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AS WE SEE HIM NOW

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FATHER'S ABODE

Lately, the Spirit brought the wheels of my meditations in the Word to a grinding halt and made me ponder the meaning of "Finding my Fathers' house." In the last year or so, I have had two dreams in which I found myself in Paris going to my Father's house.

Paris is called "Ville Lumière" or "City of Light" and so the Lord uses it for me as a symbol of the church in light. The place where Father dwells. Spiritually speaking, we have entered that city (We have been gathered in Him through the Living Word) but we have yet to enter the place where Father dwells. (abiding in His nature).

In each dream of going to my father's house the address of the Street where he lives is especially noted. In this life, my father did live in Paris but it was not on any of these streets. These Streets were only in the dreams as a clue to the meaning.

In the first dream, my father lived on "Rue des etres." (Street of the Beings). In the second dream, he lived "Rue des Chretiens." (Street of the Christians). The name of the first street reveals that the Spirit leads us to first find Father within our own beings.

The second more recent dream shows that the Spirit is leading us through narrow ways that we have never known before to find Father in the midst of His called out people. The word "Christians" describes people who follow Christ or who are in Christ. The dream shows that it is when we have found Father within that the Spirit leads us to others

of the same walk. Already we see how He has been leading us to meet those of like mind and faith.

We have been on a journey to find the true God. We sought Him in many places. We sought Him in churches and in many anointed meetings. Then the Spirit took us through our own inner field and we found that there was a lot of work to be done in order to find Him there.

As the Holy Spirit has led, we have shoveled a lot of garbage out including doctrines of men and ritualistic ways of worship as well as piles of the teachings of this world. Our pride and self-esteem, our good reputation and our need to be accepted of all men have often stood as a barrier keeping us from finding Him. How grateful we are that the faithful Holy Spirit is relentless in His duty to cleanse us and lead us to the Father.

Jesus said that He has kept all whom the Father has given Him. He has lost none of the first disciples with the exception of Judas Iscariot and this was to fulfill the Scriptures. And He will never lose one of those that have come later and believed. He prayed for them too.

Whether on this side of the veil or on the other side, His church, His bride is in His Hands. He will not lose any part of her either and if we should ask further we will know that Jesus will not lose any of all that the Father gives to Him.

We know that the church behind the veil is waiting

for the church on earth to bring about the last phase of perfection or maturity in Christ, for they without us cannot be perfected. So through this dream the Lord reveals the place that we have reached as the church. We are following God's Holy Spirit through many narrow ways and turns that only He knows. We have entered that City, we have entered that place of light (truth and life) as His bride, and now we must find the Father's abode and enter in.

When Jesus gave up the ghost on the cross, the veil of the temple was rent and immediately the way was opened for Him to enter the presence of the Father (The Holiest of All). Jesus had prayed that He might be one with the Father again and that those that the Father had given Him might be also one with them. *“That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; **that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.**”* (Jn.17: 21) The purpose of this is: **So that the world might believe!**

In the sixties, when I began my walk with the Lord, many anointed preachers were on fire with the Word of “sonship.” Among them was a man named Bill Britton. I met him personally in the sixties when I was called to interpret from English to French at a conference for pastors in Haiti.

Brother Bill knew he had been called and anointed to spread the truths of “sonship” so he did not hesitate, he left his Pentecostal ministry and began to write and preach with passion to all who were hungry and ready to hear. The powerful word of sonship and anointing that the Lord gave him laid a solid foundation of truth for the called out ones in the land.

Brother Bill wrote many books. He was on a tour of preaching in California when, suddenly, the Lord called him to the other side of the veil. He left behind all his writings and tapes. His daughter still runs a website where they are available. His last booklet is titled, “I Go To The Father.” I read it years ago but then forgot about it. Not long ago, someone sent me a copy which I put on the shelf until now. I read it again in view of my dreams and it quickened many things to my spirit.

From the time of the first apostles until now, the Lord has sent many anointed ministries to lay foundations of truths that we have been building upon. We stand upon their shoulders but we must not rest on their foundation, we must build upon it. Because the church is coming into more maturity, the Lord is revealing Himself in a greater measure, the Word that we have today is much clearer and stronger. Old writings and teachings are building blocks and often uncover precious nuggets that we could not understand at first.

