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WHAT'S IN THE FOG?

Well, it's been awhile since we sent out a newsletter. It has been an eventful few months. We did the It's Your Call and It's Your Move seminars, and Murray and David Kim from Korea did a wild and crazy conference. My ten-year struggle with what turns out to be Chronic Fatigue Syndrome has been much more of a struggle since January, for some reason. For this reason, things online have been progressing more slowly than I prefer. If I haven't responded to an email, please don't take it personally. I feel like I'm walking around in a fog most of the time and tend to forget things.

Many of you have met my Dad, Eric McCooye in class as a visiting speaker, or at a conference over the years. We are excited to have him doing more of the speaking at our year-end conference in June, called Power in the Rest. His life's message is about the Resting Place, abiding in Jesus, and intercession from a place of rest.

As I've had to spend a lot more time physically resting in this season, I have come to know a deeper place of rest in the area of the Father's approval and acceptance. It seems so contrary, that as I'm able to "do" less, He shows me more of His acceptance of who I am.

Isn't that just like Jesus, to search out the least, to lift up the weak, to do what is to opposite of what our world tells us? As I wander around in the fog, he's right there with me, with new mercies, new treasures every day. There is nowhere I can go the He can't find me, even in the fog.

So find Him today, know His peace right where you are.
Know His grace for your situation, His companionship on the journey.

Blessings,
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NEWS

Power in the Rest

Join us, June 22-24, for a weekend of worship, and unlocking the secrets of the Resting Place.

Speakers: Murray Dueck &
Eric McCooye

Worship: Graham Ord

Location: Friends Langley Vineyard
5708 Glover Rd., Langley, BC

For more info, go to:

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Samuel's Mantle Online

Reformatted! We have reformatted our video files to run in Quicktime. If you would like to check out this amazing resource, enter the code 'nwsltr' for **\$10 off** your order. Or, if you would like to watch the first class for **\$2.00**, go to: http://www.samuelsmantle.com/index.php?page=shop.browse&category_id=5&option=com_virtuemart&Itemid=35

SUGGESTED LISTENING

If you are looking for a tool to help you upgrade your relationship with God, here's a great one:

"Permission Granted"

Recently, Graham Cooke did a conference in Vacaville, California. If you missed it, we strongly recommend you get the recordings, particularly the "Favor As You Have Never Heard It" MP3 or CD.

Just go to www.grahamcooke.com and click on the "Permission Granted" icon.

ERIC'S LAUGH

Our upcoming conference in June is just around the corner. We will be discussing 'the resting place,' so I thought that would be a great place to start for this newsletter.

I learned of the resting place out of desperation, because I needed to, not because I wanted to. Way back in 1989-90 or so, I was involved in this deliverance session that was way over my head. The person needing prayer had been a guru of some new age compound. I was invited along not to do the ministry but to 'see' what was going on in the spirit. I saw all kinds of cool stuff and it turned out to be very helpful. However, looking back, I shouldn't have been there; I was young, still full of fear, and not knowing the power of God to any great extent. And without that foundation I was not prepared for what next.

One night as I was just laying down for bed the enemy smacked me...and hard! That wasn't the end of either...I would wake up from a nightmare, covered in sweat only to roll over and find that the clock read 4:00am. Over and over...I received some prayer and I regained a level of peace but often, maybe once a week, maybe three times a week this evil presence would come at me and I would wake up at the same time every time: 4:00am. Since this evil spirit wasn't around all the time it was hard to fight it...it seemed it could just show up at will, which was extremely unnerving. I prayed, I got prayer, I fasted...all with very little effect. I often called my father-in-law and would ask his advice. He would tell me to go to the resting place and that then all would be well. I tried, but I didn't get it...I kept getting attacked, I was beginning to lose hope as this had been going on for a year by now.

At this time my father-in-law, Eric, was the ambulance chief in the small town of Golden B.C., which was about an eight hour drive away from where I was. Eric had made plans to visit and I was excited to see him as I wanted all the prayer I could get! I had been going through a particularly rough period of battle and was beginning to lose hope.

Upon Eric's arrival he proceeded to lay down on the couch facing the wall to have a quick nap. I couldn't wait for him to sleep...I needed answers now! So I began to speak towards his back what I had been through as of late...then one of the scariest, holiest, funniest, most powerful things that has ever happened to me took place. The evil presence that would come at me at night was suddenly in the room! It had never shown up in daylight before, the hair on the back of my neck stood on end so-to-speak...and I was completely overcome with fear!

