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# I HAVE A DREAM TO SHARE

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## ABRAHAM'S CALL

*“Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee. And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee : and in thee shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.”* (Gen.12: 1-3) Is there another man in the Old Testament with such a great calling on his life? And not only was the calling on the man Abraham's life, the calling is on all of his descendants as well.

It is always exciting to read these verses, because they are the very essence of the words that the Lord spoke to us when He called us out of the world and out of the worldly church.

The Spirit has taught us that the lives of the people of the Old Testament are types and shadows of what takes place in the lives of those who follow Jesus in the New Testament. The way that God dealt with them can be applied as the Spirit leads in our lives. Through them we learn the way that God deals with the Adam creation man as well as His plan and purpose for the Christ creation man.

Abram heard the Lord calling him out of his country and away from his kindred to send him on a long, arduous journey into the unknown. We identify with him and the time that we began walking with the Lord when He called us out of the world to a spiritual land that we knew not. Only our land is not a literal piece of earth, it is the land

of Spirit or the Christ within. Jesus introduced this land as the Kingdom of God. The study of Abraham's journey and the things that he encountered and had to overcome, is a study in type that illuminates the path that we have to walk daily as the Holy Spirit leads us. Because the things that take place in the Spirit directly effect our physical lives, such a study is not only appropriate; it is beneficial.

When Abram left his country and his kindred, God did not give him a map or details regarding the way, He told him only that at the end of his journey he would find a land designated for him and his seed. God did not tell him that there would be giants dwelling in that land!

But God promised Abraham that He would make of him a great nation and that through him, ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH WOULD BE BLESSED. And God sealed it with an oath, *“For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself...”* (Heb. 6: 16)

Beloved, these promises will shortly come to pass when the seed of Abraham (Christ) delivers creation from the bondage of corruption.

Outside of that promise and that vision, God did not tell Abram about all the hardships and the enemies that he would encounter along the way! He did not give him a hint about the painful sacrifices that would be required of him. God did not discourage Abram; He encouraged him by giving him the end vision only!! The rest was a daily walk of faith.

I have said all this as an introduction to the dream that the Lord gave me recently and because as Abraham's seed we have been called in much the same way. When we first heard the call, we had no idea of how the way was going to turn out; we only trusted Him. Day by day we learned to overcome the obstacles on the way. We learned to embrace the cross where our "old man" dies along with the thoughts of our wretched and deceitful carnal minds.

I wrote all this as a way of introduction to the dream that the Lord gave me recently concerning the time that we are now entering. For we are coming to the end of our journey which is the end of an age and the beginning of a new.

### THE DREAM

**On the fourth of July 2010, I awoke with a dream that so impressed me that I could not forget it.** I knew it had an important significance not only for myself but for all who could receive it.

This is the dream, *"I had been on a long journey walking and now I was coming home. I was tired but I could see my house on top of a high, rocky and rugged hill. I was carrying two black sweaters (a pull over and a cardigan) and a black purse on my arm.*

*The house was huge, probably as large as a big shopping center. I reached the top of the hill and found myself in front of a large sliding glass door. This was a back door and it was open. I saw a little stool outside the door and set my sweaters and purse on it. I then started to swing my foot in when I was stopped by one of the workers that were inside. They were busy laying the flooring and there were all kinds of gook and nails on the foundation cement where the flooring was to go.*

*I was told that I would have to get back on the road and walk around to the front of this huge house. That was quite a distance and I was so tired, I saw another same door next to the first and proceeded to do the same thing. I was again stopped by the worker inside the room.*

*So I picked up my sweaters and purse and headed*

*down the hill to the road I had left. I noticed another road closer to the top and shorter than the one I had been traveling on. But I knew that this road did not lead to the front of the building. It was DEAD END. Many had found themselves on that road and had stayed there. They had built their own houses along the road and formed a community that was like a little city.*

*I was so tired and it was tempting. I knew that I would be welcome among the people and I would have a place to stay until I built one of my own, but I also knew that if I chose that way I would not reach the front of my house on the top where my husband was waiting for me.*

*So I went to the lower road and started to walk again. I was so tired but I knew that my husband was waiting for me in the house. I thought of calling him on my cell phone for help but I did not as I knew it was getting night and I best just keep walking, (End of dream) I will now share the interpretation that the Lord gave me.*

### OUR JOURNEY WITH THE BLACK SWEATERS AND PURSE

At first I thought that this was a personal word for me. I did not rule out the possibility of my death and reaching the place prepared for me beyond. But as I waited on the Lord, He made clear to me that this is not a personal word just for me. You will see why as the interpretation develops.

