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**THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION**

Dear Friends,

When I spend time in prayer, I always like to be at my computer or have paper and pen handy. The reason is so I can document anything God shares with me. Sometimes He speaks to me from the perspective of Jesus, sometimes from that of the Holy Spirit and sometimes as my Father. He doesn't speak to me every time I pray because periodically, He just wants me praying for my spiritual edification (1 Corinthians 14:4).

When He does speak, He will always say precisely what I need to hear. He may give me instructions for my life or ministry. Or, He may give me a lengthy teaching that I am to use as the foundation for a sermon. Other times, He gives me a specific prophecy that is to be shared with our church and the Body of Christ. Then there are those occasions when He will simply speak short statements on which He wants me to meditate. Typically they are one to three sentences long, and very often He will remind me of a verse or two of scripture to accompany what He has said.

With this being my first letter of 2014, I thought I would do something I have never before done in any of my letters. This month I am going to share with you several of these short statements for your own meditation. You could literally spend the remainder of this year meditating on these words, letting God reveal to you how they would apply to your own life. He may even use them as the basis for a teaching He wants you to share with others. Regardless of how He uses them with you personally, I hope they serve as an encouragement in your walk with God and spiritual growth.

In His Grace,

*Jim*



**Colossians 2:10** All that you need cannot be found outside of who and what God is. Without fellowship with Him, you CANNOT receive what comes from Him.

**Matthew 28:18-20** Everything about what God has called you to do in ministry has as its foundational purpose the winning of the lost to Jesus. Secondary is making disciples of the new converts.

**John 16:13** Praying in tongues will draw out a map for your life and ministry.

**Acts 1:8** God wants to work His power through you more than you want Him to. Your desire for power is not what qualifies you for power. You must fellowship with Him for transformation into His character and attributes, thus establishing a path in your spirit through which His power can flow.

**James 1:13-16** If the sin in your life involves any kind of demons, you will never get delivered as long as you enjoy the pleasure of that sin more than you desire to live for Christ.

**Romans 8:13 and 2 Corinthians 3:18** There is nothing about your life in Christ that is incapable of rising above everything about your life that does not line up with the nature of your Father. Change is not impossible due to the power of your new nature. But change will never take place until you make the decision to change. If you want to change, consider the following:

- You must accept the truth about the life you received when you were born again.
- You must accept the truth about your relationship to the Father.
- You must hate any sin in your life the way the Father hates sin.
- You must believe you can be a non-deified replication of Jesus.
- You must want to conform into the image of Christ.
- You must accept the fact that God will *never* make you change; it is your decision alone.
- You can pray in tongues all you want, but the Holy Spirit will not produce or force change in your life; yet He will assist you as you make changes. This is why praying in tongues is so important: the Holy Spirit will help you stay focused on what He knows needs to be changed *now*.
- Until you are tired of being like you are, you will never make the effort to become what you are not.

**Psalms 46:10; Isaiah 40:28-31** When is the last time you were still and waited on Me? These verses are promises and I cannot lie. If you will do what they say, you will receive what they promise.

**2 Corinthians 10:5 and Luke 17:21** Unless you internalize an attack of the enemy it cannot steal your joy. Circumstances alone are incapable of stealing your joy, for circumstances are always and without fail external. The Kingdom of God is within you; do not allow the enemy's attack to invade the Kingdom.

**Ephesians 2:4-7 and John 16:13-14** Your position *in* Christ does not guarantee you are receiving *from* Him. You are in the *position* to receive, but you may not be in the *condition* to receive. If you are not in fellowship with the One who has been sent to glorify Jesus, you can easily miss the exceeding riches of God's grace that flows to you through Jesus.

**Titus 1:1-3, Hebrews 6:17-18 and John 8:32** A comprehension of truth leads to freedom from every form of bondage and captivity, no matter what it is (drugs, alcohol, pornography, cancer, etc.) Healing is not the truth; truth is what produces the healing. Man can deliver truth only if he has first received it, because man is not the source or origin of truth.

**2 Corinthians 10:4 and Ephesians 6:10-13** You will never be free from a problem as long as you do nothing but cry out to God. It is up to *you* to take up the weapons of *your* warfare and fight the battle. Those weapons are mighty because they come from God. It is *His* armor you are to use, not your own concepts of how victory is attained. When you use *His* armor to fight *your* battle, *you will win every time*.

**Song of Solomon 2:15** If you are not pressing deeper into God, Satan has neutralized you and you don't even know it. Christians are not often neutralized in the midst of great adversity, for most of them will turn to God for help during those times. Instead, they are neutralized by the day-to-day "little foxes" that seem so insignificant and non-threatening.

**Ephesians 5:17** Until you understand what the will of God is, He considers you to be unwise. If you are presently unwise, why should you believe that what you do will work out?

