spirit to convict them not me!"

Yes it is, but the problem with sin, is that the more we do it, the less we recognise or hear the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Our sin causes us to have deaf ears and blind eyes to the truth. The brother who loves will lovingly share the truth, and in love also remove them from leadership roles in the church if they are leaders of any kind, whilst they put their life in order with the Lord. The word, truth spoken, will then allow the Holy Spirit to do His work to convict... but what if no one tells them. The Lord tells me that I am as guilty as they are for not revealing the truth.

"But they can read the word for themselves in the Bible!"

Yes for the most they can, but the problem is that a prowling lion is waiting to devour, and destroy. I know people who say as soon as they begin to read the Word of God, or a book about God that would help to bring them back, they always fall asleep. That is demonic influences to stop the person from reading and then understanding. Perhaps people are busy with work during the day and evening, and no time to read.... Or maybe as in some places of the world they can't read, or they don't own a Bible, do not have money to buy books that would help.... What then?

The leaders of the Church are to lead as Jesus led the twelve disciples, by example. He rebuked them, He explained things to them. Once people have understood the truth, then yes it is for them to make the right choices, but until then, to have people walking in open sin, leading in any capacity, is saying it is ok. That very sin will then spread throughout the Church body, either in practice, or just tolerating it, closing a blind eye to it.

These are serious spiritual lessons that are completely ignored in many churches, and it is causing those to follow in paths that are leading them away from Salvation, not toward it.

# **RESTITUTION:**

### **Luke 19**

I9 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through.

2 A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus;
he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy.

3 He wanted to see who Jesus was,
but because he was short he could not see over the crowd.

4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him,
since Jesus was coming that way.

5 When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him,
"Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today."

6 So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

7 All the people saw this and began to mutter,
"He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord,

<sup>8</sup> But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord,

"Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor,
and if I have cheated anybody out of anything,
I will pay back four times the amount."

<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him.

"Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Restitution was always part of the Law. If, for example, a cow was stolen it had to be given back plus four more, making five in total. If a sheep was stolen four were returned to the owner. There were different dispensations, and below in Leviticus it talks of 20% of the value being added so the price of 'pay-back' was 120% of what was first taken or stolen. In Luke 19 – Zacchaeus, who Jesus calls down from the tree to take Him home, said he would pay back four times that which he had

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cheated from people, and gave half of His possessions to the poor. When the presence of the Lord enters our house, our heart – we want to put things right not just what has been taken, but make recompense.

Restitution is an outward manifestation of an inward desire for repentance. It is a sign before God and man that the heart has changed. God forgives, man benefits. Both are offended as  $\sin$  is against both man and God, and the bigger one – God, is clearly reconciled.

### Leviticus 6:1-7

1 The LORD said to Moses:

2 "If anyone sins and is unfaithful to the LORD
by deceiving a neighbor about something entrusted to them
or left in their care or about something stolen,
or if they cheat their neighbor,
3 or if they find lost property and lie about it,
or if they swear falsely about any such sin that people may commit—
4 when they sin in any of these ways and realize their guilt,
they must return what they have stolen or taken by extortion,
or what was entrusted to them,
or the lost property they found,
5 or whatever it was they swore falsely about.
They must make restitution in full,
add a fifth of the value to it and give it all to the owner
on the day they present their guilt offering.
6 And as a penalty they must bring to the priest,

that is, to the LORD,

their guilt offering, a ram from the flock,

one without defect and of the proper value.

7 In this way the priest will make atonement for them before the LORD, and they will be forgiven for any of the things they did that made them guilty."

Restitution is made at the time of repentance, it is not with-held until a more suitable time is appropriate to their own circumstances. It is immediate and takes priority.

Adultery, what has been stolen? Well, what was due to your spouse and your children within that marriage has been stolen. Love, time and affection. Maybe monetary gifts given to your secret lover over the years. Money that belonged to your family, to your children. Maybe you cannot replace that money, but there can be a change of attitude in your heart towards the spouse. Some have accused your spouse of all kinds of injustices either to others or to them personally, subjecting them to humiliation and rejection and verbal abuse, whilst all the time you have been the one seen to be untrustworthy defiling the marriage bed and then adding to that the continuous lies of cover up! I shall not bear false witness, one of the Ten Commandments. So how can restitution be made? I know many families that have repented and forgiveness has been given, that they make a fresh commitment to each other with witnesses as a public statement of repentance and a changed heart.

I also believe that when we fail to acknowledge publicly with our testimonies to confess that there has been adultery, or a fall in temptations e.g. lying and cheating etc. it robs God of His Glory. His glory is His mercy and forgiveness, His compassionate and restoring grace. When we hide that testimony we steal from God. To God be the glory, honour and praise. So I believe, our open confession in the form of testimony or asking forgiveness from the body of Christ, places God in the centre again, as our First Love. We love Him more than we love our reputation among men.

### Job 20:10

His children must make amends to the poor; his own hands must give back his wealth.

In the book of Job we are told that a man who does not make amends places a curse on his own children. It says they will beg from the poor, being worse off than the poor. Why? Because his own hands are required to GIVE BACK the ill-gotten gain. If you choose to ignore making recompense you add a curse upon your children for your own acts of disobedience.

### Proverbs 14:9

"Fools mock at making amends for sin,

BUT the Godly acknowledge it and seek reconciliation."

Fools mock at making restitution,

BUT there is goodwill among the upright (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

Fools will ignore making restitution because those who make light of sin make light of Christ. THE FEAR OF THE LORD guards against everything unholy.

 ${\sf N}$ ow is the time for all things to come into the light.

Now is the time to get Wisdom, and it begins with The Fear of The Lord!

Now is the time Church – Wake Up!

Put things right, settle your disputes, make restitution with man and God... and Go and sin no more!

I am now sixty years old. Three years ago the Lord showed me that I was under the curse of my mother's sin, which had also become my own though I didn't recognise it, and He led me in how to break the curse, by repenting for my mother's and my own sin. At the time I did not know I had the sin, but I recognised my mother's, who is dead. In obedience I confessed my mother's sin and confessed it as my own. I went through a deliverance which can be read in full in Catching Foxes. I had repented, but I hadn't truly understood and the Lord knew that. He was faithful to break the curse and deliver me, and then He was faithful to teach me about restitution.

 ${f N}$  ine months after the event mentioned above, the Lord spoke to me in a dream.

"I want you to ask your sister for forgiveness Fenella."

"OK Lord, but what am I asking forgiveness for?

"When you were six years old you told your sister if she didn't stop what she was doing you would kill her"

"But Lord, I was six years old and didn't mean what I was saying, presumably she was annoying me because I don't remember it. I was afraid of killing a

tiny moth in the room and would scream hysterically for dad to kill it before I would rest, surely she knew I didn't mean it."

"Fenella, it is not what you said but the way you said it!"

At that point in the dream, the Lord revealed to me the way the sin had operated in me that was my mother's sin. It was control and manipulation which is witchcraft. My sister had recognised that spirit in the way I spoke and she had always been afraid of me, even though she was older than me. Many years later as adults and in disagreement – suddenly she would say to me:

"There you go again, it's not what you say but the way that you say it,"

She would be angry with me. I had never understood what she meant and thought inwardly that I was right she was wrong – she'll get over it. So I was adding pride and arrogance to the control – not a pretty picture in the eyes of the Lord.

My sister and I had parted company under negative circumstances four years ago, and had not communicated, so imagine when I receive this word from the Lord in a dream two years later after no contact with her.

I wrote her an email, the only contact information I had with her, explaining that the Lord had spoken to me. He had revealed to me that every time she had said 'It's not what you say but the way you say it,' she had been right and I had been wrong. I was very sorry for the way I had spoken to her, asking her forgiveness.

This was restitution. I had asked the Lord to forgive me. It was private between me and the Lord, but God was not satisfied with that. He wanted me to make a public confession to my sister for what was said when I was six years old and since, and that takes humility. Humility is the opposite of pride! God was healing and restoring, but I could not receive the fullness of healing until I had understood what I had repented for. With repentance and understanding comes humility and restitution.

My sister wrote back saying she forgave me, nothing more. One year later the Lord asked me to call her. I didn't have a number because she had refused to give it to me, but the Lord told me it was in my phone! I called from India, wondering what she would say when she heard my voice for the first time in three years. She was elated and so happy asking me to call again when possible. One year later, the Lord was taking me on a journey, and part of that trip, was to the UK. I called her and asked if she would like to see me.

"Oh, I'd love to see you, wouldn't you like to stay here for a few days?"

Our love and relationship has been healed, yes restored, because of obedience and restitution. God is Good!

Sexual immorality brings ungodly soul ties / familiar spirits between the two people in sin, but where the man is then returning to the wife and also having sexual union with her, he is linking them all together.