We have been on a long and tiring journey. This earthly life is the realm of "death." God has purposed it to mature us and test us so that we may inherit the "dominion" that is given to the man that God has created in His image. This has been our journey in the earthy man Adam.

In my previous study I had mentioned the creation of man as written in the Book of Genesis. On the sixth day, God created man in His own image and gave him dominion over his earthly creation. This finished the work of the heavens and the earth. And God sanctified the seventh day and He rested from all His works.

It had never rained on God's garden but He caused a mist to come up from the earth and water the face of the ground. There was no need of an outer source of water, the ground provided the needed moisture. But God saw a problem with the garden that He had created, *"There was not a man to till the ground."* (Gen.2:5)

The man that God had created in His image was not in touch with the ground. He was after the image of God; this means that He was in Spirit only. God is a Spirit.

*"And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."* (Gen.2: 7) A living soul is a person with a visible "body." The soul and the body are one unit. This is why when the mortal body dies, the soul that is not saved has no more body to continue to live (This is another study.)

This dusty man could not and did not bear the image of God and his feminine side, the soul, could not resist the tempter in the tree. From that day on the man of dust had nothing of God's image. He lived by his own knowledge and understanding. God's thoughts were not his thoughts neither were his ways God's ways. He was a complete opposite of the image.

I have said all this to explain the two black "sweaters" and the black purse on my arm. A sweater in a dream represents the covering of the body of flesh; it is man-made. It is the garment (body) into which we live by the sweat of our brow. The "sweat"ers were black representing the body of this death. The black purse speak of the identity of this body. We carry this body and its identity until the end of our journey.

However, I was no longer wearing them, I was carrying them. Showing that in Christ we have already shed this death and it is no longer a part of us, it is not yet fully put away. The reason there were two sweaters show that through our walk in Christ, we overcome the first death by the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, but we also overcome the second death (two sweaters).

To understand the second death we read the message of Jesus to the church at Smyrna, *"I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty,(but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are of the synagogue of Satan."* (Rev.2: 9)

Then He proceeds to tell them that they will suffer severely for ten days but *"Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."* (Vs.10b) And *"...He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death."* (Vs.11b)

Those who overcome these giant religious spirits who are hiding in sheep's clothing, will not only receive the crown of eternal life, they will not be hurt of the second death.

We overcome the second death by being faithful to the Lord when His Spirit leads us out of the religious systems. It is then that we feel the persecution and the humiliation of our peers, but the result of this overcoming is the crown of life. This means that we receive the eternal life of Christ in the first resurrection and are spared of the second death.

The first black sweater that I no longer wore is the death that I overcame through Jesus' atoning sacrifice. But the second sweaters indicates the second death that we escape when we continue to follow His Holy Spirit within. The churches teach us to follow the Scriptures, but Jesus teaches us to follow His Spirit.

When Jesus was done showing John all He had to show him, He said, *"Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."* (Rev.22: 10-12) The reward that Jesus has with Him is Himself. He is the resurrection and the life.

On the journey that God has chosen for us, we find Him and we find life. Both deaths are removed

from us and although we still carry them around in these bodies, until we come to the end of our journey, they are no longer part of our covering.

### ALMOST HOME

I was very weary and so perhaps are we all who are walking this walk. However, home is in sight. In the dream, my house was up on a rocky, craggy hill, which speaks of Zion, the city of David. *“Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.”* (Ps.2: 6)

Originally, Zion was a Jebusite fortress until David captured and renamed it “The City of David.” Spiritually translated, it is the dimension from which Christ rules and reigns. I believe this is where we stand, clad in our glorious garment of resurrection. It is the place that we are pressing toward with all of our might. It is the place of the overcomer who has put the last enemy (death) under the feet of Christ.

I remember a dream that I once had *where I was climbing a rugged and rocky mountain path. When I reached the top, I could see the top of all the mountains around; I was higher than all of them. I then was told, “You are on Mt. Zion now.”*

All mountains represents kingdoms or nations and their governments. Zion is very hard to climb but it is the Christ rule and it is higher than any of the kingdoms of this world. This will happen when we have put down all other rulers in our lives and we are ruled only by the King of kings.