**Deuteronomy 21:18-21** You must be willing to put to death everything in your life that you love that is standing between you and your transformation to the image of Christ. There is nothing in your life that can bring greater joy, pleasure, satisfaction and contentment than when you are standing in the will of your Father. *(Note: He was not speaking of killing people. He used the passage in Deuteronomy to symbolize things in life which we have allowed to hold more value and preeminence than is appropriate.)*

**1 Corinthians 1:6-7, 10-11, 3:1-3** Attending a church where God's anointing manifests does not mean you are walking in an anointing. An experience does not confirm a lifestyle; but consistent fellowship with the One Who is the Anointing produces an anointed life.

**John 14:26** If you are not at the place where you can hear God speak and you are not spending time praying in the Spirit, you are left to your own reasoning and religious logic when it comes to determining what is and is not truth, and what is and is not a correct interpretation of scripture.

**James 4:10 and 1 Peter 5:6** The exaltation of man is always established on a foundation that cannot stand. The exaltation of God is always established on an unshakable foundation.

**Luke 22:42** Your love for your Father will cause you to separate yourself into His will for your life, and your will shall no longer have life in it.

**Psalms 23:1-3** The area of your soul that has not been restored is the area most susceptible to attack.

**Exodus 3:7, 10, 16-18** When God sends you to "Egypt" He will send you with His word, not your ideas and plans.

**Matthew 18:21-22** Jesus will not tell you to do what God would not do.

**John 8:31** In the four Gospels, the greater emphasis is not on what Jesus did, but on what He taught.

**Colossians 3:5 and Romans 8:13** God will *never* fight with your flesh, that is your exclusive responsibility.

**2 Corinthians 3:5 and Psalm 37:5** You can never bring to pass anything that is planned out by God. He will bring it to pass through you. Thus, you must be totally submitted to Him as a willing and obedient vessel.

**2 Chronicles 7:14 & John 3:16** Based on what you know of God as revealed in scripture - His love, His plan of redemption and adoption, His desire for your healing, His mercy, His grace, His desire for your deliverance, etc - why wouldn't He intervene in human events if He could? There is more about the power of your will than you realize.

**Psalm 19:14** God will not act on your words, but on His words you speak.

**1 Corinthians 2:9-16** Who but the Holy Spirit can bring to you the specific mind of Christ for every situation?

**Ephesians 5:15-16** Unless the enemy is first able to steal your time, he will be unable to effectively work his plans in your life, no matter what those plans are.

**John 16:13** The Holy Spirit's instructions are not just for your "now" but they are primarily for the future. He is always preparing you for what is coming.

**Proverbs 3:5-7** It is self-centered and self-driven to do *for* God without first finding out *from* God what He wants you to do *for* Him.

**Matthew 4:1-10** Satan cannot stop you without your cooperation.

**Romans 8:26-27** An impasse is you giving birth to your deliverance and freedom.

**John 14:26 and 1 Corinthians 14:2** Praying in tongues enables the Holy Spirit to teach you things you don't realize you need to know.

**1 Samuel 16:4-7 and 1 Timothy 4:12** God does not wait for your perfection in order to use you; He will use you as you are being perfected.



**UPCOMING MINISTRY IN IMMOKALEE, FLORIDA - February 23-26, 2014**

The Family Prayer Center  
1380 N 15th St  
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(239) 657-5522

Please come and join with me and my good friends, Pastor Bronc and Candy Flint, as we have four wonderful days of ministry and God's presence. Please contact the church for more information

**2014 SPRING PRAYER AND POWER CONFERENCE**

The Spring Prayer and Power Conference will be Sunday, April 27 through Friday, May 2. Pastor Dave Roberson and Gary Carpenter will be with us again; other ministers may be here as well. Our primary host hotel will be:

Country Inn and Suites - Fairborn South  
3971 Colonel Glenn Highway  
Beavercreek, Ohio 45324  
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We have a limited number of rooms blocked off for the conference. I suggest you book your room as soon as possible. When you call the hotel, tell them you are booking a room for the Grace Christian Center conference. Various room sizes and special rates are available. Those coming from other nations need to be aware of the following:

- Our ministry does not have lodging facilities. You are responsible for making your own lodging arrangements.
- We will not be preparing meals before or after any of the services.
- You must fly into and out of Dayton International Airport (airport code DAY). If you schedule your arrival and departure at any other airport, we will not be able to provide transportation to and from the airport and your hotel.

**2014 MIGORI, KENYA PRAYER AND POWER CONFERENCE**

Kathy and I will be returning to Migori, Kenya for a 2014 Prayer and Power Conference. The dates are Sunday, August 10 through August 17. I will be sharing more about this conference in future letters.

TO ALL OF THE PASTORS IN THAT REGION OF AFRICA: I know many of you have your own conferences at different times throughout the year. Please know that the conference in Migori is not specific to one, particular church. It will be held on the grounds of a church, but it is to be a regional conference for all pastors and churches. If it is at all possible for you to join your conference with the one in Migori we will be able to impact far more people, not just in Kenya, but in surrounding nations such Uganda, Tanzania and others. I already know God is going to have me do a lot of teaching rather than "revival-style preaching" in order to more effectively sow His word into the lives of many.

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This month's special offer is a CD of the sermon, "Conquering the Inner Battles." In it I explain how Christians can experience victory over thoughts and memories which constantly oppose God's Word and the truth of their salvation.

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