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Two Scenarios

A *spark*, defined as a noun, is a fiery particle or intense feeling. As a verb, spark is something that ignites. The Holy Spirit gave me understanding of the importance in one little spark.

Many of the greatest fires started by one little spark. Can you imagine what one little spark can do in a dry church? There are two scenarios:

1. It will catch and build into an inferno/revival
2. All will rush to put it out before it can spread

I suppose the underlying factor is the hunger of the congregation. There are starving congregations that have no clue that they are hungry. It is the hungry that will seek food and find it.

I think the most difficult thing to realize about yourself is the degree of "status quo" we have allowed to creep into our lives.

This is the conversation I am having with Holy Spirit. Do I bring a spark with the potential to create a fire of revival or do I enter church as just another Sunday waiting for the pastor to light a fire under me? Do I sit back and wait for someone to reach out to me or am I the reach of welcome to another? Do I wait to hear a Word or do I bring a Word to give? Am I waiting for revival or am I revived?

Now that Holy Spirit and I have this discussion, what will I do about it?

Again are two scenarios:

1. I'll sit and wonder what one

little spark can possibly do and allow the spark to fade as just another thought

2. I can be a spark and refuse to go out before I have found some dry tinder

There is a monumental event that happened in history of well over 5,000 people sustained because one little boy brought his small lunch to hear Jesus speak. One little spark created a feast with leftovers...hmmm, food for thought.

There were four lepers between two scenarios:

1. Sitting still, doing nothing and die
2. Risk the chance to move forward and do something

2 Kings 7:3-4 And there were

four leprosy men at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die? 4 If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.

We are at the end of this article and here are two scenarios:

1. You will put the paper down and think it was an interesting thought
2. You will receive this Word from the Holy Spirit as I did and rise up the spark within.

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Holding Myself Accountable

At our Tuesday night Community Meeting the topic has been on responsibility. The topic has provoked us to really considering our responsibility.

I have come to the conclusion that whether or not I have created an action or one has been created by another from the outside which has affected me, in both I am accountable. I am responsible for what I allow my mind to do with any given situation. I have allowed my mind to eat on many unsavory thoughts nourishing the worst responses in me, which have taken away peace and a sound mind. I have wasted space in my brain for

such things. *Prov 23:7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he...*

Phil 4:8-9 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. 9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

Are you depressed or anxious and you do not know why or you do

know but have no idea how to change it? We cannot change another person, but we do have responsibility over ourselves. We have **respond ability** to go in any direction with rehearsing and responding to further charge a situation or we can stop a negative response and not give it further life in us.

This makes us far from helpless but gives us power to change circumstances if only for ourselves to find peace. After all, there is no circumstance that makes Phil 4 impossible. If you can think of one then you have missed what I am saying.

A Rude Awakening

Here is a riddle for you: How are an atheist and a worrier alike? Neither believe God. That is harsh, right? It is also true, but before you get mad at me or start a mental argument...stop and think about it.

God is Word and Jesus is the Word made flesh. To be a Christian is more than the lip service of *saying* we are Christians but believing God's Word, which is believing Him. An atheist has reason to worry because he has no assurance policy like the Christian does. Christians go by faith in the Word.

The atheist believes God is a lie and worriers are unconsciously believing God lies. No Christian would ever admit that out loud, but I have had to come into the realization that if I continue to worry and stew, even to losing sleep, then it is because I do not believe God at His Word.

Lately the way the Holy Spirit is dealing with me has made me fully aware of who I am and it is not who I thought I was. It has

been quite an awakening, yet I am embracing it.

I want my prayers to be realized instead of falling to the ground so that I then make up some feeble excuse for God not answering.

The Scripture make it very clear: *Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*

Check out the order:

1. Desire
2. Prayer
3. Believe you received it before you see it
4. The materialized answer

Are there any contingencies to that? Yes.

James 1:6-7 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

James 4:3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

Mark 11:25-26 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. 26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

Knowing the whole Word is the benefit of gain.

