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Leaving The Old Man Behind



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We are to stay where we can be seen!

The message I heard the spirit say to me while in prayer the other day was this:

“STAY WHERE I CAN SEE YOU...”

My mind reverted to the days when this was spoken to me by my mother or grandmother.

I knew even as a child what that implied. If they were to look outside and not see me there were several things that could happen.

None of them would be beneficial for me.

I had been sent outside, given instructions along with an amount of trust. No longer did mama have to come outside with me. I had been taught what I could and couldn't do. Along with where I was to be.

She trusted that I would stay in the area that had been designated safe.

I then began to wonder was this for the ladies? How did this statement relate to us today as adults. Psalm 139 came to my mind, specifically verses 7 & 8.

“Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.” NKJV

There is no place, on, above, or even beneath the earth where we cannot be seen! Our Heavenly Father is an all-knowing God. For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth...

I shared my thoughts with my husband, and he chuckled as he reminisced. “Lance?” I’m right here, he had responded, as he called out from behind a bush.

He then made this statement to me, “It was on us to be where we could be seen.” It was our responsibility not our parents. They were not to have to come looking for us.

And so, I will share the second part of what the Father shared with me. “Prepare to go into a new place. A new year is upon you. Set your mind, set your heart. Do you want all of the same things that took place in this last year to follow you into the new?”

I will interject here... *Rosh Hashanah, which is the Jewish New Year (5785) begins on our October 4, 2024*

I answered the question and said No, there are a lot of things that I never want to see again.

So set your house in order. Time to rid yourself of old baggage. Of weights you no longer need to bear. Cast off the old man. Become that which I created you to be.

As I heard 'cast off the old man' in my mind I pictured insects that as they grow, they break free from the skin or shell that surrounds them. A molting takes place. You will see an old shell that they are no longer bound by. They are free to grow larger...

I do not believe the conversation I had with the Father that day was just for me. Which is why I decided to share it with you today. I then prayed and asked did the two seemingly separate topics go together, or if I was just to share the first part.

The two do go together. The statement "Stay where I can see you" is an instruction or order. And just like when mama would give us that instruction, she did not tell us what to play.

We already knew what we could and could not do. We had already been taught we were now old enough to go outside to play without mama having to stay with us. We received instructions, it was up to us to follow what we had been taught. Now to attempt to connect all the dots, to bridge the gap that I was experiencing.

Jesus in Matthew 28:19-20 told His disciples “*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...*”

They had been taught now they were being sent out.

In John 13:34-35 we are told “*...love one another; as I have loved you...*”

Then in Philippians 2:12 “*work out your own salvation*”

Our Heavenly Father always knows where we are. It is on us to stay where we can be seen. There are boundaries that have been set. We know that sin cannot dwell in God’s presence. If and when we sin, we separate ourselves from God. He will not look on us. Psalm 5:4 HCSB tells us “*For You are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil cannot dwell with you.*”

Thank You Jesus for repentance and the Blood of Jesus!

We are not infants.

We know where we should and should not go.

On that last point... Like the disciples of old, we have been sent out. What ever our calling or purpose may be, we are to be what and who He created us to be.

This morning during prayer Holy Spirit said this: “Tell My people of My goodness. In My presence is where all will need to be.” As I wrote that down in my journal, I thought of recent prophecies that have been shared. Words of coming calamity. I admit I was comparing what I had heard with that of what others have shared recently. On the one hand words of ‘woe’, then here I come ‘Draw close to Him’.

As I wrote it became clear to me... Where else do we need to be as the Day of the Lord approaches!

We all are to do our part. Do it with excellence. Do it with fervor. His closing words to me this morning were:

“Draw close, closer still. Consume My word. Eat while the table is before you. Parchments, papers, and books will not be at your disposal. Eat My children. Consume My word so that you will be able to feed those that will be without.”

After I checked myself, I encouraged myself. Be the prophet God has called me to be. So I say to you...

- If you are a worshipper – sing and praise your Heavenly Father.
- If you are a teacher, Teach. And teach the way the Lord taught you to teach.

Do you get my point? Colossians 3:17 *“And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.”*

NKJV

So, as we enter the new year 5785 - Cast Off The Old Man! Break free from what has tried to keep you bound. Rid yourself of old baggage, of weight you have been saddled with.

It is important that as we grow, as we work out our salvation, we are to do it in love. Bringing as many as will along with us. We are to make disciples; we are to teach them what we have learned.

Preach the Gospel at all times...
and if necessary, use words. 😊

Apologies if I took the long way around the block to express my thoughts. I pray that Holy Spirit will add where I fell short. That He will speak to your heart what it is He would have you to take away from this months Deeper Dive.

UNTIL NEXT MONTH
Draw Close!