These nuggets open the door to new glorious revelations and confirmations of truths. So the body builds itself up in love. *“But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.”* (Eph.4: 15-16)

It would be a grave mistake to believe that we as individuals or as groups are given the ability to uncover all truths by ourselves. This comes from the spirit of “denominationalism” that has stunted the growth of Christians for centuries.

It is certain that we cannot find fellowship with anyone with whom we have no witness in our spirits but we cannot judge them out either. In one of his letters, the apostle John tells us that the doctrine of Christ is to *“Confess that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh.”* (II Jn.10: 7) He adds, *“If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: for he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.”* (II Jn.10-11)

John explains that such a one is a deceiver and antichrist. We cannot build on these for they have no foundation. The same apostle John introduces Jesus Christ in his gospel, *“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”* (Jn. 1: 14)

This is the foundational doctrine that we are built upon and that anyone who builds must build upon. This is what John's letter to the elect lady and her children is about.

THE DARK AGES

As centuries rolled by, the ministries that Christ gave unto His church have been building upon the original foundation, howbeit, because of fierce persecutions by those who lust after power, the true church has often gone "underground." After the first apostles left the scene, the church literally fought for her life.

Without going into historical details, we know that it was when the Roman Emperor Constantine was converted and supported Christianity that the pagan gods of the Romans were replaced by Christian churches that were built throughout Europe. However, after the collapse of the Roman Empire, circa 476, Rome and other cities were now left without leadership and began to deteriorate as barbarians from Northern and Central Europe came to ravage, plunder, pillage and devastate the treasures of their rich cities.

It was during that time that a move of God was formed among priests who went to hide in monasteries in order to save and preserve the treasures of the church. Not least among these treasures were the Holy Scriptures. The church of Jesus Christ remained pretty much "underground" until the times of the Reformation in the sixteenth century when reformers such as Luther and Calvin arose to bring back the light of Christ into the world.

Even though the church was mostly legalistic and ritualistic, the populace was able to hear the Gospel and the name of Jesus Christ. Satan, whom Jesus also dubbed "The Prince of this World" has since been busy concocting ways to wipe the name of Christ off the face of the earth. Even though we are no longer in the known "Dark Ages" of the past and we have made great advancements in all the sciences, the nations and peoples are being cast into gross darkness in the realm of spirituality. The laws of the land are revised to accept and promote the

ways of the carnal, sensual and beastly nature. The "Media," "Hollywood," "Television," the "Internet" and all its gadgets, and the world of "Sports" are all powerful gods well trained by the god of this world, to attract, mesmerize and capture impressionable minds that have not been trained in the ways of the Lord.

The visible church has fallen captive to these gods and has lost her ability to hear from the Holy Spirit. It can only teach the people through the sophisticated means of man's psychologies. It has become one of the most successful business of the god of this world, even though it continually cries and begs for more funds. These are DARK AGES indeed.

In the meantime, the true church here on earth has been nurtured and prepared underground for the GREAT AND TERRIBLE DAY OF THE LORD which is at hand. Christ is arising again above the dark ages, but this time it is not as it was the first time. Christ is not coming to be crucified, He is appearing in His glory as King in the midst of kings and Lord in the midst of lords.

Just as the monks ran into refuges to hide the precious manuscripts of God's Word, the true church has been in hiding and the Spirit has been writing His word and laws upon her heart and mind to preserve them. Our hope indeed stands on the oath that God has given to Abraham that in His seed (Christ) all the nations of the earth shall be blessed. This is the hope that enters within the veil.

"That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec." (Heb.6: 18-20)

Dark times caused the true church to go "underground" but the ministries of Christ continued to grow in spirit even though they were totally scattered in the flesh as was prophesied by the Lord at

the last supper. *“Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad.”* (Matt.26: 31)

We know that literal Israel was scattered as a nation, but the little flock of Jesus was equally scattered all over the world. They have been scattered and divided by their creeds but now the Lord is reuniting them by the Word and by the Spirit. So we find that even though we come from all different backgrounds we have been made one by the Spirit. It is not our similarities in the flesh that attract us to one another; it is the Life of God that we find in each other that brings us together.

The Spirit has brought us each day to the cross and now we have no need to know each other after the flesh but after the Spirit. We thank our God who permits us to know some after the flesh, but our true fellowship is after the Spirit. It is the Christ in one another that binds us together with cords of unfeigned love; cords that cannot be broken for they are three-fold. This is what attracts us to one another and this is why we love one another with a love that the world cannot understand. This is a beautiful work of the Spirit.