There is another aspect in delayed prayers. An example is when early in our marriage with money being tight, our truck stalled at the side of the road. We had to leave it because we did not have the funds to have it towed. We had prayed about how to get it in our drive until we could get it working. Two weeks went by and there was a notice under the wiper blade that either we tow it or they would have it impounded. We did everything in prayer we knew to do and when we exhaust-

ed scripture the phone rang.

A friend from our Bible study called and said the Lord had urged him two weeks prior to fix our truck but he did not want to do it. After considerable loss of sleep and wrestling, he could not fight it any longer and told me he was going to fix it there on the road and drive to our house, which he did. That was such a great lesson to me that God had answered right away when He heard our prayer. It was getting the co-operation of another to agree to helping us that was the hold up. How many times does God look for someone to stand in the gap for something yet cannot find someone willing?

Not only do we need to believe God's Word but believe the urges He gives us to help one another. We are all connected to the prayers and answers. Sometimes we are the pray-ers and sometimes we are the answers, but God is faithful to His Word and we need to be faithful to our...faith.

Webs Of Interest

A web is defined as a network of fine threads constructed by a spider from fluid secreted by its spinnerets, used to catch its prey. There is another web defined as a complex system or network of interconnected elements.



That is a picture example of the World Wide Web (WWW). Fast becoming and now is a one world system of communication as well as buying and selling. It is a world market.

It is interesting to note that the **Hebrew letter Vav** is also designated with a number: 6. Vav corresponds to the **English letter W**. Three W's in a row could be interpreted as 666. The argument is that 666 is not individual

numbers of six, but stand for 600, 60 and 6, yet do not write six hundred sixty six like this: 600606. We write 6s in the position of hundreds, tens and ones.

So the numerical value of the letters www in Hebrew is three sixes – six-six-six. While these letters do not total up to the cardinal number 666 (six hundred and sixty six), they are each individually represented by the number six - which gives us three

sixes.

Although it wouldn't have been as obvious as it is in the Hindu-Arabic numeral system we use today, the number 666 would have been easily understood as three sixes in the ancient Greek and Hebrew languages. We can see this from the repetition of the root word for "six" in both languages.

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In Greek the number 666 was spoken as hexakosioi hexekonta hex - so there is a three-fold repetition of the Greek word for six which is hex. Similarly this three-fold repetition occurs in the Hebrew spoken version of 666.

Each six represents a member of the unholy trinity - the False Prophet, the Beast and the Dragon. 6 falls short of the Divine number 7, representing the number of imperfection. It was also the number of man, since man was created on the sixth day.

666 is an opposing parallelism of the threefold repetition of sevens - 777, which represents the Holy Trinity.

In other words, six repeated three times indicates the completeness of sinful incompleteness found in the beast. The beast exemplifies imperfection, while appearing to achieve divine perfection. Three sixes parody the divine trinity of three sevens. Though the beast at-

tempts to mimic God, Christ, and the prophetic Spirit of Truth, he falls short of succeeding.

Rev 13:18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of (a) man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

A, AN, THE in grammar are articles. They are not found in many other languages including Hebrew/Aramaic, but have been added into our English translation of the Bible. So, in Rev 13:18, it reads more like: number of man.

The web is neither good nor bad. It is simply a tool making a one world communication as well as buying and selling possible. It is a progressive link to the future identity marker written in Scripture over thousands of years still making its appearance. **Dan 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro,**

and knowledge shall be increased.

Ask yourself in today's genre if you see shadows and patterns from the Scriptures appearing with regularity today.

"W" is just a letter and "6" is just a number or is it more?

Paper records are becoming a thing of the past replaced by computerized data. It is not hard to see that people are being ever replaced by the newer technologies. If you do not believe me, just ask Alexa!

