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IN...DEPENDENCE

In the month of July we think of our nation's independence, when we stood for freedom and liberty for all people.

We have come a long way from our nation's birth of *in*dependence to a nation in dependence.

What does dependence mean?

1. Reliance on somebody or something: reliance on or trust in somebody or something for help or support
2. State of being contingent: the state of being affected or decided by particular factors or circumstances

Independence means just the opposite:

1. Freedom from control: freedom from dependence on or control by another person, organization, or state
2. Beginning of political freedom: the date or point in time when a state achieves its political independence

This nation, which was once dependent upon God, faith and family unity has, in the past two elections, declared itself secular, which made its independence from God and faith and became in dependence to the government.

Now we are not only subjects under political controls but made to be in *dependence* to governmental sys-

tems and bureaucracies of power against our faith.

The irony is that Christians find themselves in the same turmoil which brought them here so many generations ago...the need for independence from an overpowering government oppressing their freedom to live according to the Word of God without reprisal of being dissenters of the government!

What ship do we catch to a new land for freedom as our forefathers? Actually, I do know! It is not a land per-se but a Kingdom, and there is no need to get aboard a ship and set sail. You get there, ironically, by giving up you independence to a

Merciful King, full of grace who will author and finish your faith, order your steps and bring you into the abundance of blessings that no other government can take away. It is more than patriotism to a nation but a covenant commitment to a Kingdom.

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"TO KNOW"

John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

How many times have we read this verse without considering what it means *to know* the Truth? There are many Hebrew and Greek words for "**know**", however for this Scripture the word is ginosko meaning and including:

1. *to learn to know, come to know,*
2. *get a knowledge of perceive, feel*
3. *Jewish idiom for sexual intercourse between a man and a woman*

You see by the definition we are talking about more than an acquaintance with Truth but an intimacy with it...the kind of intimacy in which Truth penetrates our heart and becomes one with our being. It is the same intimacy that the Father, Son and Spirit have in that they are three yet one. Jesus said, "**I and my Father are one.**" in John 10:30.

For me to be *made* fully free as the Scripture states require me to be one with the Father, who is Truth. How can we say, "**I and the Truth are one,**" when we can barely admit that Truth has won our

hearts?

It will take more than having an acquaintance with Truth to being ONE with it because we are WON by it. Just because I recognize a friend at Wal-Mart enough to have a chat does not make us intimate. **Acts 13:22 I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart**

Was David perfect in all his ways? No, but his love of Truth is revealed in Psalms 119. Look at some of these passages: 10-16

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**"TO KNOW"** continued

10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

12 Blessed art thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes.

13 With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.

14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches.

15 I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.

16 I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

Reading all of Ps 119 we see that David is even pleading with God like a lover who wants to secure a true and everlasting love commitment, as if saying, "Please do not ever leave me!"

27-36 Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works. 28 My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word. 29 Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me thy law graciously. 30 I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid before me. 31 I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O LORD, put me not to shame. 32 I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart. 33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end. 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart. 35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments;

for therein do I delight. 36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

Feel the heart of David in these verses:

40 Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.

47 And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved.

50 This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.

63 I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.

77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law is my delight.

80 Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed. 81 My soul fainteth for thy salvation: but I hope in thy word.

88 Quicken me after thy loving-kindness; so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth. 89 For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

103 How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! 104 Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way. 105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

127 Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold. 128 Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every

false way.

131 I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments.

139 My zeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words. 140 Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.

158 I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved; because they kept not thy word. 159 Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O LORD, according to thy lovingkindness. 160 Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

Such pleadings of love, but do you know why? We find it in the very last verse 176 in Ps 119: *I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.*

It grieved David to the core of his heart when he fell prey to sin. You can feel the anguish of his pleadings for God's love as if a cheating lover who wants to be restored back to the intimacy of the Truth he loves more than his life!

I began to talk to God at an early age. I went from saying a memory verse to sharing my heart. Do you remember how Rebekah first fell in love with Isaac? If you know anything about Eliezer from the Scriptures, you know he is very descriptive and wordy in his testimony of how God put Rebekah at the right place and right time etc. They had a ways to travel back to Isaac, and in that time she became acquainted with Isaac through Eliezer's description. The spark happened before the encounter, so that when she saw him she got off that camel post haste.

This is what happened to this writer, Rebecca. My mother told me all about

Jesus before I met Him. Then one day I asked her how I could talk to Jesus and she explained that it was just like talking to her. From that very moment I started talking to God. Since I was very young, I used a "knock-knock" joke as an opener! I began to fall in love with Jesus from my mother's loving description, yet when I began to talk with Him I loved Him more. He was always with me, and I became dependent on His security whenever I was afraid or worried. My relationship grew as I grew, and I was hungry to read more about Him, even if I did not always understand the King James of it all! It was when I began to read Ps 119 that I recognized my own words. David was speaking from MY heart! I read and cried and read and cried. The word intimacy is the right for "into-me-see", and Jesus did see the words of my heart.