Continued lying, and cheating also creates a stronghold of sin within the body of the one committing them, allowing the spirits to take hold. Let me share with you a very recent story as a living testimony of what happened because of unconfessed sins and lies, cultural and generational sins.

# **TESTIMONY:**

Two years ago I moved in to live with an adopted son and his wife and four children, soon to become five. I had first met his older brother in 1989, when he adopted me in his heart to be his Christian mother. Their mother had died. I had no knowledge of the siblings, but in 2013, the Lord put us back in contact with each other again, and later in the year I returned to visit them in their country. Of course there was much to tell in the 24 years, but there was a bond that was indescribable, like I belonged. At the airport when we met for the first time again, there were others with him, who were introduced by name to me. I politely shook their hands and greeted them, but I was informed that these were his biological brothers and therefore my sons also! That was a shock! I asked how many children I have, and I was informed nine!

It was one of the nine that I believed the Lord led me to share a house together with the following year after I was asked to sell all my belongings and give up my flat. The story is in Catching Foxes.

I had never been a mother before, so the next two years would be a huge learning curve, both for me and my children. Learning to be a mother, was teaching me more and more about the Father's love for us all. It was also a time of revelation and understanding of the love of of Jesus for His Church, His Bride to be. The more I learned the more I shared of this amazing love, however in the midst of this love He was also asking me to catch the foxes of compromise, to prepare for the Bridegroom who is coming soon.

The Lord had been leading me, revealing to me hidden sins that I was totally unaware of, some being generational sins, handed down, others for sure my own in origin as far as I know, but as God was teaching me, I was teaching my children. Or at least I was trying.

The husband and wife are greatly loved in the church, and my son is an elder, in charge of the men's group, evangelism and also involved in leading intercessions with fasting, preaching and translating. Besides all of that he had a full time job to earn and support the growing family.

Not long into my time there, cracks appeared in the marriage. Well actually one huge one, when one day his wife left and didn't say anything, taking only the newly born baby with her. For one week I was house sitter and child minder as it was school holidays. The eldest daughter who was then ten years old, was actually cooking and cleaning the house, bathing the other baby girl who was just one and a

half years old, and basically taking control when daddy was working. I was there to stop the fights and basically care for them. I did some cooking, and my son when he was home from work also did some cooking and washed the clothes. It was a hard time for everyone. When his wife returned, it revealed that things had not been right for the eleven years they had been married. Instead of dealing with them, they hid behind masks so outsiders did not realise that the cracks on the insider were increasing. To be honest there was no-one his wife could trust.

My daughter-in-law told me that she was only willing for one person to counsel them, if her husband agreed... me. He agreed, because he knew there were problems which would only bring further disaster.

I asked each one to tell the problems they had with the other, and I made notes, so I could later pray over them, asking the Lord to identify the spiritual presence at work, that was trying to destroy the marriage. Paul tells us that our fight is not against flesh and blood but powers and principalities. There was mistrust on both sides, to do with money, but in addition there was the question of her husband's infidelity.

Before he had met his wife, there was a girl from the village that he'd been close friends with. When she told him of a difficult time she was in, he agreed to marry her. He sent her back to the village to her parent's home to stay for three months whilst he saved money for an Introduction, a kind of cultural engagement for those who are Christian and want to make their vows before God. (Culturally it is the marriage ceremony when the father gives his daughter to the man, as in the time of Laban and Jacob.) When he returned to the village to get her, she was not there, she had moved in to live with another man. He visited her to officially wish them well and say the engagement was no longer valid. After this he met his wife.

When they had moved from the capital to another large town so he could work at the airport, it was here he was told by someone, possibly one of his brothers, that the first lady was living in the same area. He went to visit her as they were friends since childhood.

I asked him if there had been any sexual intimacy with her during his marriage to his wife. He said no. His wife knew differently. I revealed the spiritual things that I had recognised on both sides. Both had been abandoned by their parents. My son's mother had died, not intentional but to the child he was abandoned. His father was a full time evangelist and minister of the gospel, and travelling all over the land on foot. He was rarely home. The church had told him to remarry, which he did taking a younger wife. Culturally, a woman does not look after another woman's children, so the seven children were basically brought up by their older sister as best she

could. She was pregnant without a husband because he had died, when the mother died. The children on the whole were left to fend for themselves, making up their own rules of survival. My son was taken pity on by a local man working in a bank, and he took him to his home and kept him, and paid for him to go to school. One day the man did not come home from work. He was transferred to another bank in another area of the country and never told my son, who was left having to find food and fend for himself. One day his father returned from his mission, and went to bring him home again.

His wife's parents divorced, both leaving the village to work in the Capital city, leaving her to be brought up by the grandparents. The family were involved in practicing witchcraft, and had wanted to use her as a child sacrifice. It was refused by the grandparent, but she was cursed for sure. Her hands became crippled and she would cut her hands and face with sharp objects.

One day she opened her eyes and saw her mother standing over her. She asked mum why she was in the village. Her mum was shocked, because she had come to bury her daughter who was supposed to be dead. The family were digging the hole as they spoke. She continued to grow in the village, but God had revealed Himself to her, and strengthened her and healed her and indeed delivered her. At my point of meeting her, there was not a single scar on her face or hands, and she is so beautiful! Her hands are normal and very productive.

Yes the curse of abandonment, had its roots in both their lives. When there is abandonment, there is a need to survive, and survival requires determination, will, control and manipulation. As children needing to survive, we do what we need to, and when it works, why change?

As the wife grew with God, she learned to trust Him in all things. She learned to forgive those who had meant to harm her. Her intimacy with God caused her to have a great hunger for more of Him, and more of Him brought a lifestyle of repentance and understanding.

My son however, grew with a knowledge of God. Yes he was taught scriptures, but those who take care of themselves achieve success. He learnt to survive. He had a wonderful knowledge of God's word, He was very <u>familiar</u> with God, because He had read so much about Him, but He never truly understood what it was to be a Son of God.

(Familiarity breeds contempt! Sonship breeds obedience and love)

So when I had highlighted some of the spiritual things that I had recognised, I asked each one of them to confess before the Lord and ask for forgiveness in those areas.

Emphasising the forgiveness of their own sins and those of their parents. His wife flowed in complete understanding and fullness of heart. But my son did not. It was a parrot fashion prayer, being obedient because he was told to by me, but his heart seemed to be hard and not understanding.

When I shared the spiritual principles involved, she drank in every word, then went before the Lord to apply it. Although he had ears to hear, he chose not to listen and seemed to dismiss every word I spoke.

I had said that at the end of the ministry time, I would burn the papers as a sign as the past was finished, they had spoken forgiveness to one another, and now it was time to move forward, no looking back. The wife gave me two pieces of jewellery that had been given to her and her daughter, from the female friend of her husband. She wanted them burning also. Something we do, when ungodly soul ties are attached to objects.

His wife however, would get very specific dreams, showing still more to this friendship with the other woman than had been confessed. Difficulties were still happening. The husband was at the call of the female pastor, and at every meeting available at the church: prayer meetings, leadership meetings, overnight meetings from 10pm 'til 4am taking one hours sleep before going to do a twelve hour shift driving fork lifts and heavy cargo.

began to pray for all things in the dark to come into the light.

The bills were not being paid on time, and we were cut off from electricity, but there was no explanation where the money had gone by the husband. The wife cut off all her hair, because there was no money given by the husband to keep it as is customary to their culture. When the wife asked if she could have some money he basically told her to go out to work, but she was still breast feeding her baby, and having to wash and cook for the other four. Her health was getting bad, because she had never healed from the last delivery and she was in great pain. Eventually they got a maid to help her in the home and with the baby. She was a God send.

My son appeared to be charming and friendly to everyone including me, but his wife was not receiving his concerns or care. When I asked if she was ok, she said she would be fine, and took her cares to the Lord in prayer. It is not cultural to share such things and dishonour the husband.

After just a few months of me being with them, I suddenly became sick with a back problem. I have suffered back pains for many years but this time it was worse than ever before, and the left foot went completely grey and a numb pain. I couldn't sit, I couldn't lay down, I was standing and leaning against a wall, and my daughter in law

would come to give me hot water massage to try and give pain relief and keep the blood circulating. The pain increased, and I was screaming, crying beyond words to describe it. I had to leave the country for visa reasons, and had tickets to India for three months. God had asked me specifically;

"Will you trust Me in the pain?"