Is the beast a man or a system developed by man? Is the www -World Wide Web a resurrection of the Tower of Babel in man's attempt to build through the heavens? A tower grid has replaced the tower of mortar and stone. What happened in Babel was the communication was knocked out...what happens to communication if a power grid is knocked out in a paperless world? The web is a fragile network contingent on its grid. We have come to rely

upon its power to transmit and service us. Our lives have stuck into this web whether or not we want to admit it. The only people who will be less effected are those who live off the grid...who live a more primitive existence.

Think about this: The world is crippled and in great fear. In those instances of fear people cling to whatever or whoever brings a solution of sanity in the chaos. The solution will look like water to those stranded in the desert, but in the false mirage people will drink the sand because in desperation they will not know the difference.

So, what am I saying in this article? I am saying that though we have become used to the web in every day life, it is not your place of safety. The only safe place you will ever be in is Christ...period. I am saying just because you come in contact with the web...do not get stuck in it.



Honor: A Lost Commodity

1 Peter 2:17 Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

This Scripture gives three imperative actions: honor, love and fear. We are told to love the brethren, which is the fraternity of Christians. This love is a *benevolent, charitable love; dear love, affection for, and love feast*. We are to fear God. Fear is *to be in awe and reverence*. Then there is honor to ALL MEN and king or kings.

Men and kings are not necessarily Christian or Godly beings, yet we are to honor them. Honor is simply, by this Scripture, to esteem valuable...show respect.

Honor does not mean we must agree with all men or the king/foundation of powers, but we must understand that God values every person, whether they are following Him or not. Jesus gave His life for the sinner. The sinner inherited the most precious thing

God had to offer...His own blood. God can give His blood to those who were in opposition to Him. We then can certainly show respect...if not by thinking of the person then because of God's sacrifice for that person.

Matt 5:43-45 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. 44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do

good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; 45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

This is written to all the Republicans, Democrats, Trump lovers and haters. We need honor back!

Breaking The Status Quo

To me the best definition of “status quo” is giving up a dream or letting go a vision. It would be letting your purpose and identity slip through the cracks of life and settling there.

Status quo becomes a familiar place less threatening than the exertion of making a change. It is like tossing and turning all night until you finally find a comfortable position and you do not want to move for fear of losing where you have settled down.

“When I grow up I dream about being “status quo!” No, nobody is

excitedly dreaming of that.

Most people think that at least in status quo there is peace, but it is a false read on the radar.

Our purpose will constantly be interrupting our lives to challenge us to break through.

Interruptions can look overwhelming but only because we do not want to risk changing our position of false comfort. Yet, in fighting that interruption, soon another will follow and another and another until status quo is no longer the peaceful place you thought.

Often man’s tendency is to “let it ride” and without interruptions in life there is no chance to change.

Look at the oyster whose life would be great except for that little piece of sand that entered its shell. Yet in that little piece of sand is the potential for a pearl of great price.

Status quo Christians are prime targets for Satan. Satan will interrupt our life, yet the interesting thing is that instead of rallying our faith and breaking through, we fight the fight to stay put. Much like the boy who

instead of doing the task of an assignment, creates a process of working around it taking much more energy than if he had done what was required.

Status quo will block your path to every good victory and your identity replacing it with filler and waste.

Have you been hit with one interruption after another? Which one will it take to shake your world enough to wake you up? As one leper said to the other, “Why sit we here and die?”

Where To Find You

Mark 12:30-31 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. 31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

How many times have you bumped into this Scripture or heard it in a message? Innumerable times, right? We see God first and neighbor second then ourselves showing up toward the end of it, yet the whole Scripture depends upon you and me. The whole key to the two most important commands in the entire Bible of Christian faith and our identity are in those words.

Look at it as if our lives were made into a screenplay. We would probably default to the main character with a support-

ing cast. Sounds reasonable, right? In the world it is written and produced by mankind in this fashion.

The problem with this is we are not the creators of life though we may start a birthing process. We were created by a Creator. We did not birth the universe and all therein, yet we write them in our story as subtitles.

