



TRUMPET SOUNDS

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SONS OF GOD?

John 1:12 *But as many as *received him, to them gave he *power to become the sons of God, even to them that *believe on his name...*

We somehow see this Scripture as automatic when we come to Christ, but this is because we translate it to our own language and meaning. It does us well to look at this in its intended language.

Jesus gives us the perfect example when He described the true meaning of adultery as being not only the act but the thought or murder as not only the act but the thought...hatred. Jesus makes us see the truer intent of our hearts. That being the case, we have been neglect-

ing the weightier part of the Word.

Going back to the opening Scripture, we see two things to becoming sons of God:

1. Received (Him)=*lambanō* which is to take hold of, to seize.

This is not a passive act of "giving up" or "giving in" to a higher authority as if finally saying, "Uncle," but with a serious enough force to change our make-up.

2. Believe (on His name)=is the word *pisteuō* which is by definition to *have faith in, credit, to entrust, commit, (to trust), put in trust with*

Those two things qualify a son of God in which power is

given. Power is *exousia* which is: *ability, privilege, force, competency, mastery [concretely magistrate, super-human, potentate, token of control], delegated influence: - authority, jurisdiction, liberty, power, right, strength.*

This is a deliberate act of working out and walking out our faith. These are sons of privilege, force, mastery, delegated influence, authority and power who are potentates of that power and strength. That same power is bestowed upon any that *receive* Jesus as their Savior *and believe* on His name.

This is anything but automatic. It is the deliberate act in the face of all that fights against us. We believe more strongly and with unshakable

confidence that the Word is guaranteed...God's Word on it. We cannot take His Word too lightly.

God spoke and a universe came from His Word. We cannot take or speak His name in vain as if what He promised *might* manifest. How can our problems outweigh the Words that spoke existence to everything we see and some things we do not yet know are in existence?

The days of dabbling in faith are over. **Rom 8:19** *For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.*

For what are we waiting?

VISION (4/23/15)

I recently had a vision in a prayer meeting of the Zahar board. I saw myself as a Siamese twin, but in my amazement I saw that I was attached to Jesus. I could see that where we were attached there was but one heart. He gave me the understanding that if we were to be separated that I would perish. He also brought to mind that if I was hurt He would feel the pain and if He was hurt I would feel it. I could not go anywhere separately without Him being right there too. Even though I know by the Word of God that what I saw was true, it still brought so

much more depth seeing it this way.

How many Christians see themselves separately from Christ? We should see just how closely grafted together we are.

Generally Siamese twins can finish one-another's sentences and though they have their own thoughts they also share the same thoughts. This is an amazing relationship.

1 Cor 6:19 *What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*

Heb 13:5 *I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*

Rom 8:38-39 *For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Matt 25:40 *Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.*

Yes, truly amazing!

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CHOICES

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:

Ministers like to say that God is in control, without defining the lines of that control. God has a set plan that we can see by the first words in Genesis 1 **"In the beginning..."** and the last **"Amen"** in Rev 22.

The beginning came about just as the last Amen will finish the plan. However, God gives us the liberty of choice as we see in Deut. 30:19. How we live from the beginning to the end is a matter of choice.

When we do not like many of the things in our lives we render up, **"God is in control."** God is not in control of our choices, even though He has a preference that we *choose life that both we and our seed may live.*

God set it all out on the table for us to make a considered choice hoping we would want the blessings over the curses. Satan interrupts the message of God with commercials to entice us away from the message. Satan is selling jealousy, bitterness, anger, impatience, corrupt appetites, guilt and shame etc. Everything Satan is selling is a choice. We cannot be made to do anything that we have not

already chosen to do or feel. If you do not believe this, look at the second issue in the beginning: **Gen 4:7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.**

If we do (choose) well, we see the blessings, but if we do not do (choose) well then sin is close at hand. Cain was told to rule over that jealous, bitter and angry thinking. God did not control Cain's outcome. Cain made his choices.

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THE "FIVE SENSES" DEPT.

Micromanage is to **manage** or control with excessive attention to minor details.

We have all had the experience of being micromanaged by someone who has neither the knowledge nor the wherewithal to run things. They enter into areas only to allow their ignorance to prevail and mayhem to conclude bringing about all manner of frustration to those who are actually "in the know". They give precedence to tying up monumental time wasting with infinite intricacies away from the more pertinent issue at hand. It takes more effort to get things back to where they were before ignorance prevailed in order to begin all over again!

I gave you that example to better our understanding in this truth. We have an inner spirit that is an amazing gift from God. As a matter of fact, it is our God DNA that goes beyond all natural dimensions unknown to our physical being. Our physical being has boundaries tied to our five natural senses and no farther. Our spirit can reach higher heights and deeper depths beyond the imagination of the physical boundaries of the flesh.