Before I travelled to India, their eldest daughter came to me one day saying she had had a dream: I had been in the nearby village in the dream, and she had walked into my room to find an old lady with white hair, making my bed with red sheets. She told the old lady to leave her grandmother's room immediately, but she ignored her and continued to make the bed. Still in the dream she ran to the gate shouting after me to see if she could see me, but I was still in the village, so she ran back into my room and told the old lady to leave this room now! The old lady just looked at her and sat in my office chair with a mocking laugh as if to say; "I have every right to be here!" It was as if she was cursing my bed to be a place of pain. It was not the first time she had seen this woman in a dream, she had seen her in different places within the house over several occasions. That evening my granddaughter, her mum and myself went around the house with oil and praying over every door and window covering every entrance with the blood of Jesus as protection. This attack however continued.

While I was away, in India, the Lord began to speak to me of writing Catching Foxes. I was away for three months, all of it on bed rest and receiving treatment that can be read of in the book Catching Foxes. However back home, my daughter in law was now having the exact same back problems as myself. When I returned, one evening we were praying for her in her distress and pain, that I saw in my mind a snake coiled in her back and around a leg. I began to pray and there was some deliverance taking place, but it did not all happen. It seemed strange that she was mirroring my symptoms, and my son was concerned that it was not real.

His wife got two very specific dreams. In the first dream, her husband was caught by a woman with a tongue like a giant snake or gecko. She had caught him and swallowed him whole, like the way a frog will catch a fly, and he was in her belly unable to get out. A bit like Jonah in the whale. No matter what the wife did to cause the woman in the dream to vomit him out again, it did not happen. He would have to make it happen himself from the inside. Then the second dream was concerning the assistant pastor in the church to the female head pastor. He was going to be attacked by a gecko sitting on his plate, but instead he attacked it back saying he was not afraid and broke its jaw wide open.

The dreams was very specific, and when she told her husband, he was a little upset she had left him in the belly of the woman before waking up. He then dismissed

them, getting tired of his wife always dreaming from the Lord and mum always hearing the Lord say this and that.

The following day, after the church service, he had to remain for an urgent leaders meeting. The assistant Pastor (from the second dream) was verbally attacked and accused of misusing money in the church. As the attack became increasingly ugly (according to my son) the pastor got up, told the church he was handing in his resignation as assistant pastor and left the building.

During that same week with a visitor in the sitting room with us, my son accused me of acting in a fearful way with the children, mocking me and embarrassing me in front of the whole family and guest. I, like the assistant pastor, got up and wheeled my chair out of the room to my own room. This was the only chair I could sit in, I was still in much pain. Later my son came to apologise. His eldest daughter now almost eleven years old had brought a word to evening prayers. A house divided against itself cannot stand. The truth is that the children have a 'fear of granny" as in the Fear of Lord. They recognise that if they disobey I will give a punishment. It is never a beating as would be normal here. I may send them to their room, I may ban the use of the TV, or make them write out lines, however they know that when I say no I mean no, yet they are not afraid of me, rather they run to me, hug me, embarrass me with kisses.

The same spirit that had split the church was now splitting the home. Half of the church members had heard and left to have church in the assistant pastor's garden instead of remaining with the head pastor. My daughter in law was one of those who left. Yes the split in the church was now also divided in the home.

There had been things of the dark coming in to the light as I had been praying, and even before the church split the Lord had been speaking to me about the church leadership in control and manipulation, rebelling against the commands of God, and were exclusive in who could attend the meetings. Again the story is in Catching Foxes. I tried to reveal these things to my son with spiritual understanding of what was happening, but he couldn't hear, he was still "in the belly".

Things were not getting better between husband and wife, and one day I found his wife praying in the garden. Normally I don't interfere or interrupt, but I asked her what she was praying. "For the female pastor to get her own husband so she would leave mine alone!" I was aghast. It was not meant in sexual intimacy, but he was completely under her control, nothing was spoken in the house that was not repeated in full to the pastor, we knew because the information would find its way back one way of another. There was a full blown war with Jezebel and it was happening in our own home. We kept praying for my son's release, and for

protection over the house. We didn't understand why the spirit was able to enter the home. (Have you heard that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link?)



I had been almost sixteen months with continued back problems. I was restricted in my movements and remained in my home and in my room for most of the time. I would speak to my son but he would pay no attention or pay heed to anything. I even divorced him as my son, I was so angry with his hard heart, but his wife

was the one to remind me that neither he nor I had chosen to be mum and son, but it had been ordained by God, so it was not my place to end what God had begun. I repented and it was of course a huge lesson of the Father's heart and love for each one of us, regardless of our behaviour and hard hearts.

During the two years I had tried talking with all the sons of the spiritual things the Lord was showing me, urging them to take heed, but none of them wanted to hear. They had come this far without me, no need to change things now.

Now it was time to take a trip the Lord had planned. It was on a one way ticket and I did not know how long I would be away. However some significant things took place within the two months before I left. I was sitting on the sofa with the eldest grand-daughter, and said to her;

"You will never be too old for granny's hugs and kisses..."

With that I caught hold of her and gave her a huge hug and kisses.

"....and you will never be too old to give your dad hugs and kisses, go and sit on his knee and give him a big hug."

She froze. He froze. I helped her sit in a safe and appropriate manner on daddy's knee, sideways. Still both frozen and stiff, I asked her to listen to see if daddy was still breathing, because I was concerned his heart had stopped. She leaned in to put her ear to his chest, and with that he robotically raised his arms to encircle her. Suddenly she burst into loud sobbing and crying, then too embarrassed, she jumped up and ran to her room. I asked him when was the last time he had given his first-born any signs of affection. He hadn't since she was a baby, that is the role of mothers to the girls, he would give to the boys. That was his culture.

In this culture, girls learn very early how to do all the chores in the house. By the age of ten she was looking after the home remember when mum had left. She was more like the scullery maid and nanny to the rest of the family, than she was a precious daughter. Always being pushed further away with each new baby.

Then not long, maybe days, before I was leaving, my son was sitting with his two babies on his knee. The six year old boy was leaning in on his shoulder, over the arm of the chair, when daddy protested and told him to go and sit on the empty chair. I said "No!" I took the two babies, and told the six year old to sit on daddy's knee and get a hug. Wow, he jumped so fast, and giggled at being on daddy's knee. The two of them began to giggle together, when his older brother came to see what was happening. They swapped places, but this boy, now ten years old curled in foetal position and just smiled as he enjoyed his dad's hugs. These children had both their mum and dad, yet it was as if they had no father, as if they were orphans too. Remember my son's father was never home, so he had never grown knowing a father's love and hugs. You cannot give what you do not have.

The day before I left I had a word to my son and his wife. There is to be no veil between them. They sat in silence. I asked if there is a veil. My son spoke out:

"I do not trust my wife with money, and she refuses to submit to me as the Bible tells her to."

I looked at my son, and asked him if he had laid down his life for his wife as it tells in the Bible, just as Christ laid down His life for the church.

"I will do that when she submits to me."

"Like Jesus did for you and me? Did He wait for us to submit first and then give His life?" I asked.

"No... but if I do that she will just abuse me," he said

"Like you abuse the Lord then," I said.

I actually had no idea what I had just said, but I explained how the love of Christ is what calls us all to submit. When a woman is loved and wooed and cherished and treasured, she cannot help but to surrender to such love. I saw suddenly a twinkle in his eye of understanding.

I spoke that evening to his wife to say that the Lord had shown me in my spirit that something is going to happen that will take Samson through a difficult time, but that he had to come through it before God would release him into a new ministry. I told her, for some reason I must not be here when it happens. She looked at me and said, "I know, the Lord has also told me the same."

Whilst I was away, I received news that the eldest daughter, was in the hospital. It was a suspected water infection at first, but then suddenly she lost all movement of both legs, completely paralysed from the waist down, so also unable to go to the

toilet. I followed her progress in online messages, to hear what was happening, and there were many praying for her. I became very interested at this point about spiritual root causes of sicknesses.

Initial water infection: Fear stress and anxiety.

She had been afraid before I left, because her two brothers were transferring to another school and she was remaining. However she was frightened that the beating stick would be used, and asked me for scripture verses to prove it is not scriptural as the teachers presume. (Catching Foxes)

Transverse Myelitis: Rejection, Abandonment, Unloved.

Both sides of the spinal cord are affected causing paralysis in both legs, (This is often related to MS, Multiple Sclerosis.) Interesting root causes, when considering the story above I have just related, especially about abandonment, rejection and being unloved. It is not to say everyone has these root causes but it is suggested 80% of sicknesses that this doctor has studied and treated, were healed by treating the root.

Whilst they were in the hospital a Christian old lady came to visit the patients. She chatted and heard my son and family were believers, then she gave my son a word.

"The Lord wants to speak to you. Be sure to obey and do everything He tells you."

He was home with the other children that night when he heard the Lord clearly speak to him (not a normal experience for him)

"Take your daughter out of the hospital and lay her on My altar. She is not sick!"

