

**General Topics :: What is God showing you today?****What is God showing you today? - posted by MaryJane, on: 2012/2/9 14:15**

Greetings

In my study time this morning I have been thinking on my walk with Christ. I have been reading and seeking to truly understand what it means to "know" JESUS the person and how that looks in a real and practical way as we live daily with one another and in HIM. I was wondering if anyone felt like sharing the things CHRIST is showing you in your own walk?? For me...He has been showing me how I still at times lack faith and my need to trust in HIM. This does effect my daily walk with HIM and even the choices I make. I realize far to often I still rely on self in many areas. A brother in Christ wrote me this in an email over a year ago and its still not something I feel I have done, and yet I want to...At this point I am not sure if it is fear, control, or something else that holds me back? I am thankful for the question though it keeps me seeking HIM!

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What if you never "feel" spiritual? What if you are never "somebody"? What if the trials and pressures of this world only get worse? What if everyone around you, including your children reject Jesus? Are you willing to just treat Him for the rest of your life as the King He is? Will you subject yourself and ALL your wants to Him? The failures? Responding to Jesus with full abandonment of all that we want is the definition of faith. You don't muster that up. Faith, Abandonment, LOVE, Obedience, Yielding, Believing, Hoping - they are all the same: letting go of what we want and letting Him have the place He deserves in our life.

Now I would like to hear what the LORD is showing others if you feel led :)

God bless
mary

Re: What is God showing you today? - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2012/2/9 15:22

"Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin." Rom 6:6

What is the old man? He also uses here the phrase "the body of sin." Actually there are about four different phrases that Paul uses. There's the "old man", "the body of sin", "the body of the sins of the flesh" and "the flesh." Its not easy to define... I would say myself, what he is talking about is the old nature that is born into every descendant of Adam. He's talking about a nature. You could call it the Adamic nature that nature can be summed up in one word, which is Rebel...

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Paul says reckon yourselves to be dead to sin. Why? On the basis of what took place on the cross. Because God executed the old man in Jesus. Our old man is executed.

But I have to know it and I have to reckon it.

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2012/2/9 15:36

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I agree with your post. Just to clarify further I want to explain the difference between Old man and Flesh. I believe we need to know the difference between old man and flesh to understand the state of life explained in Romans 6.

Flesh :- The desire in us that rebels against God's command. It is our attachment to the world. Something that pulls us in opposite direction.

Old Man:- Old man is he who was living by yielding to Flesh freely. He did not know the ways of God and was happily enjoying satisfying the desires of Flesh. It can be said that the old man was married to Flesh so he lived satisfying its needs.

When we accept Jesus as our savior, God kills the old man. So we are now a new man who is no longer married to Flesh. We are not obliged to listen to the Flesh. The marriage I referred is broken because the Old man was dead. Which means we still have the flesh but we do not live yielding to it.

Re: What is God showing you today?, on: 2012/2/9 15:42

Hi MJ,

To know Jesus is to encounter Him. Now this encounter can come in a thousand different ways. It can come in dreams and visions, quite rare in my experience. It can come in alone times of prayer, this is most common for myself. It can come corporately, relatively rare nowadays I would say. This manifest presence, this shekinah, this felt presence, always leads to changes in our lives.

It increases our passion and our love for Him. It gives us a greater desire to read His word. It gives illumination to the revelation of His word. It makes me love my enemies more. It makes me love my brothers and sisters in Christ more. It makes me want to follow Him more closely and it increases my sensitivity to sin. It gives me a hunger and thirst for more of Him. It gives me a great desire to "go home."

It increases my love for the things that He loves. My reverence of His majesty and glory intensifies. To be consciously aware of His presence is a beautiful thing and it is a gift from God that He would condescend to reveal Himself to one such as I. It makes me aware of my smallness. It makes me aware of the fact that I am a child of God. Every time I experience it, the things of the world lose more of its grip on me. After a while, the only thing that is of any consequence is Him. All of your pleasures you derive from Jesus. All of your hope is in Him.

It makes this time on earth seem very short when you have glimpsed into eternity. It takes all the fear out of dying. In fact it takes all the fear out of everything. All of this and more is what I consider are the benefits of "knowing," Jesus.....bro Frank

Re: What is God showing you today?, on: 2012/2/9 17:49

What is God showing me today.

The simple fact that is there is nothing that will confront a follower of our Lord in the day to day functioning within our communities that the rest of the world also faces.

How we respond to these circumstances will be noticed by family and friends and will leave a long lasting impression whether we respond in a positive, or negative manner.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2012/2/9 19:27

hi, the Lord has told me how proud and haughty we are who are critics of ministries, even questionable ministries and that is why a lot of our prayers are not answered. He showed me that i am fortunate to be in the family and that i have failed many times and that i should not say anything about anyone else that is negative for if it were not for the grace and mercy of Jesus i would be a complete failure. He has shown that i need to weep at the altar for those ministries and keep my mouth shut unless i am talking to a physical or spiritual child that God has intrusted me to grow up.