RETURN TO GLORY

When Mary gave birth to baby Jesus, there was no halo around His head or any indication on his little body that He was different from any other baby. He looked like any other infant born of a woman. He cried when he was hungry and did not display any special holy attribute.

But on the day that his parents brought Him to the temple for the first time, someone recognized Him by the Spirit. *“And behold there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.*

And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do

for him after the custom of the law, then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, 'Lord, now lettest thy servant depart in peace according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.’ (Luke 2: 25-32)

When, at twelve years of age, Jesus returned to Jerusalem with his parents, He took it upon himself to visit the temple and He astonished the doctors of Law by His understanding and answers. It was at that time that He told His parents that He must be about His Father's business, yet He went back with them to Nazareth and was subject unto them until the age of thirty. Luke says that His mother kept all these sayings in her heart. *“And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.”* (Luke 2: 52)

We know that at the age of thirty, which is the biblical age of maturity, Jesus went to be baptized of John. It was then that He was confirmed by the voice of His Father and that He began his ministry of three and a half years. Then, the day came when Jesus was preparing to go to the cross and we read the heartfelt prayer that He spoke to His Father... *“...Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son may glorify thee...And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.”* (Jn.17: 1b, 5)

Jesus was earnestly praying. In other words He was saying, “Father, the hour is come. I have fulfilled my time here on earth and now Father it is time for me to be received again into glory.” Jesus explicitly asks the Father for the same glory that He once had with Him in these words, **“Glorify thou me with thine own self.”** The glory that Jesus had and wanted again was the same as the glory of His Father.

In his last booklet, Brother Bill Britton brings out the truth that God is Spirit. I quote, *‘May I say at this point that the Bible says and teaches in many places, particularly in John 4:24 it says very plainly ‘God is spirit’. He is not a physical creature. He is not*

a geographical person, He is not someone who sits in a certain place and He is not someplace else, He is spirit. He is omnipresent spirit-- this means He is everywhere at the same time...He is not just 'a spirit' He is spirit. (End of quote) Jesus wanted the glory of being spirit and omnipresent as was the Father. But now there was more.

OUR HIGH PRIEST ENTERS THE GLORY

When Jesus came to earth, He stripped Himself of that glory and became as a man. John writes, *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made...And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."* (Jn.1: 1-3,14)

Jesus was the Word made flesh. Jesus was the Word personified. This was the glory that we beheld. We beheld His wisdom. We beheld His compassion. We beheld His power over devils and over the elements of weather. We beheld Him as He raised Lazarus and others from the dead. We beheld Him as He cleansed the lepers and made the blind to see and the deaf to hear.

And we beheld His glory as He remained nailed to the cross when He could have called upon twelve legions of angels to minister to Him. *"Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?"* (Matt.26: 53-54)

We also beheld Him in His new glory when He was raised from the tomb. It was on the morning that Peter and John came to the tomb to see Him and He was not there. It was when Mary Magdalene saw Him but thought He was the gardener.

It was when He said to her, *"Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your*

God." (Jn.20: 17)

When Jesus told Mary Magdalene not to touch Him, He was showing her that the body of resurrection that she was beholding, as glorious as it was, was still not in its final glory. He explained that He needed to ascend to the Father. He was speaking about taking His new body and entering it into the Father's glory.

When Jesus was talking about ascending, He was not speaking of taking His body up in a vertical direction; He was speaking about rising to a higher realm of life. Jesus was telling Mary that He must take this same body of resurrection and enter it into the presence, life and glory of the Father. He needed to become totally one with the Father as He was before, only now He would not be only "spirit" with the Father, now His body, soul and spirit would be entered in the realm of omnipresent spirit. This was the place that He was going to prepare for us.

In the Old Testament, the High Priest entering the Holy of Holies is a type of Jesus entering the Father's glory. *"But into the second (The Holy of Holies) went the High Priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people: The Holy Ghost this signifying that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while the first tabernacle was yet standing."* (Heb.9: 7-8)

Jesus our High Priest entered the true Holy of Holies, the presence of the Father, holding the life of His new body and offering it to the Father as His perfect sacrifice. The Father accepted the new Body and glorified the Son who was now High Priest and Firstborn among many brethren with His own glory.

This is of utmost importance because now this new creation man has become omnipotent and **omnipresent**. As promised, the Father sent Him in Spirit to indwell each of the hundred and twenty who were waiting in the Upper Room.