He told his wife and they agreed to obey and discharge her. They decided to take her to the church near the hospital, where the old woman was from. There they laid her in the church and offered her up to God as Abraham prepared Isaac as an offering. They did not know what else to do. The daughter however was screaming wanting death to take her out of this pain. She was bloating up with urine as the catheter had been removed on discharge. Eventually my son was persuaded by the pastor and friends to go to a clinic for another catheter to be fitted and two liters of urine emptied out, then back to the church.

My son then had a dream, seeing his first-born pick up something from the floor on her way to school. He asked her if it was true, and she burst into tears asking for forgiveness. She had found money and spent it on snacks at school. Her dad told her it was cursed and that was why she was sick. When I heard this, I knew this was

not the reason. He was being tested. After prayer for the blind man to see, he was asked "what do you see?" He said "people like trees walking around." Just as the blind man's healing was checked, God was checking that my son's ears were open to hear the real message.

My son was in a corner of the church screaming and crying before the Lord, in ways Salome had never heard before. She said it was awful to hear such pain in his heart. His mother had been sick and he had cried, but not like this, his wife had not seen any tears when she was in pain. Then he went to speak with his wife. The Lord had spoken!

"Confess your sins to your wife!"

They spoke together, forgiving one another. Then they carried their daughter home. It was time for her to come home and get well.

My son had never before heard the Lord speak to him so clearly either by word or dreams. The next dream he received was that two spirits as young boys had raped his daughter. (For some this may seem farfetched, but it is not.) There were two boys in the dream. When my son was at work, his wife and the maid were praying over their daughter, when both the daughter and the maid began to manifest and spirits came out. (Interestingly, they both share a bedroom since I had bought new bunk beds for them, and creating a girls room.) Of course my son was informed on his return from work. They still had not joined the dots.

I had not been told all this as it was too much to write so I had to wait until the Lord brought me back after 6 months of travel. I was home a week before I got the above story. My grand-daughter was now able to walk again and do all things normal. Occasional tingling and numbness, but everything else functioning well. She had also been transferred to a new school where she is so happy and despite missing so much school work, was third in class after all the exams.

I told them of someone on my travels who had renewed their wedding vows, and my daughter in law said that maybe they should do the same. I asked why?

"Because there was sexual sin with the female friend three years ago with your son."

I looked in disbelief at my son and asked him:

"Were you lying for the last two years to me?"

"Yes, sorry."

The reply might have been about 'have you put my white socks with your red shirt to wash because they are now pink? 'There was no sense of remorse. I spoke out

that I forgave him, but there was unrest in my spirit, there was something really wrong.

The Lord then gave me basically the scriptures of this book, in a vision of preaching it in his brother's church. I had not spoken in that church for three years, so I had no idea when it would take place, but in obedience I spent time in the Lord as he revealed scripture by scripture. I was then invited to preach the following Sunday! I am about to reveal in the testimony what I spoke out in the church, and his brothers and others laughed. Why? Because it is normal practice here, and then when they have received, they thank God for His provisions! It's all a lie.

There was a conference happening at his wife's church, where they would be teaching on the Father-heart of God and an Orphan Spirit. The first night they came home, they said:

"Mum, they must have read Catching Foxes, they are preaching the same as you say."

The next night they returned also saying the same and that they are preaching the same as I have been saying, in the book, and also to my sons for the last two years, but all their hearts were hard and had not heard.

"Mum I need to confess something to you. I recognised something about the orphan spirit in me. I need to tell you something. When you asked me how much the new bunk beds were, I told you the sale price. You agreed and gave me the money and I returned. Despite that you were blessing my family, I negotiated a better price with discount, and I decided to keep it for myself. I knew you always wanted a receipt so I asked the salesman to write me an invoice for the original price I told you. I am sorry. I cheated you of 50,000 local currency. I am sorry."

I forgave him, though I have to say I was in shock. It was not the amount of money, but it was the fact that I had trusted him so much.

The next evening, the six year old now seven, had a lesson from his school lessons that my son decided to discuss. Luke 19. The story of Zacchaeus. My son discussed that salvation had come because he had believed in Jesus. I added that salvation had come because restitution had been made which was an outward sign of his repentant heart. My son disagreed with me saying that restitution has nothing to do with the New Testament because Jesus fulfilled the Law. He did not understand that His death which was our wages of sin had been paid. Nothing of the Law will disappear until all is accomplished. The cross as we discussed was the beginning of the end. He had finished what needed to be done for the future to be fulfilled, but

all is not accomplished until He comes again as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Restitution is still part of repentance, and only fools will mock it.

Suddenly I started to see the dots joined:

My son, had in fact had a sexual relationship three years ago, and it lasted for a short time before he put an end to it and repented before the Lord, however restitution was not made. He did not confess to his wife and ask forgiveness. Remember the story of the prodigal, the son returned and said: "Father I have sinned against heaven and against you." My son had sinned against God and his wife, but instead of confession he lied continually to his wife and then to me his mother.

Remember he was an elder in the church, and leading groups, preaching, praying. He was so full time for the Lord outside of his full time work at the airport, he had no time with his family hardly. Often what is happening, through guilt we become more religious and more involved in everything spiritual, in the hope that our sacrifice will be pleasing to God. The only thing He is pleased with is Obedience.

The Lord had already shown me that there was a strong presence of Jezebel in my son's church. Jezebel being a controlling and manipulative spirit, with pride and arrogance to add. Jezebel had him attached by some invisible cord to the pastor of the church, and this spirit that had split the church was now splitting our home.

I had been cursed by a familiar spirit which had authority to be in the home, to bring me to my bed for sixteen months of pain. Despite the prayers of his wife and my own, his wife had suffered exactly the same symptoms with her back, and they are not physically contagious, while his daughter and the maid, who share a room together, were both delivered of a spirit that had raped them.

I believe the spirit was Jezebel, and she had authority and rights because my son, being the man and head of the home, was tolerating her. Although he had repented to God for his infidelity, he was covering it in lies of darkness. We have read what Jesus has to say about people who love and practice lies. Then came the cheating and fraud, and reviling his wife, accusing her for the same things he was guilty of.

When I asked him about the veil between them, he accused his wife of not being trustworthy with money, but it was him who had cheated his mother and to add to that, led the salesman to write a false document to cover up his sin. That is Fraud.

I began to think of Pharaoh when asked to let God's people free, after each of the plagues God sent, his heart hardened. The sixth plague was sickness and disease, but it was the tenth plague that softened Pharaohs heart, when God touched the first born! God had to touch my son's first born before he was in a position to hear and obey. His sin had caused him to be deaf. My reminder is to all... "After the Pharaoh had let God's people free, he hardened his heart again, and together with all of his army, they followed after Moses with God's people to bring them back. Not one lived, they all met their demise in the waters of the Red Sea, because Pharaoh's heart that hardened again." This is a warning that if we fake repentance and continue in our sinful walks, God will not tolerate it!

During the plagues, all of Egypt suffered ruin and sickness because of one man's disobedience, who was in leadership. We fool ourselves if we think that there is no effect upon our family and our church when sin is tolerated. It affects us all.

This testimony is not to shame my son, but indeed to set him and many others free. All the time I knew him, and all the time standing and preaching God's word whilst walking in darkness, like the Pharisees of hypocrisy. And the spirit of Jezebel was infusing the whole church and his family with the same spirit. The only difference was, at home he had a wife and a mum who were not tolerating Jezebel and willing to fight for his freedom, by resisting the devil and trusting God in the pain. The church are yet to hear this message... they are yet to understand THE FEAR OF THE LORD is the beginning of WISDOM

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Since writing this chapter, I was invited last Sunday to preach the Word in my son's church. Again I asked the leaders in every capacity to stand, and asked my son who was interpreting the message to step down and stand with his fellow leaders, and for his wife to join me to translate. I had called first people in sexual immorality forward. No-one moved. I called my son to step forward.

"Mum, I have repented already."

"Not before the church you haven't!" He came forward.

As I was speaking to my son, a really large man came and knelt on the ground, and began to weep. A brave young girl came forward from the back, and the rest followed. I was surprised, then I mentioned the other sins, and more came forward. Almost thirty leaders did what is not normal in this land, only the Holy Spirit could have made this happen. And the Pastor was praising the Lord: "For surely revival has come to this Church. Surely the Lord loves us because he rebukes and chastens those He loves!"

### **GENERATIONAL CURSES – THE SINS OF THE FATHERS:**

In Catching Foxes I tell how the Lord revealed to me sins that were handed down from the sins of my mother, and also of my father. Witchcraft, which is Control and manipulation was from her, and the Lord showed me Racism and Antisemitism from my father.

God is not trying to bring shame on our parents, but He is trying to tell us if the sins of our parents and grandparents have not been repented of, they will be passed down through the generations. The curse that God put in place because of disobedience is also transferred down the line.