As Christians, we believe in the supernatural gifts of the Spirit of God to bring in the miraculous element necessary. We quote: **Ps 103:2-5 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: 3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; 4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with**

lovingkindness and tender mercies; 5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The benefits of the Lord are supernatural and exceed the everyday disturbances of life. However supernatural they are, the flesh comes in to micromanage the promises sealed in blood for which Jesus already paid. Administrator Flesh stands guard over it and will run it past the Sight Department: **"Do you see it?" "Not yet,"** reply the eyes. Next it is passed to the Feel and Touch Department: **"Do you feel it...Can you touch it?" "No, we haven't felt any change come through here,"** answer the Feelings. Flesh then calls a meeting of all department heads including the Hearing Dept., along with the Taste and Smell Divisions. All departments conclude that nothing has happened. There have been no healings, financial changes or deliverances that they can document. Therefore, the Micromanaging Flesh says, "It is with considered, collaborated effort that we have come to the conclusion that the answer with which we have waited is a negative, thus we are shutting down the operation in this area.

Our spirit can see, hear, smell, touch and taste that God is good, and that He is not a man that He would lie, but the spirit carries no weight against the departments **a la flesh** which all agree to "no change here".

How many of us say we believe in all the

promises as being yea and amen only to turn every situation over to Flesh management through the "Five Senses Dept." for verification.

If you need the miraculous, you do not put the flesh in charge. It has no qualifications to meet the standards of the supernatural. You do not need the witness of the Five Senses Dept. to verify anything. They work in the temporal and all they can give you is "What it is" or **"what it was"**. They can neither reach the heights nor depths required for which your spirit can grasp hold even before the miraculous manifests.

There are two main triggers letting you know that Flesh is micromanaging the Gifts of the Spirit:

1. Frustration
2. Impatience

When you experience either...usually both simultaneously, you know that your answer is being held up through the micromanagement of Flesh running it past the Five Senses Dept..

A simple rule of thumb is to let your spirit manage the supernatural miracles, for it is more than willing while the flesh is too weak to manage anything more than finding food when you are hungry and wrapping up when you feel cold. Got it?

CHOICES

You may be wondering then...“What about Abel?” Right? Abel chose well and he was murdered. Jesus was perfect and what happened to His life? Crucifixion. Persecution at the hand of another is something we have in the world today because of the wrong choices of others affecting us, but here is what happened to Abel. He was blessed on earth, so much so that Satan pointed it out to Cain fueling jealousy. Abel’s days were all good up to his death. At Abel’s death he gave up a cry and then entered into paradise for all eternity. Abel was blessed while he lived and rewarded in his death.

What of the grief of Adam and Eve? It was the curse spoken by sin that she would have pain in her children and it was realized all too soon. Parents to this day toil to earn a living and feel the pain of

their children just as God said because of choices. They now had one dead son and their other son was banished for his murder.

What of the curse of Cain? We see in Cain’s bloodline that there were other sons of murder and strife until we hear no more of him or his descendants.

There are hurtful things done to us by the bad choices of others, but how we react and respond is a choice only we can make. Just as God did not control Cain, He does not control us.

We have something better than Abel today because of Jesus. We have been given power and the authority to use it. In other words, we possess a loaded gun. It is just a matter of choice where we point it! This power has the ability to convert our persecutors if we choose to

intercede for them. Satan wants us to hate our persecutors, therefore, we make the choices of a bad response that will end in our own effects. If you want to destroy your enemies love them. Love has a way of dissolving animosity. Christians would love rather to point the tongue of judgment more often, which effects their lives adversely without them knowing why.

It was at great risk that God gave man the power of life and death in his tongue, but it was necessary. Jesus helped man to understand how to use the ammunition properly, but it comes down to individual choices again.

We need to be more considerate of how we react and respond before choosing what is behind door number three!

RITUAL/RELATIONSHIP

Denny and I have had many requests to pray for an “unsaved” spouse. The last time this request was made the Spirit of God gave me some insight. When this woman wanted salvation for her husband, what she meant was that she wanted him to go to church. That is fine until the realization hit that it was religion that she was talking about. A word of knowledge hit me like a ton of bricks. Her husband did not want religion. He was after a relationship. I could see the depth of what he wanted, though I never met him, as opposed to what she had to offer and perceived that in the end it was she who would be converted. Churches are filled with people of ritual...void of the depth of

relationship with Jesus.

We are an odd specie in our mindset to what we believe we want without knowing what we need.

