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Walking with Jesus

In all of creation, you are My beloved. The planets, stars, mountains and galaxies could never compare to the beauty of My bride. You are truly what defines a masterpiece! You I have formed and fashioned with My own hands and placed My light of life within. Come away to the high places with Me and listen. My voice is heard in the stillness…in the quiet you can hear Me speak. I draw your heart after Me so I can sooth your soul. My love for you transcends the roll of doubt and unbelief and calls you upward into My chambers. Glory surrounds you and all eyes are being drawn toward you My Church, My bride. Seek Me with all of your heart and you will find Me. All of the things you need I will provide but this one thing I want and that is to be with you in the stillness of My glory. Holy romance draws you to the pools of Bethesda for an encounter with the healer and lover of your soul. I have done more than lowered you into a pool for healing…I have immersed you into victory over death, hell and the grave! You have risen with Me into new life and forever we will live in its fullness. When the clamor of the world around you attempts to drown out our love…close your eyes and listen to the river of My voice and feel the weight of My life upon you. Lean into My chest and hear My heartbeat. From glory to glory from presence to more you will walk in this path of life and sing the songs of deliverance.

Isa 30:15-18 God has gathered strength to be gracious to you

15 God, the Master, The Holy of Israel, has this solemn counsel: "Your salvation requires you to turn back to me and stop your silly efforts to save yourselves.

*Your strength will come from settling down in complete dependence on me* —

The very thing you've been unwilling to do.

16 You've said, 'Nothing doing! We'll rush off on horseback!' You'll rush off, all right! Just not far enough! You've said, 'We'll ride off on fast horses!'

Do you think your pursuers ride old nags?

17 Think again: A thousand of you will scatter before one attacker. Before a mere five you'll all run off. There'll be nothing left of you — a flagpole on a hill with no flag, a signpost on a roadside with the sign torn off."

18 But God's not finished. He's waiting around to be gracious to you. He's gathering strength to show mercy to you. God takes the time to do everything right — everything. Those who wait around for him are the lucky ones.

*I hear the Lord saying: “2018 is going to be a year of gathering the harvest of the last ten years of planting!” Haven’t I said that you will reap a harvest if you do not faint?*

Gal 6:4-10 TPT We will reap a harvest

7 Make no mistake about it, God will never be mocked! For what you plant will always be the very thing you harvest. 8 The harvest you reap reveals the seed that was planted. If you plant the corrupt seeds of self - life into this natural realm, you can expect to experience a harvest of corruption. If you plant the good seeds[e] of Spirit-life you will reap the beautiful fruits that grow from the everlasting life of the Spirit.

9 And don’t allow yourselves to be weary or disheartened in planting good seeds, for the season of reaping the wonderful harvest you’ve planted is coming! 10 Take advantage of every opportunity to be a blessing to others,[f] especially to our brothers and sisters in the family of faith!

*What are the good seeds? These “good seeds” would include prayer, Bible study, speaking wise words, giving, loving, and dropping “seeds” every day from a life lived in our new creation life.*

Song of Songs 1:1-4

1 The most amazing song of all, by King Solomon.

*The Shulamite[a]*

2 Let him[b] smother me with kisses—his Spirit-kiss divine.[c]

So kind are your caresses,[d]

I drink them in like the sweetest wine![e]

3 Your presence releases a fragrance so pleasing—

over and over poured out.

For your lovely name is “Flowing Oil.”[f]

No wonder the brides-to-be adore you.[g]

4 Draw me into your heart.

We will run away together into the king’s cloud-filled chamber.[h]

“Let him” We have to say yes to Jesus by opening our hearts to Him. We “Let Him” by yielding more to Him not by doing more for Him.

His Spirit-Kiss: Dr. Brian’s foot notes on this are as follows: “This Spirit kiss is what made Adam, the man of clay, into a living expression of God. Dust and deity met when the Maker kissed his Spirit wind into Adam. The Word of God is the kiss from the mouth of our Beloved, breathing upon us the revelation of his love.”

John 16:12-15 TPT Truth is God’s reality

12 “There is so much more I would like to say to you, but it’s more than you can grasp at this moment. 13 But when the truth-giving Spirit comes, he will unveil the reality of every truth[e] within you. He won’t speak his own message, but only what he hears from the Father, and he will reveal prophetically to you what is to come. 14 He will glorify me on the earth, for he will receive from me what is mine[f] and reveal it to you. 15 Everything that belongs to the Father belongs to me—that’s why I say that the Divine Encourager will receive what is mine and reveal it to you.

The Greek word for “truth” is “reality,” not “doctrine.” It is the application of truth that matters, not just a superficial knowledge. If we never apply the reality of God’s Word to our lives the Word will be no different than any other book we read.

John 4:23-24 AMP Reality is truth! God’s word revealed is living in truth!

23 A time will come, however, indeed it is already here, when the true (genuine) worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth (reality); for the Father is seeking just such people as these as His worshipers.

24 God is a Spirit (a spiritual Being) and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth (reality).

This “marriage” of the Word and the Spirit is essential for the practical application of truth in Christian living. Here are three points to consider in the application of truth in your walk with Jesus:

Study: Reading is great and we should read God’s word but study digs deeper into words, examining their meaning and context. We learn how to pray-read with the Holy Spirit. We can look at topics, passages or focus on a particular book that we may be interested in.

Memorize: I’m so glad that I have spent some time memorizing the Word. It is a way to hide God’s word in our hearts that we might not sin against Him. The word becomes a well living within us that we can draw from in spiritual warfare, crisis or in prayer, praise of worship. Using God’s word as the Holy Spirit leads is our sword in the spirit!

Meditate: Meditation on the wonder of God’s word is like experiencing a beautiful sunset on the beach after a long afternoon of enjoyment with the ones you love. It’s seeing and feeling the love of the encounter wrapped in the silence of unexplainable beauty. Meditation on God’s Truth is the opportunity for your heart to be the good soil that Jesus talked about in Matt 13:23…Our roots go deeper…

*Matt 13:23 Mesg "The seed cast on good earth is the person who hears and takes in the News, and then produces a harvest beyond his wildest dreams."*