Reading Ps 119 still makes me cry before I can get to the end of it. I cannot comprehend how anyone could have an occasional relationship once they have tasted to see that God is Good. How can one go to the banquet feast and not crave what was served again and again?

There is no one funnier, more clever and creative or genuine in His love than the "I AM". I could write about Him all day and twice on Sundays! As a matter of fact, I do. David wrote love letters to God and put them to music. The words I write do not have music, but I pray that they paint the pictures from my heart and into yours. That would be my heart's desire.

John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

To know OF the Lord is not the freedom you could have, but to KNOW the Lord is to live a liberated life as ONE with Him.



NON-SENSE

There are five natural senses in the human species:

1. Seeing
2. Hearing
3. Tasting
4. Smelling
5. Feeling

Senses are physiological measurements that provide data for perception.

Perception is the process of using the senses to acquire information about the surrounding environment or situation. It makes the impression or

attitude and understanding based on what is observed or thought. In other words, you five senses birth opinion from their assessment.

From an early age we are directed by these senses because we have been physically wired to do so. This is man's first birth and remains so unless he is born anew of the spirit. We each have a spirit, but in man's first birth it is referred to as his conscience. The conscience is the spirit part of man that when born anew is activated into a stronger role.

The spirit part of man **sees** and **hears** beyond the natural. There is the

sweet **smell** of sacrifice (Phil 4:18), the **taste** and see that God is good (Ps 34:8), and **feeling** after God (Acts 17:27).

There are physical senses and spiritual senses and the same thing applies in the spiritual; that the spirit impresses and makes attitudes based upon what is perceived.

Christians, living in the world with the soul directing every move, are living basically by the physical senses continually making attitudes and assessments. For their faith to be ignited they must first see, hear, taste, smell and feel it, which according to the

spirit is utter non-sense, for faith ignites the answer! Faith is when the spirit's five senses have already received in the supernatural before it manifested in a tangible sense. In one sense, seeing is believing and the other believing is seeing.

If you are dependent on your natural senses to materialize the answer it will never happen. When your spiritual senses can grasp the answer, you are working in the super-natural wherein those unexplained miracles lie.

What is it you need? Is it in the natural or the supernatural? Therein lays the direction to take.

CONVENIENCE, COMFORT AND HAPPINESS

We live in a society of convenience, which, as irony would have it, is anything but convenient. When you look at the definition of convenience it seems good:

1. *quality of being convenient: the quality of being or making things easy, useful, or of increasing comfort*
2. *somebody's personal comfort: personal comfort, or circumstances that promote somebody's personal comfort*
3. *something providing ease or comfort: something that makes life easier or more comfortable, especially a labor-saving device*

If you look in the definitions above, you find not only see comfort, but personal comfort as the common factor. **Comfort** (or being **comfortable**) is a sense of physical or psychological ease, often characterized as a lack of hardship. Persons who are lacking in comfort are **uncomfortable** or experiencing **discomfort** by definition. Then, personal comfort is relating to a

specific person's comfort at the exclusion of anyone else.

Convenience has played an important part in the ideology of a progressive society in which we find ourselves today. We have been conditioned in neither working the work of patience nor perseverance through hardship. Patience and hardship are the enemies of convenience and **personal comfort**, yet this inbreeding of convenience with personal comfort has bred a dysfunctional civilization that has found anything *but* happiness.

People accept the entitlement of happiness over righteousness, for righteousness is learning patience through trial and persevering even in the most difficult situations. The kicker, however, is this: without the work of righteousness there is no happiness.

There has never been a generation of more dis-ease and stress than we have today. With all the inventions and technologies in place promising convenience, which in turn is believed to bring ease and happiness, there is no comfort at all in these ideas.

Happiness is not in seeking comfort through convenience but following the Word of God which teaches:

1 Kings 10:8 Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom.

[The key to happiness is standing in the Lord and His Word, which is not always easy or convenient.]

Ps 127:4-5 As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them:

[Abortion is today's convenient procedure, but it is the blemish of dis-ease on society.]

Ps 128:2 For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

[Labor is not the easy road of convenience but is the way of happiness.]

Ps 144:15 Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the LORD.

[When God is Lord of our lives we are not living for convenience but for Him and the progress of His Kingdom.]

Prov 16:20 He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whose trusteth in the LORD, happy is he.

[Trusting God is hard to do when your 5 senses do not agree with His promises: it takes the patient work of faith.]

James 5:10-11 Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience. Behold, we count them happy which endure.