For example, if I am trying to make a successful business and it keeps failing, no matter how hard I try, you can guarantee that somewhere in the past a family member has been involved in stealing, cheating, fraudulent behaviour, even changing the boundary lines of land so as to steal from a neighbour... or in business maybe doing false weights and measures. Some modern bar owners have been accused of watering down the spirits and the beer, to get more out of the bottle thus making more profit. This would bring a curse upon the family down the line. A curse because repentance and restitution had not been carried out.

When travelling, one of my sons had written to say he had started a new business and opened a shop selling everyday needs such as toilet paper and other daily requirements. He is really struggling for money. Next he wrote and told me he had been robbed of all his stock! Next he told me his mobile phone had been stolen. When I brought this message to the church, the Lord convicted him of how he had got money in ungodly ways. To be honest, his sins had probably been inherited from his parents and further back. The curse that comes because of these sins is poverty. Even though the whole nation is in poverty, it is full of greed, which must stem back to ancestral sins over the whole land. God will not bless sin. He put in place the curses that would fall upon the people if they disobeyed according to the Word in Deuteronomy 28.

He tells that a curse will befall them if:

1 **Despising God**: refusing to listen to Him (v15)

<sup>15</sup> "But it shall come to pass, if you do not **obey the voice** of the LORD your God, to **observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you** today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:

### 2 **Disobeying Him**: Not keeping His commands (v15)

Whether you be in the city or in the country – you will be cursed

Your basket in which you hold the produce, and the bowl in which you produce bread – will be cursed.

Your womb, your land, and your livestock will be cursed and barren not bearing fruit Whether you are coming or going you will be cursed.

## 3 **Deserting Him**: You have forsaken me (v20)

"The LORD will send on you cursing, confusion, and rebuke in all that you set your hand to do, until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings in which you have **forsaken** Me.

I have not listed all the curses from the Lord as you can read them for yourself in Deuteronomy 28, but please note these curses are from the Lord for either Despising, Disobeying or Deserting Him. You can see that a lot of sicknesses are the result of God's curse. Failure in business is a curse from the Lord. To always be the tail and never the head is a curse, and it says it will continue through the generations.....

- <sup>21</sup> The LORD will **make the plague cling to you until** He has consumed you from the land which you are going to possess.
- <sup>22</sup> The LORD will strike you with consumption, with fever, with inflammation, with severe burning fever, with the sword, with scorching, and with mildew; they shall pursue you until you perish.
- <sup>23</sup> And your heavens which are over your head shall be bronze, and the earth which is under you shall be iron. (Drought)
- <sup>24</sup> The LORD will change the rain of your land to powder and dust; from the heaven it shall come down on you until you are destroyed. (Drought)
- <sup>25</sup> "The LORD will cause you to be defeated before your enemies;
- <sup>27</sup> The LORD will strike you with the **boils of Egypt, with tumours, with the scab, and with the itch, from which you cannot be healed.**
- <sup>28</sup> The LORD will strike you with madness and blindness and confusion of heart.
- <sup>29</sup> And you shall grope at noonday, as a blind man gropes in darkness; you shall not prosper in your ways; you shall be only oppressed and plundered continually, and no one shall save you.
- <sup>34</sup> So you shall be **driven mad because of the sight which your eyes see.**

- <sup>35</sup> The LORD will **strike you in the knees and on the legs with severe boils which cannot be healed, and from the sole of your foot to the top of your head.**
- <sup>45</sup> "Moreover all these curses shall come upon you and pursue and overtake you, until you are destroyed, <u>because you did not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep His</u> commandments and His statutes which He commanded you.
- <sup>46</sup> And they shall be upon you for a sign and a wonder, <u>and on your descendants</u> forever.
- <sup>58</sup> "If you do not carefully observe all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may <u>fear this glorious and awesome name</u>, <u>THE LORD YOUR GOD</u>,
- <sup>59</sup> then the LORD will bring upon you and your descendants **extraordinary plagues**—**great and prolonged plagues**—**and serious and prolonged sicknesses.**
- <sup>60</sup> Moreover He will bring back on you **all the diseases of Egypt**, of which you were afraid, and they shall cling to you.
- <sup>61</sup> <u>Also every sickness and every plague, which is not written in this Book of the Law,</u> will the LORD bring upon you until you are destroyed.

The LORD will give you a trembling heart, failing eyes, and anguish of soul.

<sup>66</sup> Your life shall hang in doubt before you; you shall fear day and night, and have no assurance of life.

I am tired of reading what people of God say on the internet when they attempt to break every curse of poverty, or failure, or sickness, or barrenness etc. in Jesus name over your life... if you want to receive, say Amen!

They cannot overule that which God has put in place. There is no curse without a cause! They are both arrogant and deceived to think that they have authority over that which God ordained. It is in place because of Despising, Disobeying or Deserting God. **There is only one way to break these curses over our lives** and that is at the foot of the cross in **repentance** to ask Jesus for forgiveness and turn away from the way we have been living, set to live a life of Listening, Obedience and Intimacy with God... which are opposite to the three D's.

Every individual has to be saved on the grounds of their own personal relationship with God. My children cannot be saved as adults based on my relationship to God. They have to have their own personal relationship with God, and any person who tries to take God's place in other's lives will stand in a very dangerous place, because they stand to make others follow them into the fires of hell.

God is a jealous God, and He will have no other gods before Him.

This is the God who is slow to anger, and quick to forgive. His love is from everlasting to everlasting for those who choose to obey Him in all His commands. I consider it Wisdom, to die to self for the short time we have on this Earth, in order to live eternally with Father God, and the Lover of my soul. When such love is being offered, who in their right mind would refuse?

In Exodus 20, the Bible tells us that the generational curse will be passed on for up to third and fourth generations, and this scripture becomes the basis for all spiritual, biological and genetically inherited diseases. In the Book of Nehemiah, the Priest Ezra was told to read the Laws of Moses to the Israelites who had been freed from their bondage in Babylon. The result was that they repented on behalf of the sins of their parents and grandparents, for walking in disobedience. This broke all curses. They realised that the sins of the ancestors were their own by inheritance, and were cleansed as they humbled themselves before God as a people.

Abraham went to Egypt when there was famine in the land. His wife Sarah, who was also his half-sister, was so beautiful that Abraham was afraid the Pharaoh would kill him to have her for himself. He asked Sarah to lie to the Pharaoh saying she was his sister, and he would do the same. By doing this the Pharaoh would take Sarah sexually as his wife and therefore commit adultery, without knowing, but Abraham would not die. Abraham told the first lie. Please note that it was a half lie, she was his half-sister, but the omission to say she was his wife, makes it a full lie! Remember God's maths!

The spiritual root of lying: <u>fear of man</u> - fear of rejection, fear of failure.

# "Perfect love casts out all fear!" There is only One Perfect Love and that is found in God alone!

Now Abraham was a liar and had fear, and God dealt with it and Abraham repented, but he didn't learn from his mistake. So as he journeyed on from Egypt he came to the land of the Philistines where Abimelech was king. (Genesis 20). Again Abraham was afraid he was going to lose Sarah, so he told her again to lie to the king and to say she was his sister. Abraham had a problem as a liar, and had a lying spirit. He then, as we all know the story, had Isaac. When Isaac had grown and had taken Rebekah as his wife, they travelled to where King Abimelech was still reigning forty years later.

Forty years after Abraham and Sarah stood before the Abimelech, Isaac and Rebekah did the same. Isaac told his wife to say exactly what Abraham had told

Sarah all those years before. (Genesis 26). This is now a second generation of <u>fear</u> and lying!

Isaac and Rebekah had two sons: Esau and Jacob. Rebekah gets to talk with Jacob about the birthright which belonged to Esau. She persuades Jacob to lie pretending to be Esau in order to receive the blessing. Once the blessing was given, it could not be taken back. This is now the third generation of liars.

Jacob who then is renamed Israel marries Leah and Rachel. Remember he was in love with Rachel and worked seven years for her hand, but the father deceived him and gave him Leah instead. He had to work another seven years for the love of his life Rachel. Leah was not his favourite, yet she was the one to give him sons, six in all. Rachel gave birth to two, one of whom was Joseph. The other brothers were jealous of Joseph and almost killed him, but decided to sell him into slavery instead, telling the father that he is dead after being attacked by an animal. This is now the fourth generation of liars.

Jacob's (Israel's) wife <u>lied</u> to her father Laban when she <u>stole</u> the family idols. (Genesis 35). But her father had <u>lied</u> and <u>cheated</u> Jacob by substituting Leah for Rachel, so Laban's sins transferred through the daughter. Now there are men, women and children lying. Remember God's mercy and everlasting love, He still called Abraham "friend of God," so there is hope for you and me! Hallelujah.