Re: , on: 2012/2/9 19:47

Hi jimp, as long as you dont criticize others or have a critical spirit of your brothers and sisters, you are on good ground. Pride can be amazing, sometimes we are even proud of the things that we do not do.....bro Frank

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2012/2/9 21:19

hi, the reason why God spoke to me about this problem is that it has been a problem for me ,and is one of my failures. i am quite old and am in the being ready today mold... making sure there is oil in my lamp. i am dealing with me , the one who will soon stand naked and alone before a thrice holy God .you deal with what you need to deal with for God never has mentioned your name to me.jimp

Re: What is God showing you today? - posted by mela07, on: 2012/2/9 21:26

great post. He has been teaching me to keep my eyes on Jesus Christ, that He is everything everything, and that He is the head of all principalities and powers.

Re: What is God showing you today? - posted by dvndsn, on: 2012/2/9 22:08

I have been praying for the strength to memorize scripture! I am one of those who NEVER understood how anyone could memorize scripture. It's so hard! Currently, my wife and I are doing John Piper's Baptist Catechism. We memorize 3 scriptures per question, and move on at a week per question pace. We are blessed because He has been faithful to help us thus far. The Catechism can be found here: <http://www.desiringgod.org/about/our-distinctives/our-beliefs/a-baptist-catechism>

It has occurred to me that this is one of the first things the new believer should do: memorize a catechism!

I am also praying about going on mission to Indonesia, where the population is 90% muslim, and serving on my church's missions committee as well. God willing, I hope to glorify Him in these three endeavors.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2012/2/9 22:28

hi, i have memorized a lot of scripture by singing it to the Lord. if you don't sing well thats okay. write it down and sing it to the Lord.there are many choruses that are all scripture.sing along and you will praise and worship ,have some fun, and memorize all at the same time. len ravenhill gave me a book about a man who memorized the bible...john sung ;short and easy to read.jimp

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2012/2/9 22:39

Wow, thanks to everyone who felt led to share. How awesome it is to read what GOD is doing in your lives. I can honestly share with you that reading through your posts has really encouraged me today. God is truly awesome and HE lives and reigns in our lives daily.

Thanks again really appreciate all of you so much! :)

God Bless
mary

Re: What is God showing you today? - posted by timg, on: 2012/2/9 22:41

He is showing me how little I know Him. How little I fear Him. How little I love Him. It is interesting that you posted this today. I was just meditating on what it means to "know Him" when I logged on, and your post is the first thing I read.

Grace to all,
Tim

Re: , on: 2012/2/9 23:53

Hi Maryjane, thanks for the post. Its nice to have a thread where the focus is on Jesus and how we relate to Him, rather than an issues driven thread..... bro Frank

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2012/2/10 0:54

hi. another thing that God is telling me: take no thought of tomorrow. i used to spend hours on end times and have friends that have published books on the topic. He showed me that it was a waste of time for me and that i did not have any control over any of it and nothing i was doing could change anything anyway.jimp

Re: - posted by ET101, on: 2012/2/10 7:00

I'm reading through Numbers at the moment and chapter 20 is where the children of Israel arrive at Kadesh and there is no water. They begin to whine (as ever!) against Moses and Aaron; we don't have water! Why did you bring us here? It'd have been better if we hadn't come at all etc etc.

What fascinated me (aside from how many times they whined even after God gave them meat to eat and God publicly rebuked the princes that rose up in rebellion to show He had appointed Aaron and Moses to lead) was that God rebuked Aaron and Moses in chapter 20 for not believing Him!

Of course God brought water out of the rock - that's nothing. What offended God was that Aaron and Moses didn't believe - they didn't have faith. Their lack of faith didn't sanctify Him in the eyes of the children of Israel. So God tells them in verse 12 that they will not be the ones to bring this congregation into the land He has for them.

So in answer to the question: just like others have said too, it is the theme of having faith and trusting God even when circumstances look 'impossible.' The point is there is no such thing - not with God.

Worry stems from unbelief, unbelief stems from underestimating/misunderstanding who God is - that offends Him.

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2012/2/10 8:06

Greetings

I was reading through some of what you shared and realized that I to struggled with thinking about tomorrow as well as the past. Regret has always been a real struggle for me. I have allowed self to get tied up in knots but GOD in HIS mercy has shown me that just as another poster mentioned it all comes back to trusting in HIM and having faith that HE is capable of taking care of all circumstances. I don't have to think/worry about tomorrow because HE has that covered, I don't have to be consumed with guilt about yesterday because HE has that covered too! What an awesome, amazing, merciful, loving GOD we have!!

Several years back a lovely brother in Christ shared this and I have kept it to read through from time to time. It just reminds me of how loving and caring our LORD is :)

No regrets! No second thoughts! No Anxious thoughts. No mid-life crises. No fears of the future. No daydreams of the past. Not duped for a minute by the shifter of shadows. My anchor and Hope ARE in a world that HE CAN'T TOUCH! He can't get to any of my stuff... It's not HERE! God has ALL my stuff; and it's very well protected! And He cannot keep my Dad from giving me anything He wants to give me anytime He wants to give it to me. Try to starve me and He'll send the ravens to feed me...

And that snake CAN'T take anything from me! Because I'm not holding onto anything....My Father keeps all of my stuff. NONE of my heartstrings or hopes or emotional security lies in the SHADOWLANDS... and that's the ONLY stuff he can touch. He can only shift the shadows... He cannot disturb anything REAL... UNLESS I let Him through UNBELIEF!!!!
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All my hopes, all my trust, all my security, all my peace, all my expectations.... are protected by the host of Heaven and buried deep in the fortress of my Father's loving heart...

If God is for me...Who can be against me?