[Patience through suffering affliction and enduring is not a convenient livelihood but at the end produce happiness.]

In conclusion, if you are seeking happiness, you will not find it on the road of convenience and comfort, yet true happiness will bring you comfort!

Heb 10:35-36 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.



EXCLUSIVE CHRISTIANITY

The Word of God is inclusive to anyone who is seeking Truth. This means that God's word and abundance in promises are not solely for the Jews but also for the Gentiles and anyone who will receive it.

Inclusive are all the promises, the gifts of the Spirit, the right of authority, the ability to discern and discover the mysteries.

You would never guess that those who deem themselves as unworthy or of low self-esteem to be in the

ranks of the exclusive, yet they are. They exclude themselves from the promises, gifts of the Spirit, the right of authority and certainly have no right to discern and discover mysteries. They join that exclusive bunch of special people that the Word could not have been meant to cover. Just like Oscar Meyer...they are full of B-O-L-D-G-N-A.

Had you ever thought that low self-esteem could reach such heights as to be the exclusive "one" that

God's Word could not have managed to include?

I listened, but not for long, to someone who could not understand why God was not living up to His promises in her case. So, being the merciful counselor that I am not, I said matter-of-factly: *"God doesn't like you at all."* Low self-esteem turned its pride in a look of astonishment at my remark. My remark was not anything she had not been skirting around yet saying too. My wording, though

not eloquent, delivered the healing punch she needed to stop her B-O-L-D-G-N-A, since her rebuttal is what she needed to hear herself say.

Neither you nor I are exclusive to the Word of God...no matter the situation. We have no "special" case exclusively exempt from God's power to perform. So, in the event you find yourself in the "exclusive club" just keep in mind that Oscar Meyer has nothing on you!



JUDGMENT AND DAY OF WRATH

"God's judgment," flows trippingly off the tongue in times of disaster. Newscasters call it "Mother Nature" or the "act of God" and many ministers call it God's judgment, but the disaster comes from the division in the spiritual realm between two kingdoms which play out in the natural world. What is God's judgment? I can cut to the chase and give it to you in one Scripture:

GOD'S JUDGMENT IS THIS: Deut 30:19 I call heaven and earth to **record this day against you, that I have *set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:*

***Record:** is making an everlasting account: preserved in a lasting form, in writing, account of proceedings: a written account of the proceedings of something, written account of court proceedings: an official written account of the proceedings of a court, available for use as evidence

***Set:** is to establish and make concrete

God established His judgment by teaching mankind the manner of both life and death. In other words, He charted a course to walk in order to gain life and abundance and the pathways leading to death and destruction. He then gave us the map to follow. We choose the path. God made man responsible. Like any good parent He taught His children and when grown allowed them to walk it out. Man makes the judgment of his outcome either by CHOOSING life or by willfully CHOOSING paths of death. **Matt 7:2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.** We determine our judgment. If we judge that bad is good, we will not only taste what is bad but reap it. Judgment will be returned as we have sown it ourselves. But God did not leave us defenseless He came as the Good

Shepherd to help steer mankind back on the road to life, and forgive all his sinful choices. For His act of love He was beaten, mocked and crucified that we might choose life and be saved.

Now look at the "day of wrath" in this Scripture, but look at whose wrath it is: **Rom 2:5 But after *THY hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God...***Who treasures up wrath? **THY HEART DOES.** Notice that it is the **REVELATION of righteousness** revealed by God that is the judgment, which takes us back to Deuteronomy 30:19. It does not read that disease is the judgment of God or a hurricane is the judgment of God or the tsunami, earthquake, flood or fire. It says plainly that it is the **revelation** of what He established for us to follow. **1 Kings 19:11-12 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And,**

behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake; And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. Here again we see that God was not in the destruction but in the **still small voice...His Word.**

God's judgment was given thousands of years ago...it was **recorded and set.** He knew how difficult it would be unless He came to earth to point mankind to life by presenting His Kingdom in ministering the GOOD NEWS, healing, deliverance, restoration, sanity and forgiveness. God gave us something tangible for us to relate to His Kingdom and desire it. In the end, His voice still rings clear: ***Choose life, that both you and your seed may live.***



BE STILL AND KNOW

Ps 46:10 Be still, and know that I am God:

What does it mean to be still? It is the word *râphâh* which, in this instance, means: *cease, abate, let go, desist*

In Kings 19:11-12, I have already written in the previous article, but in it we see Elijah in total bedlam. Just imagine a hurricane, earthquake and fire hitting in all directions. Now, what is your mind doing through it? Come on, be honest. You are going bananas! It is reaching the heights of anxiety, right? Elijah possibly screamed like a girl!