It is the same mindset with marriage. Many want the ritual of marriage by adding a mate to meet their needs without realizing all they will need to give of themselves into the biblical covenant of relationship. When you can understand selflessness you can begin to know how to love someone. (Some people should just remain single and celibate and deplete the surplus population of fatherless children.)

Rituals never solved any problems, uncovered any great revelation nor reached the

heights or depths of God’s love and compassion because rituals are only formal series of acts that are always performed in redundancy.

A relationship is more than giving and taking but both sides giving, giving and giving more. With Christ we cannot out give.

The witness of a deeper relationship with Jesus should be an example to envy, thus motivating others to reach beyond themselves with a desire to attain.

BOREDOM

*“Boredom is an emotional state experienced when an individual is left without anything in particular to do, and not interested in their surroundings. The first recorded use of the word **boredom** is in the novel *Bleak House* by Charles Dickens, written in 1852, in which it appears six times, although the expression to be a bore had been used in print in the sense of “to be tiresome or dull” since 1768.”*

Boredom and being a bore go hand in hand. I think it is boring people who

cause boredom. As a matter of fact, have you ever noticed that those who are most “afflicted” with boredom never have enough time to pray, intercede or study the Bible? They are not bored so much with their surroundings, but in truth they are just plain boring themselves by their lack of interest and laziness to do anything about it.

Christians should never be bored, for the many things we have the opportunity in which to point our time. Even though we

are unique individuals, we still have a time to grow, work, sleep and leisure. If we turn those things around to allow leisure and sleep to dominate then our work and growth are stunted having more opportunity to become a bore from the state of Boredom!

Growth in the Lord and knowing who we are points us in the right direction with the keys to unlock mysteries, which I might add are anything but boring!

PERIL TO PEARLS

Matt 13:45-46 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: 46 Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

Matt 7:6 Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

At prayer meeting I heard a young man say that we could not give our pearl to another. That sounded strange to me because we are taught the act of giving to those in need and especially to those needing the Pearl of Great Price. In a split second I centered in on the pearl itself.

A pearl forms from the host having to deal with an inner turmoil...literally a piece of uncomfortable sand rubbing us the wrong

way or a parasite that has come to attack our body. Our faith wrestles with this attack until we have victory...a pearl. If you notice in Matt 13 pearl is plural because we go through more than one trial of our faith enough for a necklace, earrings and a matching bracelet!

In the victory of each pearl, through which our faith works, we cannot give away our victory/pearl, but our testimony of persevering faith can be shared in testimony to encourage the faith of another. Victory is a personal work much like the oil of the virgins that could not be given away, yet the virgins with no oil knew it was necessary. They had not acted upon what they knew to be true. Maybe they were too busy or they thought they could slide by until the last moment, but in desperation they searched all too late.

Likewise we cannot force our witness to those who clearly do not want it. Why

then should we ram the door that is barred from the inside while there are doors opened to us. Those who have a barricade against us require our force in prayer not our force of persuasion for which they rend us with what can become ugly resistance.

The pearls from perils come at great cost to each one of us. Growth, strength and faith building power have been the pearls of success in the Kingdom. The very gates into heaven are of pearls (Rev 21:21). Which makes it clear that just like each of us...***the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence... (Matt 11:12).***

We will either form pearls from perils or wave the white flag of defeat. Either way it is an individual choice that we make. However resistant to the message, those like the virgins with no oil, all know the necessity in Truth eventually.

A NOTE TO WIVES

Just as Paul sent letters to encourage the churches, by comparison I am sending this note to wives.

Gen 2:18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an ***help meet*** for him.

"Help meet" is used twice in Genesis 2 and both references point to the wife. Look at it clearly:

- Help= 'êzer whose root is 'âzar meaning: to *surround*, that is, *protect* or *aid*: - *help, succor*.
- Meet= neged meaning *front, counterpart, mate*.

In many cases it is the wives that may grow spiritually ahead of the husband. It could be because we are intuitive to their logical practicality.

This does not mean that if the husband does not take the lead that it defaults to the wife which is quite the contrary. The wife will ***carry*** the family but it is the husband who will ***lead*** it. The wife will step in her position of ***help meet*** to surround, protect and succor the family. This seems all the world like she is leading it, but the constant cry of her heart is for her hus-

band to take his place and lead. The husband is the head: ***Eph 5:23*** For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

Notice that head does not mean boss man. Being the head means *taking the reigns of responsibility*. In other words, for either good or bad the buck stops with him, and he is the one who takes responsibility. Just as Jesus took the responsibility of our sin upon his shoulders so the husband shoulders the responsibility of the family. As a matter of fact, it is the husband who makes the sacrifice for the family as Christ did for the church.