A NEW SEED

Jesus has conquered death in his mortal body. He has presented Himself to the Father in His resur-

rected body and now the Father has given Him back the same glory that He had with Him before the world was. Only now He holds this glory as the first of a new creation in Christ and as the Firstborn among many brethren. Now, Jesus the Firstborn is again omnipresent, omnipotent and all the things that are the glory of the Father.

When the Father sent the Spirit of the Son into those gathered in the Upper Room, He sent the Seed that contains the fulness of the Son of God in His new creation. Just as the acorn holds within itself the entire oak tree, this Seed holds the potential of a complete son of God and son of man in spirit, soul and body.

God does everything through “seeds.” Now Jesus has obtained this new Seed so that He could raise the created man to the place of begotten son in His image. John said that all things were created by the Word and Paul echoed the same when he wrote, *“For by him were all things CREATED, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created by him and for him..”* (Col.1: 16).

The entire creation was made by the Word. Now that same Word was made flesh. John said we beheld His glory. The glory that we beheld was not the glory of a created man, we beheld the first and only BEGOTTEN son of God. Jesus was of another “lineage” and He did something marvelous for us.

JESUS, THE WORD, CREATED ALL THINGS. Jesus created them for Himself. He was the Word in the beginning and He became the Word made flesh. Jesus created all things by the Word. But now by His death and resurrection, Jesus is raising the entire creation from the realm of “death” (no life of God) to become the habitation of God that He may be all in all. He begins with His firstfruits.

In order to do this, Jesus has to first put ALL THINGS UNDER HIS FEET. We are His church and also His feet who bruise or destroy the head of the serpent. *“And when all things shall be subdued unto him (Christ) then shall the Son also himself be*

subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.” (I Cor.15: 28) This is the bottom line, “GOD ALL IN ALL.”

The glory of the Father is spirit. It includes His Omnipotence (all power), Omniscience, (all knowledge) and Omnipresence (present everywhere at the same time). As Spirit and One with God, Jesus had that same glory before the world was but when He came into the earthly realm He laid it aside.

“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.”(Phil.2: 5-8)

Jesus laid aside His heavenly or spirit glory and entered the realm of the earthly. In His earthly body, He was no longer “spirit,” He was in the form of a man. After Jesus ascended the Father received the Son in His new spirit, soul and body substance. Jesus entered into the glory that He had before with the Father but now He had obtained a new seed from the Father.

Now the Father could send the Spirit of the Son into each of the disciples gathered in the Upper Room. The Resurrected Lord had now become Omnipresent, Omnipotent and Omniscient Spirit. Now, in Spirit, He could come and enter fully into each individual vessel who had gathered in His name. Also, Jesus Christ in Spirit can fully identify with the pains and sufferings we go through, having Himself been made perfect through suffering.

“Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted.” (Heb. 2: 17-18)

Jesus told His bewildered disciples, *“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in*

me. *In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.*" (Jn.14: 1-2) He was not talking about a mansion in the sky, He was speaking of the eternal body that He now possessed and that we would possess as well.

THE SON AS HE IS

God is invisible spirit so we cannot see Him with our natural eyes. However, Jesus said, *"When you have seen Me, you have seen the Father."* The Father is revealed in Christ. We see the Father in Jesus, and as He is arising in His people, we see Him more and more as He is.

Throughout the Old Testament, God reveals Himself in various ways. When Abraham was about to slay his only son Isaac, it was **Jehovah-Jireh, the Provider** who furnished the ram caught in the thicket and spared the lad.

*"If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I brought upon the Egyptians: for I am **the Lord that healeth thee.**"* (Ex. 15: 26) This is Jehovah-Rophe as He revealed Himself to Moses.

It was when Moses defeated Amalek with his arms lifted up that **Jehovah-Nissi, the Lord my Banner**, was revealed to him. *"And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovah-Nissi."* (Ex.17: 15) It was when the Lord told Israel that they were to be a people set apart from other nations and they were not to turn to familiar spirits and wizards that God revealed Himself as **Jehovah-M'Kaddesh**. *"And ye shall keep my statutes and do them: I am **the Lord which sanctifies you.**"* (Lev.20: 8)

God revealed Himself as **Jehovah-Shalom** the Lord our peace, **Jehovah-Tsidkenu** the Lord our righteousness and **Jehovah-Rohi** in the well known Psalm 23 the Lord is my Shepherd. There are several other names such as **Jehovah-Sabaoth** the Lord of Hosts. The commander of the armies of

heaven. But the side of God that Jesus introduces us to is above all. He is **our Father**.