Genesis talks of fathers passing on their sins, so what about the women?

They all have fathers too! The women channel the sins of their father onto their children.

The Book of Numbers: 30, basically says: If a man standing hears his wife bind her soul with a vow, and says nothing, allowing the words of the wife to stand, she has bound her soul to a curse. (E.g. she may say she wishes she was dead. Binding herself to this vow it becomes a curse and it will come to pass. A friend many years ago had done this. No one knew. Her husband did not know. One night I was woken to pray for her. I had no idea why I was praying, so I prayed in tongues. Before I slept the Lord made me promise to call her in the morning and tell her. I did but she was not amused or thankful. That evening she called me... after I had called that morning, she was in a tragic accident on her way to work... the car a complete write-off. She got out of the vehicle without a single scratch or bruise to the police officer's amazement. I went to visit her and on the way the Lord told me she had wished herself dead. She agreed when I asked her, she repented, and later she told her husband.) It also says: If the man hears and corrects – disallowing the vow she has made, she will be released from the curse! God had heard, and called me to pray on her behalf – I had no idea what I was praying, but prayed in the

heavenly language, thus averting the curse from being fulfilled. The Father (God) was disallowing what had been spoken and protecting his daughter.

If the man hears such a vow being made by his daughter, the same applies as for the wife. So if daddy objects to the vow made, the daughter will be released from the penalty of the curse. Numbers 30:3-8

THERE IS NO SUCH PROVISION FOR THE SONS.

The fathers have to teach the sons, through example.

The beginning to all healing on this planet is the Salvation of all men.

Oh men....You are responsible for the spiritual welfare of the family – not the mother. You are responsible for your daughters' value system and her self-esteem. You want to be submitted to, respected and honoured yet you fail to protect and cherish the women. You are the protecting cover of the whole family, and when you are not walking in righteousness, in full salvation, you bring the curse upon all.

When Adam had to choose between what God said and what his wife said, he chose the woman over God. Adam did not disallow the words concerning the eating of the fruit and the action. He had first-hand knowledge of what God had spoken about the fruit. Eve was not created at that time, so her knowledge was second-hand knowledge from her husband, but Adam knew! If Adam had done what he should have and disallowed what the woman said, maybe we would all be in the Garden of Paradise now and things would have been different. Women get the blame because of Eve, but if men truly took their place as men of God, standing firm in obedience in all things, we would be living in a different world today.

This explains why, despite the prayers of my daughter in law and myself to be covered by the blood of Jesus in the home, the spirit still had some level of authority to be there and attack. When the head of the home is walking in sin, the whole family is attacked. His first born daughter was sick. The root cause of her sickness is deep rooted self-hatred and guilt linked to a father's rejection. But there were still problems in the other children such as lying, fighting, greed, crying and fear of abandonment when anyone leaves the home. I do not allow them to be beaten by the beating stick, yet they desire to beat each other. The two year old has started to punch with a fist in the face! Nobody has taught him that! He is born with the curse of sin as all of us, and it is cultivated within.

After I thought I had finished writing this, more happened in my son's testimony. We were discussing the truths of all that is above, and that I am still waiting for him to take authority and rebuke the spirit from our home. He thought I was being

paranoid. I had mentioned that the previous night there was a gnashing of teeth, or at least a loud gnawing of wood in my room. Normally it would not happen if there is a mouse/rat whilst the light is on. I was working at the computer. It got louder and I could not trace it, but I decided to go to bed. I heard this creature running in the room, and I am not kidding, it was as if it had metal boots on, the noise was so loud on a tiled floor. It sounded as though it ran past the back of my bed, feeling very close to my head, that I had to sit up in bed and pray in the darkness. I was covered with a net, but this 'creature' was very close. The following morning I told his wife, and she said she also had heard exactly the same previously, and asked her husband to check the boxes and cases, but there was nothing and no sign of anything. He just shrugged it away saying there is no place for fear in God. I was getting frustrated because he was not seeing or understanding the need to take up His sword and fight. It is not about fear to take up the sword and fight, it is about defending what is rightfully yours.

I reminded him that his spiritual son and friend had come some weeks ago, having had a dream, to tell him. The dream was that there were five robbers coming to steal from our home. My son was not doing anything. The friend shouted to him saying: "They are taking your things", but my son just replied: "Don't worry, they will not take anything," blind to them taking the TV and computer and other things in the home. The dream was showing my son's lack of spiritual discernment. There was a kind of faith that God is taking care, but it was a false faith. God tells us all to take up the fight against the powers and principalities of this world. No soldier goes onto the battle field and then just stands whilst the enemy is shooting bullets. The soldiers would build a trench, close any holes the enemy could enter, and if the enemy tried they would pierce them with a sword or shoot them. I suddenly realised, that my son is not able to get angry with the devil. He is still tolerating him, without understanding. He is not angry at what the enemy is doing to his family; to his wife, to his children and to his mum.

Suddenly I got the fresh revelation joining more of the dots!

My son is complaining that his wife refuses to submit to him. She cannot! The truth is, she is the one standing in the gap and fighting against the enemy to protect her children and her home because her husband is not. My son received a word about the sins of the fathers eventually and even called his biological brothers to repent, but has he taken action to pray and break them off his own life and that of his children? He heard his daughter curse herself in pain and fear, wishing for death, and yet did not break that word over his daughter, but his wife did. He was busy crying out to God that she is His to take, let His will be done. He had the dream of his daughter being raped by two spirits, but he did not pray against them. His wife did after he had gone to work. When there were attacks in the home he could

not pray because he was the one who gave them permission to be there. The night I had the problem with the gnashing of teeth, his wife had a dream of being stopped by a group of spirits trying to attack her. Yet still he takes no authority over the presence of the evil spirits attacking but laughs. For sure, if the wife submits she will leave the home without protection. First the man needs to rise up to that position the Lord has set him to be. THE HEAD OF THE HOME. When he takes up his spiritual duty to cover and protect his wife and family, then his wife can stand down... until then she has to stand in the gap. And her Heavenly Father is the One teaching her and giving her spiritual insight to know how to pray. In the words of William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army: Some of my best *men* are wo*men*.

Men in some of the churches around the world, are abusing, bullying, beating, cheating, humiliating, manipulating, dominating and controlling their wives through fear. They are setting this as a role model to their sons as to how to treat women in general when they grow up. Instead of laying down their lives for them as Jesus laid down His life for the church, in unconditional love, according to the Word of God, they stamp their feet like two year olds demanding respect and submission. Instead of cherishing and loving, protecting and fighting for them; they are the ones attacking.

It is the <u>sins of the fathers</u> that are being punished through the generations. The women will channel their father's sins down, but it will ultimately be traced back to a father.

If you trace your family tree, mark down any characteristics you know of them e.g. bootlegger, pirate, warlock, wife beater, molester, paedophile, rapist, adulterer, fornicator, murderer, thieve, bank robber, slanderer, division maker etc. God did not create these... these are the sins from which you have received your inherited curses... But Our God is strong in us, and can deliver us from this. Jesus became the curse that we would inherit the blessing; but it comes as we repent.

The ungodly vows of my mother could have been stopped because my father heard what she said, but he did not stop it. My dad was not a God fearing man, so he did not know the principles of God to disallow the words of my mother. I have shared that her sins of transference were of Control and Manipulation and Domination (Witchcraft). I had not explained how it happened as it is in Catching Foxes. However I feel I should explain it. My mother had been an only child, and spoilt by the family as everything she was ever given was just for her. She had never learned to share. (Of course that is the fault of her parents and especially the father for not disallowing it.) So the daughter, now married, gives birth to the first; a daughter. The wife who has never had to share with anyone, for the first time is jealous of having to share the love of her husband with the new baby. She makes a vow to her husband. "This child is yours, and the next one will be ALL mine." He did not

disallow this vow. The next child born was also the last, it was me. My older sister grew up being rejected by her mother... with sicknesses now that have roots in self-hatred, rejection and being unloved, and has never truly known intimacy with the Lord who could have brought healing and deliverance. She received Him as Saviour but not really as Lord. It's not too late!

As for me, I inherited the control and manipulation. For as long as I can remember, my mum always tried to separate me from my daddy, because I was to belong to her, so despite my daddy loving me, I had an empty hole of where the daddy's love should have been. I walked through life, looking for love to fill that space. Even after Salvation, I was trapped into looking for love, marrying was my will not God's will, so heaped more curses on my life.

My full story is in the previous Rejoice Books, and then after the divorce, I turned my back completely on God to search for love. How foolish, but God loved me, waited for me to come to my senses, to come to the end of myself, and let go!