It would be good, for truer perspective, to read the book of Matthew. Even though Matthew wrote his story, his character is grouped with the supporting cast secondary to his main character...Jesus. Mark, Luke and John wrote their books similarly. John, however, wrote his book from within the inner circle of the “Peter, James and John group”. All of their books have the commonality of Jesus/God being center stage. To have written Jesus out of their books would have eliminated the reason for writing. Jesus was their identity.

Too many Christians are their own authors and finishers. They write about God, as a supporting role, the way they perceive Him in their world...in their experience. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John wrote their identity as being in Jesus. They found their identity in Him. You cannot know who or why you are without knowing God’s heart because it is there that you find yourself.

Going back to that opening Scripture, you can only love God and your neighbor with what measure you love yourself. You cannot love yourself without knowing the depths of God’s heart. Our being, purpose and identity are found in the heart of God. You can look for it in other relationships and build worth as you think it should be yet remain just a watered down, diluted life with the spirit of an orphan. An orphan is detached from its true pedigree without receiving all

the inheritance due him.

If you seek God’s heart you will find your soul, mind and strength. You will find the Father’s love giving you the insight to embrace who you are and the ability to love yourself, though imperfect. Having the capacity of self acceptance and love, you then have the ability to love your neighbor as imperfect as they are.

It is only in God’s heart that you discover that none of your failures have been wasted but serve you well in your witness.

It is rather like the woman at the well, who lived a watered down life of failures until she drank living water from the heart of God. She had hidden her life of shame as the main character in her story, but received a better view of her life from God’s heart and ran into the town unashamed telling about the Author who changed her story.

A Word For Mamas

I received a text from a mama today saying that she was praying for all the mamas who are praying for their children and grandchildren. As I joined in praying, the Holy Spirit began speaking to my heart and the translation in my understanding...well, let me just explain it this way: Have you ever ordered something online? I have and here is the process:

I place my order as required and within seconds, not minutes, I get the response that my order has been received. No matter how far away the distance my order is received and acknowledged in just seconds. It is an amazing process in speed, but then we are in the age of accelerated knowledge.

When I place my order, I know I have it. In other words, I have already received it even though I have not touched it or seen it. I do not have to do another thing, but let the powers that be do the transporting and delivering it to my door. All I do is expect it. I do not sit paralyzed, wringing my hands wondering if my merchandise will come. I go on about my normal routine and live my life as fully as

I did before I ordered the desired product with full knowledge that the item will show up when it shows up.

There are people preparing my item for safety. My email shows it is being prepared for shipment. The next email I get tells me it has shipped and is on its way. All depending on how many postal facilities the item must stop, it is again on its way whether longer distance or shorter, it is still in route to me. Finally, I can see on the tracking that it is out for delivery.

“Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor hail shall keep the postmen from their appointed rounds”. The original saying was actually *“Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night stays these courageous couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds”.*

This is something I can relate to in the natural, yet has a spiritual similarity in prayer.

What I pray is received in seconds, not minutes. It is being prepared immediately for shipment. It is then shipped and in route: **Dan 10:12-14 Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to**

understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. 13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. 14 Now I am come...

In today's translation it would read: ***“Don't be afraid, Mamas. Since the first day you began to pray for understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your request has been heard in heaven. I have come in answer to your prayer. But for twenty-one days the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia blocked my way. Then Michael, one of the archangels, came to help me, and in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God***

that is in Christ Jesus our Lord, and I left him there with the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia. Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night stays these courageous couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds”. Now I am here...

This is written by my hands but authored by the Spirit of God, for He was not only speaking to Daniel but telling us about what happens in the process. Who could be the prince of Persia holding things up in your life? Is its name doubt, unforgiveness or pride? Have you asked amiss or due to the desires of the flesh?

Mamas, we pray for healing and deliverance for our babies. We pray that they see their identity and purpose and follow their ordered steps of destiny. This is no small task for we are the courageous, carriers of intercession. Nothing stops us from our appointed rounds. NO, not principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world or spiritual wickedness in high places, nor snow, rain, heat or gloom of night can stop our prayers or answers. SO BE IT, AMEN AND AMEN!