These overcomers are the “feet” company who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. They have taken on the nature of the Lamb. They have laid their own lives down and their thoughts (foreheads) are now their Father's thoughts. They are the ones who overcome the last enemy which is death. *“And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount of Sion and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.”* (Rev.14: 1)

In the dream, I was coming to the end of this long journey, but when I thought I had arrived, I found

out that there was still a way to go. The house on that hill speaks of our resurrection body. Jesus is the resurrection and the life and it is His body that is arising from within. When He fully appears in those who usher in the end of this age, they will walk into their new bodies without going by way of the grave. Thus will be fulfilled the words of Paul, *“Behold, I shew you a mystery, we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.”* (I Cor.15: 51)

This is the vision that we behold by the Spirit. The carnal mind will try to talk us out of this glory. Only in the Spirit can we take hold of the reality of it all and move into it. I was reminded of Elijah and Elisha. When Elijah was about to be taken up, he told Elisha, *“Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so... And Elisha saw it...”* (II Kings 2: 9, 10,12a)

When Elisha heard that he could get this double portion, he followed hard after Elijah and would not let him go. The vision had been burnt into his heart and he was out to get it. Now Elisha knew what was required of him, he would keep his eyes on Elijah until he was taken up in the realm of Spirit.

Our Elijah is the Word made flesh that is arising from within. It is by the river Jordan that Elijah was taken up and it is as we stand in the death of the old Adam that we will see Him arising in the Spirit from within. It is when we see this that we will receive the double portion of His life which is first resurrection. He is the resurrection and we are co-heir of this resurrection with Him.

We have received a down payment, *“That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, AFTER that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also AFTER that ye believed, ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, **which is the earnest** (down payment) **of your inheritance** until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.”* (Eph.1: 12-14)

As we keep our eyes and hearts on the goal that He has given us, we will receive the full inheritance which is the new man in Christ, spirit, soul and body. He is our eternal house. It is then that we will rest from our earthly journey. He is beginning to appear and we are eager to enter in. However there is still a little way to go.

## TWO ROADS

Our husband is Jesus Christ in us and He is waiting for us in the house; He is the house. As I came near the house, I quickly put down my two black sweaters and my purse by the door. I started to get my foot inside when one of the workers stopped me in my tracks. It was because the flooring had not been fully laid. There was insulation and nails and glue and what not all over the floor and it would be dangerous to walk on it.

So I backed up and saw another door next to that one. But it was the same thing. I was told that these were back doors and I needed to go to the front door where my husband was waiting. For this, I needed to go back on the bottom road and walk all around the craggy hill to the front of the building. So I picked up my sweaters and purse and turned to go to the road.

It was then that I saw that there was another road available. The one that I had been on was lower and circled all around the long way to the front of the house where my husband was waiting for me. The other road was a little higher on the hill and it was shorter. It was a dead end road and did not reach to the higher level where the big house was and did not go to the front of the house. Some had taken this road and had built their houses and communities along the way.

I knew that they would welcome me and that I could stay with someone until I built my own house, but if I went that way, I could not return to the longer road that led to the front door where my husband was waiting. So I decided that although I was very tired and night was falling I would keep walking the lower road to the front of the house. I thought of using my cell phone to call my husband

and let him know where I was but that was not necessary and I did not want to waste time, so I just kept walking.

These two roads are a very significant message in the dream. It has to do with our final destination and level of resurrection- our house. It is only when we are in full union with Christ that we inherit that house. It is the place where as joint-heirs with Him we arise in the same resurrection as Him. For this we must continue on the lonely road that He has chosen for us. It is no longer a path of great knowledge in the written Word; it is a day by day walk of following Him and giving Him honor by obedience. It is a path that leads to the putting off of the old man and the putting on of the new.

*"And that ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lust; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."* (Eph.4: 22-24)

Some good and well meaning Christians choose another road. They love the Lord but they have not matured to the place where they can fully lean upon Him. They are still involved in man's programs. The lower road is a walk of humility and aloneness. It does not mean that we are to isolate ourselves and become hermits, yet we can be alone in a crowd.

The lower road is the one that Jesus walked then and is still walking in us. He was among multitudes but He could not confide in them. Even His beloved disciples did not understand what He was trying to get across to them.