It was Isaiah who declared, *"But now O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand."* (Isa.64: 8) And David who said, *"A father of the fatherless and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation."* (Ps.68: 5) The Amplified calls Him, *"...a judge and protector of the widows..."* He is a judge that binds all the enemies of widows.

When Jesus asked the Father to glorify Him with His own self...with the glory which He had before the world was, Jesus was asking for the power to beget sons in His image.

A father holds the seeds that contain the same life he has. A father is one who reproduces himself. This is the glory of a father. We learn this in this natural life. Jesus wanted the Father to give Him the Seed that would reproduce the new creation man that He now was.

Father God had given life to His Son Jesus. We know that Jesus was the **only begotten Son of God**. *"For God so loved the world that he gave his **only begotten son**...He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the **only begotten Son of God.**"* (Jn.3: 16a, 18)

Father God had begotten Jesus- His only Son. God was a father to Israel and to the fatherless but He had not begotten them. They were in Adam so they were begotten of the created son- Adam.

Jesus, the Word had created all things but now He would become Father and beget sons in His image. When Jesus went back to the glory that He had before with the Father, He obtained a new Seed from the Father and the power to propagate that Seed in the earth!

He now has the power to bring many sons into His same image! Now all He needed was a pure virgin Bride to give life to the begotten sons of God. By the Spirit, He began the work of cleansing and purifying this Bride for Himself.

THE CHOSEN BRIDE

When God the Father begot Jesus the Son, He chose a young virgin of the earth and she produced a Son with an earthly body. Now when the Son produces many in His image, He does it through a virgin bride as well. The church has had many lovers. They are the religions and religious spirits that she has been in love with in the past.

Can you see how He has made us “virgins?” He has separated us from all our former lovers. These were not only in the “world” they were in churches and meetings that we attended. We have often clung to and followed the messenger and not the Word only.

We see this bride as Zion through the words of the old prophet, *“Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean. Shake thyself from the dust; arise and sit down, O Jerusalem; loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.”* (Isa.52: 1-2)

This glorious prophecy is not of literal Jerusalem, it is of Jerusalem from above of which Sarah is the type. She is the one who receives the new Seed, new Word and brings forth firstfruits unto God. She is called Zion because she is caught up into Christ and she is no longer tempted by unclean spirits.

She and the firstfruits are the same company standing on Mount Sion with the Father's name in her forehead. She and her sons are seen as the 144,000 who have been redeemed from the earth and are singing a new song. *“These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.”* (Rev.14: 4)

This is the same company who has followed the Lamb all the way unto the death of the cross. She is one with the Son and one with the Father as well. So she is the bride to the Son and son to the Father. This is a spirit creation. She has been faithful unto His voice. She is as the Shulamite with her Shep-

herd, she loves Him with her whole being and is fully dedicated to Him.

The earthly church systems that we have known in the past were not able to receive and nurture the Seed that holds this new creation. They are as old bottles that cannot hold the new wine.

The old flesh nature still rises up in us at every opportunity but because of the discipline that the Spirit has wrought within, we go through the daily tests of the school of hard knocks and overcome. This is our purifying. He is working it in these furnaces of earth that are our earthly bodies.

Only yesterday I went through such a test. It was very simple and I could have easily failed for it seem so insignificant. The test was this. A few years ago I had done something nice for a neighbor's young son. Later, this son twisted things around and made me look like a liar. I kept my hurt and anger in check and said nothing but I had been waiting for an apology that never came.

Yesterday, another neighbor called me to let me know that this neighbor and her son had done some work for her. She took a long time to tell me how well they worked and how polite the son was and she kept praising the virtues of these two for several minutes non-stop. I tried once to interrupt and tell her about the way they had once treated me, but somehow she kept talking and I was not able to do that. Then the voice of the Spirit whispered into my ear, *“Die Jackie, Die!”*

This was one of the many opportunities that He gives us each day. Seemingly insignificant and petty but really powerful when we go through them. These are the small things that He often uses to refine His bride. It is not the Lion that we are following at this time, it is the Lamb. The one who lays His life down. We are laying our lives down for the brethren in the Body of Christ. We are entering into our perfection, our full maturity in Christ. We cannot turn back. The time is set. It has been hard, but the entire creation will soon greatly rejoice!

Because of His love, *Jackie Caporaso*