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“The Trip after the Trip”
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(Left) **Ascending to Jerusalem at night** (Right) **Mediterranean fisherman at Caesarea**

After re-entry, without the intensity of the trip or job duties, as I had retired a few months earlier, I felt like a fish floundering out of water. In one of his personifications, Jesus said “I will make you a fisher of men”.

I needed debriefing. I made plans to maintain our house and downsize clutter, do some photography, complete continuing education courses to maintain my CPA certificate., travel to visit family and my mother on her 102nd birthday, the Lord willing. I resumed attending church with my husband, Bible study, Craighouse functions, and talking on the phone or e-mailing with other “sheep”. In short, I kept busy while continuing to download and reflect on insights from the trip. I prayed. Finally, I realized my debriefing was to start writing.

Driving one day, this melody I first heard at “the little brown (gray) church in the vale” of my childhood in the Bible belt, surfaced in my thoughts.

I hear the Savior say,
 “Thy strength indeed is small,
 Child of weakness, watch and pray,
 Find in me thine all in all.”
 Jesus paid it all,
 All to Him I owe,
 Sin had left a crimson stain,
 He washed it white as snow.

As I pondered about the trip insights, I recalled many teachings that I had read from the Word and heard, especially at Craighouse.



Craighouse group trip to Fern Forest



Friday night Bible Study at Craighouse

The Fear of God

Fear God. Fear authorities. Fear God rather than man. Pilate feared the civil and religious authorities more than God. Fear not the ones who can kill (reject) the body but the One who can deliver your soul to eternal death. Search scriptures to determine the things taught are of God. Discern the teachings for doctrine the commandments of men. Watch and pray. Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. (Php 2:12a/13) Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. (Heb 3:12/13)

The Peace of God

He has delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me. (Psa 55:18)
 Amazing Grace, "Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved."

Jesus prayed to the Father that those that believed on Him may be in Him and He in them (John 17:21,23). **Christ in us** is our hope of glory (Col 1:27). Our body is the temple of the Holy Ghost (1 Co 6:19) Christ is what we have. His love is shed abroad in our hearts. (Rom 5:5). We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to be obedient to the Father. The attributes of Jesus, including the fear of God are available to be appropriated by His grace through His faith (Isa 11:2) in the portion that is given us. We rely on the Spirit of Christ (1 Pe 1:11) in us for Godly love and fear to motivate obedience and shape actions. **Jesus is our peace.**

The Call of God

Passover /Atonement/Outer Court

Look and Live is the call of the Father.
 (John 12:32)

Repent, Turn toward God

Come and Die is the call of the Son.
 (John 12:24)

Repent, Die to Self

Pentecost/Sanctification/Holy Place

Arise and Reign is the call of the Spirit.
 (John 17:17/18)

Resurrect, Go Forth

Tabernacles/Peace/Holy of Holies

Abide in Oneness is the call of God
 (Psalm 24:3/4, John 15.7, John 17:23/24,
 Eph 2:6, Heb 4:16, Rev 12:11)

Ascend, Overcome

Must these calls be at different times? I (you) may ask. No, but there is a progression. The feasts are a foreshadowing of the coming of the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, the priesthood of all saints (I Pe 2:9), and many sons (daughters) being brought unto glory (Heb 2:10). King David, for a window of time, offered sacrifices of praise and prayers before the Ark of the Covenant. (I Chron 16:8/36) This foreshadowed the time of his offspring, the Lord, offering up his body and blood as a sacrifice for all time. (Heb 10: 18/25). At the death of Jesus the veil of the

temple was torn from top to bottom allowing direct access to the throne of God for those properly clothed in His righteousness (Mat 27:51). The veil of the temple was interwoven with guardian cherubim (Exo 26:31) Earlier (Gen 3:24) cherubim and a flaming sword guarded the entrance to the Garden of Eden and the tree of life from man who was not clothed in His righteousness.

Submit, Resurrect, Go Forth

Submit. Awake. Watch and pray. Be in one accord. Be sanctified. Arise and shine. Occupy till I come. I give you authority.

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. (2Ch 7:14)

Ascend, Abide, Ask

Abide in one accord with Me. Enter into my rest. Only come with **repentant, contrite hearts**. Come into the Holy of Holies and boldly make your petitions known. Be seated with me in heavenly places above principalities and powers. Do not war against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers and rulers of darkness in heavenly places. Ascend my holy hill. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Those who bless Israel will be blessed.

As members of the body of Christ, let us enter into the **holiest** by the blood of Jesus. Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. (Heb 10:22) Even when we were dead in sins, (he) hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us **sit together in heavenly places** in Christ Jesus: (Eph 2:5/6)

The high priestly prayer of Jesus in John 17 is said to be the Holy of Holies of the New Testament.

Therefore, Wake Up! Watch and Pray! Go Forth!

Jesus called the disciples to stay awake, watch and pray in the Garden of Gethsemane. Paul wrote in Rom 13:11, And that knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. It is time to awake, and come humbly before the throne.

In the flesh we are weak. By His grace, let us put off our sins and iniquities, in particular shame and pride that are based on our ability/performance. As we put on Jesus let us trust in and cooperate with his ability/performance through us. The government is on his shoulders (Isa 9:6/7). What He said, He also will do. (Isa 46:9/10). He will cleanse and sanctify the Bride (Church) that he may present it to himself holy and without blemish. (Eph 5:26/27) Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife (Church) hath made herself ready. (Rev 19:7) This is promised in his Word.



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