The road that we have to walk leads to the front of the house where our husband is waiting. It is a road where we are separated unto Him. We can no longer lean upon the arm of flesh; we must find and trust the life that He has placed within us.

There are many who choose a shorter road. They cannot let go of the things they strongly rely on for their spiritual life. They are satisfied and are not pressing to the higher calling of God in Christ. To

better understand this calling and the deeper meaning of these two roads we must look into the teachings of the apostle Paul.

## LEVELS OF RESURRECTION

First let us be reminded that *“The invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead...”* (Rom.1:20) When God created all things, He made them in such a way that they are types and shadows of the invisible things of Spirit.

This is why our Lord Jesus taught about the kingdom of God and the invisible things of God by parables. He took the things that God created and with which the people were familiar, and explained the workings of the things of Spirit.

So when Paul teaches us about resurrection and the body that shall be, he also uses this method. In the natural, we know that everything that has life has not the same kind of body. At this time we have human bodies. Paul called them our tabernacles; they are our dwellings. In the things that are made, there are many levels of dwellings. We may live in a palace or in a hut.

There are human bodies and there are bodies of animals. There are also plants and they have life too. There are microbes and a vast world of life that we cannot see. There are creatures beneath the sea that no one has ever laid eyes upon.

In explaining resurrection, Paul speaks about seeds (life) and each seed having its own kind of body. *“And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain; but God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and **to every seed its own body.**”*

Then Paul gives us an even broader understanding, *“All flesh is not the same flesh; but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. There are celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory*

*of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is a glory of the sun, and another of the moon and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory.*

*SO ALSO IS THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: IT IS SOWN A NATURAL BODY; IT IS RAISED A SPIRITUAL BODY.”* (I Cor.15: 37-44)

Paul is letting us know that just as there are many seeds and many bodies in the natural, so there are many kinds of bodies in resurrection life. There are those as the sun and there are those as the moon. There are also those as the stars and each star has a different glory from the other stars!!! It is not easy to take this in. We humans want every one to be the same. This is why we form denominations where everyone thinks alike and even act and somewhat looks alike.

The best known phrase in one of America's political documents was written by Thomas Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence. It states that *“We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal.”* This was written as a rebuttal to the theory that kings were more important than the common people, even though Jefferson himself was the owner of slaves.

The truth is that the creator, God, did not make His creation with everyone and everything alike. Not at all. This is why we cannot really enjoy the same degree of fellowship with all Christians. We can fellowship if we remain on the foundation which is Christ, but when we begin to expound on the building that we have built upon that foundation, we are not all in the same place. And Paul says that in resurrection, not everyone receives the same and not everyone is alike.

Paul clearly taught that there is a higher place. He said, *“I press toward the mark for the prize of the HIGH CALLING OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS.”*(Phil. 3: 14) This higher calling in Christ results in a different resurrection body.

Paul writes about the body of resurrection as the “sun.” Although the sun is only one among countless billions stars, it is the center of the solar system. The earth and all the other planets move in great circles around the sun. The sun is extremely hot. Scientists tell us that the temperature at its surface is 11,000 degrees Fahrenheit. At the center of the sun, it is probably about 36 million degrees.

### THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

The Old Testament prophet Malachi wrote about the sun, comparing it to the Son of God and the day of the Lord. He wrote, *“Behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.”* (This is what the Sun of Righteousness does to the Adam creation.)

*BUT UNTO YOU THAT FEAR MY NAME SHALL THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts.”* (Mal.4: 1-3)

When we fear the Lord and we yield ourselves to Him, He is that Sun of Righteousness that burns all the wickedness in us as stubble so that the things that used to rule us, become ashes under our feet. Our God is a consuming fire and it is the fire of His love that has been consuming all of the old wicked nature in us yet our “bush” is not consumed.

### THE SON HAS LIFE IN HIMSELF

THIS IS THE CRUX OF THIS MESSAGE. The sun is the light of the world. Without the sun there would be no life on the earth. The Son is the Light or life of the world. *“He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.”* (I Jn.5: 12)

Also, *“For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself.”* (Jn 5: 26) Just as the sun has light in itself, so the

Son of God has life or light in himself. He does not depend on any other to give Him life.