Seven years ago, I returned to the Lord, and He has led me in paths of understanding. Through obedience and repentance, He taught me to break off the curses over my life. To break them off is to go to the root! We must cut the root! We don't just break off a branch, because when the rain comes, would it not continue to grow and produce more leaves? This is called pruning. If the tree is producing bad fruit, it has to be destroyed at the roots.

Over the last seven years, I have been delivered from ME (sickness) and healed from High Blood Pressure which I was told was for life. Referring to the sickness ME, I was told this illness would have me in a wheelchair for life because it was so chronic. ME is a combination of Fibromyalgia, and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome of which the spiritual root is about having no protective cover of a husband, or if the husband was abusive, causing rejection, self-hatred, being unloved etc. (My partner with whom I had the abortions, had sexual relations with my best friend, and when I refused to marry him, and all live together, he tried to kill me with the carving knife.) As the Lord was healing me of these things without full understanding, He was healing me of all my diseases. The back is still a problem, but it is vastly improved, as the Lord has delivered me of hidden iniquities and the spirits attached to them, including a spirit of Independence. Again the full story is in Catching Foxes.

The Lord is faithful to deliver me from all the curses that were upon my life, as long as I walk close with Him in obedience and repent. He is my healer, my deliverer, my fortress and my Stronghold. He is my husband, my Perfect Valentine, and as a single (divorced) person, He watches over me and protects me and disallows the ungodly vows I may speak, by His Holy Spirit who is with me and leads me, and instructs me

in all His ways. He leads me with a contrite heart to the foot of the cross, which I have learned now to take up daily as we are commanded. There is nothing in this world that can satisfy my soul like God does!

If husbands and wives got themselves right before God, before they conceive their children, the curses would not be passed on, and only blessings would be their inheritance... if only we had known!

am calling to the men of God, to step up to that which God has called you to be, and walk in purity and holiness, integrity, holding fast to the commands of God in every way, and repent. Do not wait for your wives, they will follow when the men are living and loving as Christ.

How to receive healing for Spiritually Rooted Diseases:

1. Come back into alignment with God:

His Word

His Person

His Nature

His Precepts

His Plans for you whilst here in this world.

This is Restoration! To be restored back to God!

- 2. Accept YOURSELF in your relationship with God, getting rid of your self-hatred, self-bitterness, guilt and shame, through forgiveness of sins at the foot of the cross. When you receive the forgiveness of Jesus Christ, then it is complete, therefore forgive yourself and let go. God holds no record of the forgiven sins. They are gone, and the page is wiped clean... a new fresh page to write the rest of the story of Gods blessings!
- 3. Making peace with all others. Forgiving all others regardless of what they have done or said to you, you forgive them the way God has forgiven you...you give them all a fresh page to write the rest of their story. What is forgiven on earth is forgiven in heaven... so you set them free to receive the blessings of God too.

All healing and deliverance starts with Restoration with God. The curses came because of Despising, Disobeying and Deserting God...

Fear of the Lord

is the beginning of Wisdom
But fools despise wisdom and discipline

Proverbs 1:7

### THE CHASTENING OF THE LORD:

#### Hebrews 12:6

For the Lord disciplines the one He loves, and He chastises everyone He receives as a son."

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#### Proverbs 3:12

My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline, and do not resent his rebuke, because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.

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#### Rev 3:19

Those I love, I rebuke and discipline.

Therefore be earnest and repent.

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In Deuteronomy 28:15 God gives us over to the blessings of our enemies, which are curses. When we have had enough and come to the end of ourselves, or come to our senses, realising that the blessings of our enemies are our curses of oppression and bondage, we will cry out to our God and repent, and He will end our captivity and he will bless us. He releases us when we return to Him.

The Lord is NOT putting evil on us, but giving us over to the devices of our heart until we have had enough. We choose to play and have union with the enemy of God, and so with that we receive the blessings of our enemy, which is in fact a curse. When we choose to return to Him, repenting through the conviction and power of the Holy Spirit and through the washing of the Word, the spiritual defect is then purified. This is sometimes called the Baptism of Fire, the purging work as silver in the furnace. The sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit.

God did not give us sin, He gave us life and life abundant... but man chose enmity to God, in favour of friendship with the evil one. Jesus came to destroy the works of the evil one, and that is why we thank Him for the Cross. It is finished. What had to be done has been done, giving us the power in the Holy Spirit to overcome the works of the evil one and to walk in holiness and purity with our God and Father. But we have to choose...

Thy will or my will be done?

The clock is ticking...

# 2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people,

who are called by my name,

(1) will humble themselves

(2) and pray

(3) and seek my face

(4) and turn from their wicked ways,

then I will hear from heaven,

and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

# **HOW TO PRAY / BREAKING THE SINS OF THE FATHERS:**

Whether it is to break away from the sins of the fathers down the generations, or just to break from your own you need to do the following:

- 1. Recognise. Isaiah 5:13; Hosea 4:6; Hebrews 5:14
- 2. Responsibility. 2 Corinthians 3:18
- 3. Repent. 1 John 1:9
- 4. Renounce. 1 Corinthians 10:21-22
- 5. Remove. Ezekiel 18:31
- 6. Resist. James 4:7
- 7. Rejoice. *Isaiah 35:1-10*
- 8. Restore. Isaiah 42: 22

# Recognise:

This is the hard part for many, but it is not so difficult. If you know you feel bitterness towards a person in the family e.g. Aunty Mary. You have recognised a spirit of bitterness. Bitterness is a fruit of unforgiveness. This is **discernment**. If you know that unforgiveness can lead to sicknesses such as cancer, you will know that it is a good idea then to choose to forgive Aunty Mary. This is **Wisdom**, which is knowledge put into action.

In the case of generational sins, you can then look back and see if something you are recognising within your self is something you know to be in your parents also. Often we are told e.g. you are stubborn just like your father. Stubborn is sin. It is idolatry. (It is putting 'self' in the highest place.) So now you know it comes from your dad, maybe his dad too.

You can always start with your parents. As children growing up, we have all recognised their weaknesses. If you know your mother had a tendency to shop lift, for example, the chances are that it is handed down from her father. Or it could be handed down from her mother's father, and the mother was a channel for her father's sin. The father or grandfather etc. could have had a business where he cheated others, or maybe he was a bank robber. It is important to make notes of the things you recognise. It could be you resemble an uncle or an aunt, it would then trace the sin back to the uncle or aunt's father, your grandfather. Even your siblings, perhaps you see in them something you don't see in yourself, but if you look back you may recognise it in other family members. So again you can see a line that it has travelled. If it is in a sibling, it is in you too. If there are sicknesses that have also repeated down the family line, it will be a curse. If every woman in the

family has miscarriages, it is a curse which could stem from abortions or murder in the past. Write down everything you know. If the fathers have been involved in freemasonry or such secret societies, for certain you are cursed and these need to be dealt with.

# Responsibility:

It is all about wanting to be transformed from glory to glory, accepting, even longing for what needs to be done.

When the Lord revealed to me about my mother's sin, He told me to repent on behalf of my mother's sin and my own. I took responsibility for having it, even though I didn't know I had it. I was blind to my own sin. If my mum had it or my dad, and it was never repented of, (they were not believers and would be ignorant of such things,) for sure I had it. So I took responsibility for it. I did not argue with God and state my case of defence. God does not lie. I pleaded guilty. I accepted what He said in His Word to be true. I took my own responsibility for my actions.

Before I was a Christian, I was placed in the position of choosing between my partner and my baby. He told me I could not have both, so I had to choose! I was placed in a compromising position. I didn't want to lose either, but regardless of what my partner had said to me, I still had to take the responsibility for the choice I made to abort the babies. I chose him over the baby in my womb. I could say it was his fault, but in the end, I made the final decision, nobody made me do it! I was responsible of murdering the baby within me. Not once but twice. I was guilty.

# Repent:

This is asking the Lord to forgive us for our sins, and if necessary making restitution with people, by asking them forgiveness for what you have done, or by giving back as a sign of brokenness as Zacchaeus did. Restitution goes hand in hand with repentance. It is also the decision in our heart to no longer continue doing these things. It means we turn completely around to face the opposite direction. Sin was taking us away from God, so to repent and make restitution, is to move in the <a href="https://docs.org/doi.org/10.10">dopposite</a> direction towards God. If we repent for pride we choose to humble ourselves as a sign of repentance. We choose to speak blessings over others instead of negative talk which curses etc.