Wives need to understand that carrying the family is not a lesser position but a different position. Ours is surrounding and nurturing. That being said, it does not mean that all wives take this position just as not all husbands take responsibility.

When the Scripture talks about the wife being the weaker vessel it is referring to her being more *slenderly constructed*. It is not uncommon in the Scriptures to compare the body to a vessel. Being weaker or more slenderly constructed has nothing to do with comparing mental abilities, however differently husbands and wives think

and process.

Husbands and wives are to be like two hands clasped together. Look how the clasped hand of each fits neatly into the recessed or valleys of the other to cover and strengthen it equally. The wife covers the valleys of the husband and the husband covers the valleys of the wife. Together they are an equally fitted union with different functions complementing the whole.



If the husband does not fulfill his leadership position, it does not change the function of the wife to carry the family. Children have grown up with single mothers who have carried them. A mother who surrounds (not hovers), protecting and aiding her children will see her reward in their respect and general wellbeing.

It is not for the wife to cast blame for her husband not taking his role, for her role is far too precious to compromise it with a pointed finger.

Wives, you will always carry the family even when your husband does take the lead, so be encouraged to know your strength and value, which is far beyond cost.

NEANDERTHAL TRAP

John 11:41-43 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. 42 And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. 43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

This is the generation of the "man-cave". I know it is a backward step into Neanderthal mentality, but here we are in 2015 and men are returning to their caves!

It used to be called the family room, but

the man-cave is an exclusive club of one.

Let me just repeat a Scripture used in another article: **Gen 2:18** *And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.* Take that to the bank in a "Thus saith The Lord".

Men beware the tactic of the enemy to divide and separate you from the life of your family...wife...children. It would not matter if you were single; you cannot live as an island to yourself. No man can return to the cave as Jesus cried out...loudly I might add, "LAZARUS, COME FORTH!"

Men you have the amazing responsibility to lead as Christ. God gave you this benefit

and further through a parable admonishing you not to bury it (Mt 25:15-28).

Why stick your value in the cave of no blessing or benefit? There is love, respect and the fulfillment of a divine destiny when you "COME FORTH."

The cave is lonely...spiritually dark and damp, disguised in filler of time wasting distractions and anything *but* what will feed your spirit as your flesh grows in abundance of the cancers Satan feeds.

Either men will come out of that Neanderthal mentality or the stone will be rolled over the opening of one who possessed the potential for greatness but settled for the crumbs of filler instead.

DEAREST SISTER

Many of my readers know of my good friend, prayer warrior, sister in the Lord and part of the Zahar ministry, Clara Smith, but for you, who may not know her, allow me a moment to introduce her to you.

First of all, in all the generations of the world there has never been another quite like her. She was unique in all her ways. She had passions that could reach both heights and depths, but no matter the circumstances she held Jesus' heart and He held her hand through it all.

Clara was never one that you had to guess her feelings or thoughts. However, to say that she was an easy read would be misleading, for there was always a twist in each chapter's end that kept your attention on her next chapter's growth. Each chapter of her life was a lesson in spiritual elevation. Though not a writer of books, she like Paul, wrote prophetic letters inspired by the Holy Spirit of God, and you were blessed to have received even one of them. If, like Paul's letters to the churches, you could compile all of the letters Clara has written, you would have a whole testament full of encouragement and Godly direction. Likewise, Clara was not a prophet; she had a prophetic gift whether to give a Word of the Lord or write it, she blessed us all.

There are many who have left this life leaving a great hole behind because of unused gifts not given or things left unsaid. This is not the case for Clara. She leaves no hole behind, for her prayers equipped many to join the ranks of the Kingdom of God with marching orders. She used her gifts even when, in the early days, she was told to keep silent. The desire of God burned deeper than any door could shut, and those who received her were prospered beyond measure for it. **Matt 10:41** *He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.*

To say that she was a character is an understatement, but her character was always loving either from the beginning or in the ending. Those who frustrated her the most got the best prayers ever. I think she did that just to give the enemy his come uppin's! She understood the battle of flesh and spirit and always ended in spirit. She left nothing undone.

Clara, more than anyone else, knew when it was time to leave. If you wanted to talk to Clara at church, you had better do it before the service because she literally flew out of sight at the service's end. Prayer meeting was no different. When the time came for her to leave she was out the door whether anyone else was finished or not. If she stayed a minute past her prayer time she would get up and say, "I'm on overtime," and out the door she would go leaving her husband Carl still sitting there... smiling because he held the keys to the car! May 14th was no different than any other day, if you understood Clara, for that was the morning she said, "I'm on overtime," and left us to be with Jesus. I do not have to guess Jesus' first words: ***Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.*** (Matt 25:21)



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