This is the higher calling and the higher level of resurrection life. When we have been weaned from all our outer supports and no longer rely on religious activities, we are in full union with the Son of God and we have His life in ourselves. We are as He is. This is also when the second death has no more power over us.

### THE MOON REFLECTS THE LIGHT OF THE SUN

By contrast, the moon, has no light of itself, it only reflects the light of the sun. The moon is a type of the church. Paul teaches that in resurrection, one can be as the Son of God with life within himself, or can be as the church, reflecting the light of the Son. These are two levels of resurrection life.

I have said all this to explain the two roads that were available to me in the dream. One is the hardest and longest of the two, but it leads to the top and to the husband. It is the way that leads to the life of the Son within. It is the high calling of God in Christ. It is the way to the reward which is Himself. The other road is also available and it is part of the same hill. It is close but it does not quite make it.

The reward for those on this road is that which they have built for themselves; they are the great communities that welcome you and give you a measure of rest but that is the reward. I believe they represent those who have the possibility to become sons but stop short of the calling. The church has given birth to many sons but some in the church stop short of that calling. They will continue to reflect His truth and His life but they cannot be fully as He is.

Beloved, in order to reach the high calling that the apostle Paul was pressing toward and that we are also hoping to attain, we must find ourselves on the same lonely road that the Lord himself walked. We must find our maturity as sons with His life within ourselves. This means that we must be mature enough to hear His voice ourselves and to know His voice so that no one can talk us out of it.

Each one must know the voice and identify the voice so that they do not need anyone's confirmation. If I call Brother Joe or Brother John on the phone, I know by the voice that I am talking to them. I do not need someone to confirm this to me. In the natural, God has made everyone's voice different so that we can identify each other by the voice. This is our example in Christ. We do know His voice and another we will not hear.

We are reaching the place where absolutely nothing of the world satisfies our longing. The only thing that draws us is the closeness of His Spirit. This is when we have dropped all outer supports and fully rely on His life within until we reach the top and walk bodily into our new house. This is when we will receive the same body of glory as Jesus. This is the core of our fellowship for "*truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.*" (I Jn.1: 3b)

The floor of the house was not finished. When one builds a house, the final work is the flooring. And so it is for our new house. The flooring represents our walk. It is when the last enemy which is death has been trod under foot that we enter into that place of union and glory. When we reach that house, death will be no more; it will be a brand new walk and a brand new day.

### AN EXHORTATION

This dream is a word to encourage us to stay the course and be true to the vision that we received when we first heard His call. It was years ago that we heard the message of overcoming death in the flesh. It was with that message that the Lord separated us unto Himself.

In the years that followed the Lord confirmed His word through many dreams that came to pass. He poured out revelations that opened the eyes of our understanding and He confirmed them over and over again throughout the Body of Christ.

But in spite of all this, we are growing older in body and there is the voice that whimpers in our ear, "you will not see the end of the journey in the

flesh."

I believe the Lord gave me this word at this time so that I would be encouraged and defeat the voices that speak from the darkness of my carnal mind in my weaker moments. I know that if this happens to me, it happens to you as well and so this word is for all who are pressing toward the higher calling. I want to exhort you to fear not. The same God who called us out of Egypt and out of Babylon, is the One who is taking us all the way into Himself.

He is the One who is waiting for us at the door. He takes joy in knowing that we are almost there and that we are still walking. We do not need to call Him to confirm this. In the dream I was thinking of calling Him on my cell phone, but that would have just taken time. I just needed to keep walking. God has set each one of us on the road that He has determined for us and He is the reward at the end of the road. He is the resurrection and the life!! He is the Sun who has the life within himself.

The vision that the Lord has given us is precious. Those who are waiting in the wings, are those who have seen it from afar off and have never lost their faith in it. It was this vision that gave Abraham the strength to lay his only son Isaac upon the altar. It was that vision that made Joseph ask that his bones be carried through the entire wilderness journey so that he would not be buried in the land of Egypt.

Joseph had seen a better resurrection and he wanted to be among those who were seen coming out of the graves to be joined with the Lord in resurrection. All those who died in the faith are awaiting us who are still walking this sod, for "*they without us should not be made perfect.*" (Heb.11: 40b)

Let us take heart and go on to Perfection. He is our perfection. Let us rejoice for He is about to appear from the midst of us.

Father may it be according to your Word.

Because of His love, *Jackie Caporaso*