# Renounce:

Many people repent but don't mean it. I once worked in a drug rehabilitation centre. There was a lot of repentance happening there. But one particular client, actually could not honestly say that he hated the drug. He would still express at

times what a wonderful sensation it was to drift into such oblivion and feel no pain. As long as there was still an admiration for it, a tolerance of it, freedom would never come. Sadly he returned to it, and died. We need to hate what the devil is doing in our lives. We need to be angry at the devil for stealing, because that is what he does, he steals, lies and cheats us out of the blessings intended by God. He comes to kill and destroy! How can we not be angry with someone who wants to do that to us, or to the ones we love? This is not about unforgiveness, remember we fight not against flesh and blood but powers and principalities. We are not angry with the people, we love them and forgive them for they know not what they do, but we are angry with the spirit that is deceiving and destroying. To renounce it is to say we divorce ourselves from it in our life. We sever all allegiance to it. We need to develop a perfect hatred for evil.

# Remove:

To be free from it! Get rid of it! Sometimes I have asked people to write down the things that they have repented for, and received the forgiveness from Jesus, because He has already done so from the cross. Once that has been prayed, we have held a bonfire party that evening, and each thrown the papers into the fire, to illustrate they do not exist anymore! It was quite interesting because some papers literally jumped out of the fire refusing to burn, but we held them in with a stick until they were consumed by the fire. They have been removed. It helps us to give it to the Lord – nail it to the cross and leave it there. Jesus says that the sins we have repented of are remembered no more! They are gone!

# Resist:

The devil always returns to try and get you to take up that sin again. He is the master of temptation. After I had forgiven my husband, (The story is in Rejoice... The Bricks Have Fallen,) to begin with I would get flash backs of some of the things he did or said that would cause me to feel the pain again. At those times I would speak out; "Get behind me Satan, he is forgiven. I have forgiven him and what is forgiven on earth is forgiven in heaven. Be gone!" I would resist the temptation to allow those feelings of pain to return and to taint and infect my heart again. Rebellion is witchcraft and stubbornness is idolatry, therefore obedience is better than sacrifice, is what the Prophet Samuel told King Saul when he disobeyed the Lord's instruction. He did not resist the temptation for more wealth, and the honour of men for capturing the Amalekite king. King Saul was self-willed (rebellion), and considered himself higher than God therefore self-exalted (idolatry / stubbornness). Obedience is better than sacrifice.

# Rejoice:

I can only say that every time the Lord has shown me the hidden iniquities I was to repent of (Catching Foxes), I was filled with a joy more than words can describe. It is so wonderful that one cannot help but to rejoice and thank the Lord and worship Him who is worthy to be praised. His convictions that bring us to repentance are not out of anger but love, knowing that as we obey we will indeed be free!

# Restore:

Restoration comes when we then help others to be free by our testimonies, helping others to be restored. We cannot give to others what we have not first received. It is what is known somewhere as 'pay forward.' You have received, now freely give to others. This is how God restores his people, we become overcomers by sharing our testimony of God's mercy and love, and by our testimony others are restored.

**Example Prayer:** You replace what is in the [] brackets with that which fits your needs. Name names if you have them of aunts and uncles, parents grandparents etc. Deal with individual items, rather than try to group them all together. Once you have made your list, work through it. If you know the sin but do not know the fruits of that sin, ask the Lord to reveal them to you. There are many teachings available on this. One excellent teacher on the subject is Derek Prince.

"Father I come to you with a contrite heart and ask you to forgive [my father, my father's father etc; and my own sin of racism and anti-Semitism.]

Forgive us our rebellion Father. I forgive my forefathers because they were deceived and knew not what they were doing, as you forgive me Father for I knew not what I was doing. I too was deceived.

I ask you to wash me clean from this sin, and break the curse over my life that comes with it, as I sever (renounce) everything to do with [racial prejudice and hating the Jews.]

I speak out love, and acceptance, and I pray blessing upon every nation, tribe, colour, race and especially blessing over the Jewish people, whom You love. (This is the opposite of the sin... to speak blessing)

I resist all spirits of [hatred, anger, jealousy and murder,] which are fruits of these sins, and by the blood of Jesus, and the forgiveness of sins, I now command you spirits to leave my body, mind and soul. You have no authority to be part of my life

in any way, I divorce myself from you, from this moment forth. Be gone in Jesus name.

I invite the Holy Spirit to come and fill my body, Your Temple with the unconditional love of Christ for [all peoples of all nations].

I receive forgiveness in full, deliverance and restoration. Thank you Lord. Amen"

If your children are old enough to understand, ask them to forgive you for transferring the sins on to them and ask them to pray what you have just prayed. You can also pray the below prayer as a covering if you feel it necessary. If the children are not old enough, you can also pray the prayer below.

The wife needs to do the same on behalf of her own sins channelled down from her father etc. Then:

"I also pray over my children, and ask you to cleanse them from the defilement of my sins [.....] through the transferral of my spiritual DNA to them.

Forgive them Father for they know not what they do, and release them now in Jesus name, from the sins of [racial prejudice and anti-Semitism].

As their **[father]** I take authority over every word I have spoken to my children that has fed them with these sins, and I break every ungodly vow that has ever crossed their lips regarding these sins.

I release the forgiveness of Jesus to my children and command the curse of their forefathers to be broken off their lives, and the fruits of their sin, being [hatred, anger, jealousy and murder] to be cast out now in Jesus name.

I pray for a creative miracle to cleanse the original seed of my loins and also that of [my wife's], that they grow now in the fullness of the Lord and receive all the blessings due to them in Jesus name.

Thank you Father. Amen"

If you have recognised, confessed and repented (turned away) of your own sins and the sins of those before you, and forgiven others as you have yourself been forgiven, made restitution, and if you have chosen to walk from this day forth as sons and daughters of the Living God, in obedience to live the life as God had ordained from the beginning, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and walk as enemies to the things of this world... then I say:

"Arise men and women of God –
for the Glory of the Lord is risen upon you this day!

Lift up your eyes to where your help cometh from....

This day, the lies and accusations of the devil have been shattered in the Courtroom of Heaven.

Repentance has brought forth the forgiveness found only in Christ....

And from this day forward your prayers will have a new and fresh anointing to see this nation come back to the First Love, and to overcome... as in Revelation and all its rewards.....

Go and sin no more!"

'It is through God's goodness that when we come from this place of repentance, that He continues to work within us to set us free'. It is not what we do. We can rest in Him, secure that forgiveness is complete. Yes we need to guard our minds and hearts not to return to where we have just come from, but we do not enter into dead religious works to try and impress the Lord. His love for us has not changed. It is the same for us after repentance as it was before. He is longing for more of our hearts. Not doing, but being! Being sons and daughters, sitting with Abba, to hear His heart, to love Him and to know Him. To be His ambassadors of love, mercy, tenderness, and care to a broken and hurting world. To love our neighbours with the same love He loves us. Let us walk in His Holiness, set apart from this world, as a living testimony of the love and mercy of GOD. That they too will Taste and See that The LORD IS GOOD.

THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM

# Suggested reading:

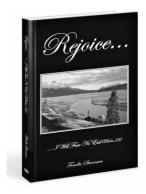
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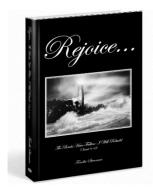
CATCHING FOXES: Published in March 2016. This is a Book for the Bride of Christ, with a call to get ready.

Based on Song of Songs 2:15, our beloved Bridegroom is concerned for the foxes that are causing problems in His vineyard of love, and asks His Brideto-Be (His Fiancé) if she is willing to catch them. This is a living testimony to some of the foxes I have been led to catch in my own life, in a hope that it will inspire you to join me in the hunt... as we look together at the Words of Jesus, to recognise the foxes that may be nestled comfortably - as yet

undetected. It is important that we not only catch the foxes and remove them from the garden, but that we recognise their place of entry, to close the doors. This is a book written out of the passionate heart of Jesus, for you - His beloved, to set you free to rule and reign with Him, His Equal - His Bride. Let the Hunt begin!



The first autobiography by Fenella Stevensen, published in January 2013: "Life looks positive as a young woman still in my late teens, when I fall madly in love with my Prince Charming, a wonderful man of good looks, money and power, until he attempts to kill me with the carving knife. Meeting my Perfect Valentine, becomes a major turning point in my life, directing me through important choices to be made and amazing experiences where I travel and begin to fulfil my childhood dreams. It is a story of growth, pushing boundaries, dealing with pain, re-learning basic truths, and actually beginning to love myself. Having always been told I was ugly, well that I have eyes like a cod fish, would you kiss a cod?"



The second part of the Rejoice books by Fenella, tells of the hard and heart breaking times that almost broke her, but finding her way back.......
"Happiness is short lived in marriage – eleven days to be exact, followed by a seven year nightmare before finally bailing ship. The first book begins with physical abuse, but my marriage was a relationship of emotional abuse, that led me to attempt suicide as the only way out. Having counselled and helped others, I couldn't help myself! Returning to my Perfect Valentine, He empowers and encourages me to break free from the chains of self-pity, low self-worth, and the constant cloud over me as a failure."

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I love you beyond words.

With love from