At that same moment my father-in-law, who until this moment had been facing the wall asleep, suddenly begins to laugh hysterically, belly laughing, tears rolling down the face laughing. As he laughs, the Lord shows me a picture of this evil spirit getting pummeled; its clothes are shredded, it is black and blue and turns and runs as fast as it can out of the house. My father-in-law sits up still laughing and says, "They don't usually frontal assault like that. Can you make it come back? Tell me some of the nightmares it gives you."

Keep in mind that Eric had no idea what I was seeing while he was laughing as he had been facing away from me and I hadn't said anything about feeling an evil presence, let alone what I saw when he began to laugh. As we compared notes on the event I had one question that I needed answered immediately: "I have prayed and fasted, many times over this year, yet you just laugh and the enemy runs...why?" Here was the answer that changed my life and the way I approach God. Eric responded, **"The enemy will fight you, but he won't fight Jesus. It's about abiding in the secret place (Psalm 91)."**

Here is another way to look at it:

Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Eric went on to explain the power of the resting place. Warfare is all about gazing upon the beauty of Jesus as we worship. Paul compares what happens to us as we gaze upon the Lord in worship to how a mirror reflects light. To really see the effect of this, find a mirror and reflect sunlight directly into your face. Hurts, doesn't it!

When we gaze upon the beauty of the Lord, that is what is happening; we are reflecting that very glory! And as the sunlight blinded you by just looking at the mirror that is what your presence does to the enemy when you have spent time gazing into the face of Jesus!

In that context keep in mind the following:

And Elisha said... "But now bring me a musician." Then it happened, when the musician played, that the hand of the Lord came upon him.

2 Kings 3:14-15

And so it was, whenever the spirit from God was upon Saul, that David would take a harp and play it with his hand. Then Saul would become refreshed and well, and the distressing spirit would depart from him.

1 Samuel 16:23

Now when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated.

1 Chronicles 20:22

But at midnight Paul, and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.

Acts 16:25-26

Around the throne of God is worship, all the time. This is the atmosphere we are to step into (Rev 8:4). We are to come boldly before this throne of constant worship (Hebrews 4:16). And by looking up at the Lord we begin to look away from our need, our fears, and step into our spirit and the spiritual realm. If we want to do the Lord's will on earth as it is in heaven the first step is easy...step into worship and you step into the heavenlies...and the devil can't follow you.

As a matter of fact this would be a good verse to keep in mind.

And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:18-19

How to be filled with the Spirit? Sing and give thanks! Notice that it is 'be filled with the Spirit comma, not filled with the Spirit period. The NRV says 'be filled with the Spirit as you sing...

This is a prophetic activation. Keep in mind Elijah calling for a harpist and the hand of God moving and a prophetic revelation coming. Here is another example:

And it will happen, when you have come to the city, that you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place with a stringed instrument, a tambourine, a flute, and a harp before them; and they will be prophesying. Then the Spirit of the Lord will come upon you and you will prophecy with them and be turned into another man.

1 Samuel 10:5-6

An activation even for the Old Testament prophets to step into the Spirit was to sing and make music...as Saul stepped into this 'heavenly environment' he was filled with the Spirit. Saul's problem was he didn't stay in this environment and wasn't continually filled with the Spirit. Thus David, a true worshiper, became king.

Be The Mirror

Here is a prophetic activation for you: Be the Mirror. Think of someone right now who needs prayer...it would be great to start with someone other than you. Picture them in your mind, lift them up to Jesus and get God's heart for them. Now go and worship the Lord, and as you do ask Jesus to shine his glory upon them. Be the mirror...spend most of your time just loving Jesus...and every once in awhile look again to your friend you are praying for, picture them again, lift them up again and notice what will change in what God is showing you and what you feel about how they are doing. It may take an hour, or a day, or more if the battle is bigger...but as you gaze upon the face of the Lord and reflect his glory there will be an impact upon whom you pray...the gates will rattle and the chains will fall off, the enemy will flee...you see the enemy may fight you but he won't fight Jesus. The fight is wonderful when it is about just reflecting the glory of God, of abiding in the secret place.

Be the mirror and thus you will learn to abide! Have fun!

Murray Dueck
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