

may 16

dear friends out there; out of reach but never out of mind. those of you who read the last message i sent on may 6 know that i was disappointed in the response i had received the day before. i felt i needed to prayerfully consider whether my emails were more bothersome than desired by many.

i have been seeking the Lord but had no real confirmation about what to do; until now. we all want to be in His will. until He heals me completely, i am confined by circumstances to limited surroundings and what i can do for the kingdom.

i kept thinking about the parable He taught about going away and giving His servants differing amount of talents to use. the one who buried their talent did not fair well. it's not about how much one accomplishes, but how much they accomplish with what they are given; it's proportional.

my talent may not gain as much as the next person's because my talents (or skills) vary. but to not use it would be unacceptable. these emails may be burdensome to some but they are like needed bread to others. i have had several comment on how much they are missed which confirms that to me.

many are going through difficult times and the words may be like water to a thirsty soul. i know some messages are more "inspired" than others, but they all seek to lift up and glorify our Lord Jesus. even when less than "God-whispered", He can use those words to

touch one life even while another may be unaffected.

an example: i have started a sharing group on a local bulletin board called "all about Jesus texans". i will relate what i wrote there saturday morning and then give you the response someone wrote.

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my comment:

"you know, the word tells us to count it all joy when we suffer persecution for the name of Jesus. sometimes we don't really see something as persecution for Jesus, but if the suffering is not for something we know we have done wrong, then it is suffering for His name's sake. the enemy will seize every opportunity he can.

admittedly, when i feel persecuted, i confess i have not yet learned to sing and rejoice as the disciples did when they were thrown into prison (it's not pleasant). but 1 thess 5:18 tells us, "in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." i certainly want to be in the will of God.

therefore we will pay no attention to a suffered wrong, committing all into His hands. we will thank Him and praise Him in the midst of our trials, confident He is always faithful. He will see us through this trial.

to everyone and all out there who claim Jesus as their Lord - claim His promises as well. "for He [God] Himself has said, I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. [I will]

not, [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let [you] down (relax My hold on you)! [assuredly not!]" heb 13:5 ampc

response:

“Thank You for this On Time Word, Message, and Scriptures. We are currently out of town visiting family in another State and was getting ready to head home on a road trip and our vehicle started making a noise near the tire. My husband went to 3 or 4 places to try to get it looked at and every place was booked up or short handed and we found one shop. We started thinking we might have to get a rental car or fly back home and leave the car and started looking for rentals which there were non available any where around here. There were some limited flights for tomorrow. I felt like the enemy was trying to interfere with my Faith so I stopped looking and I repented and started praying and Reminding God of His Word. And this alert popped up with this post. Thank You Woman of God for being Faithful to the assignment God has given you. I will continue to Praise God for who He is.”

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i accept that as another confirmation that i should continue reaching out to others; that along with other signs i have been watching. sometimes there will be words of encouragement. sometimes a word of warning. occasionally there will be something special i feel the Lord wants to say. (yes, He can speak through me too if He can use a donkey.)

He can speak through you too - with words or actions.

there are many wounded souls out there suppressing a deep hurt or need. a simple word could break down the barrier they have fought so hard to build and maintain. "the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." heb 4:12

so i feel i am to continue in this writing until the Lord shows me differently. i don't know that it will always be "daily". i will have to see where the Lord is leading. it is His church He is building. i just want to be one of the stones He uses in it's construction. they are "living stones" as it says in 1 peter 2:5 i want you to be one of those stones too, using the talents our Lord gave you. (He has given us all some.) knowing the Lord is the master builder, they will all fit together perfectly.

the Holy Spirit blows where ever He will. let us be like a feather in that wind, helplessly moving where ever the Spirit leads us. we will not allow any obstacles to obstruct our path until we gently land where He deposits us - in the arms of our Lord Jesus. stay always in the flow; always in the Spirit.

so like it or not, i think you might have to put up with me awhile longer. i say a little longer because either i shall go to Him or He shall come for me. "for yet a little while, and He who is coming will come and will not tarry." heb 10:37 until then, we must occupy. not just "sit tight" or "hold the fort" but go where He leads. there are battles to be fought,

victories to be won and a multitude of souls in the valley of decision. are you in it with me? write me occasionally and let me know how it's going. we can share battle scars and victories.

i heard a preacher say the other day” “i will finish well because i am determined to finish well”. if we are determined, He has promised none can snatch us out of His hand. “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.” rev 22:13 it’s Jesus all the way!!!