As the author of confusion, Satan is a loud clatter of commotion disorienting our thoughts because confusion is the constipation of thoughts without clear remedy. Knowledge flees in confusion.

We remember in Elijah's plight that the Lord was in the *still voice*. God was not in the bedlam of destruction but in the *still small voice...His Word*. Do you know why the voice of God seemed still and small? If you look at what just happened all around Elijah as being an extreme explosion of chaos, like the situation in which we find ourselves; yet it is the purpose of our ear to lean to

God's voice in the midst of chaos and confusion in order to hear Him, which brings us to how we must learn to hear the still small voice: *Ps 46:10 Be still [abate, cease, let go], and know that I am God*: If God's voice is still, we must be still in the midst of circumstances to hear it, right? Yet the first reaction in turmoil, as Satan would have it, is that we would overreact rather than be *still* to hear the *still* voice. We let our emotions peak to stir our heart rate until we cannot see straight let alone hear any sound coming via spirit of God.

Maybe this is a better analogy. When teaching someone how to float in water they must learn to be still: cease, abate, let go and desist. They instinctually want to tense every muscle for fear of letting go and sinking, yet it is when they stop fighting to stay afloat that they can rise to the top. This is the very thing that happened to Peter. He walked on water until fear made him tense and fight against the water...to sink.

There are two things in contrast here: the surface tension of the water tending to make us buoyant and gravity tending to pull us down because of the weight we carry. As we become still God takes the surface tension for us that we become buoyant and

float above the circumstance, while at the same time Satan initiates the weight of gravity to the situation making us sink in despair. In those moments we must learn to be still and know God.

God gave me this little nugget while writing this article: "Still" is the word *râphâh* as shown early, but in Exodus 15:26 in the last part of the verse it says: *I am the LORD that healeth thee*. Interestingly, "healeth" is *râphâ'* the primitive root of *râphâh* [still] only it means *to mend, cure, heal, repair and make whole*. It is one of the names they have used for God: Jehovah Rapha, the God that heals.

Now let's put it all together: *Ps 46:10 Be râphâh, and know that I am Râphâ'*

Translation: *"Desist in your fight, let go and know that I am your healer who mends the situation."*

In our stillness we let go and in God's stillness He is activated to perform! This is shouting material! I just love nuggets!

FADING INTO OBSCURITY

Theorists have given many reasons for America's absence in the end times as being without Scriptural identification. Some of the events leading to this have been noted as the rapture of the church, a financial meltdown or loss of sovereignty for the United States to fall from its position as the world's most powerful nation. I exclude the rapture simply because Christianity is not exclusively AMERICAN but worldwide. When I think about America fading into obscurity, in addition to our massive debt, I also see that America is in a state of prolonged moral decay. We have evicted God out of our schools, public buildings, and public dialogue... Broken families are now the norm... Our entertainment grows more and more degenerate with each passing year... And a record number of citizens are dependent on government, not a result of disability, but as a result entitlement. How can we rule out the possibility that the United States will simply fade into obscurity, surpassed by its rivals due to a combination of financial turmoil, moral decay, and societal breakdown?

I believe the sudden loss of America's current role as the world's lone superpower is not difficult to fathom, and it likely explains the Bible's strange silence in regard to the world's once most powerful nation when it comes to end time matters. Of course, we will not know the answer for certain until it becomes plain and obvious to America in her final judgment just ahead. God has given so many avenues of repentance which have been ignored.

I agree with Billy and Franklin Graham that our last chance came with a choice during the 2012 election in which America chose a king over the King of Kings. This was her final blow when she had a chance to recover. This was not a chance to greatness but

to honest faith with Truth as our buckler. We could have recovered united with Israel, but we chose the America that would separate herself from Israel.

We can see the many signs of the end times, knowing the hour is late and His coming is near. We also see America's sign of faltering light dimming as a power in the world. Nevertheless, we can be confident that Bible prophecy will come to pass with 100% accuracy, and the United States will not be a significant player in end time events. She will have accomplished her destiny beforehand, for she was birthed for a purpose and plan before she was demoted as a world power. That being said does not count out her remnant still destined to accomplish in covert operations!

Writing this may upset some of my readers thinking me quite unpatriotic, yet there are other pledges I said with my 4th grade class:

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word. I will make it a lamp unto my feet and light unto my path, and I will hide its Words in my heart that I might not sin against God.

We also said this pledge: *I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Savoir for whose Kingdom it stands. One brotherhood uniting all Christians in service and in love.*

After all, in the public schools today it is rare to find anyone pledging allegiance to the American flag since it disagrees with the *"and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God"* line, since it is neither a **republic** or a **nation under God** anymore and finds saying so is an egregious offence.

This is a nation run by the majority of tares out numbering the wheat!