



The Humble Heart

By Mervin Sundbo

Humility is much easier to define than it is to walk in that definition. The real proof of our experience, to use a cliché, is not only in “talking the talk but also in walking the walk.” Let us, then, attempt to find words that give us a concept of the meaning of the word humility. Here are some possible synonyms: lowliness, meekness, modesty, mildness or freedom from pride. While I am sure these words fit the definition, yet they seem to fall short of the real essence of this truly desirable virtue. Where do we look if we want to see what humility looks like? Where do we turn when we want to see humility practiced and lived? Where do we focus our attention when we want to see humility as central to all relationships? Who is the embodiment, the epitome of this virtue in all that He said and in all that He did? The answers to these questions are not found in a dictionary or a textbook. I submit to you that if you want to examine the virtuous life, the life of humility, you need look no further than the life of Christ. He is our example of perfect humility in His relationship with God the Father, in all of His interactions with those who

followed Him and with those with whom He came in contact as He lived out His life on earth as the Son of God. Christ was and is humility personified, as we see when we delve into the scriptures.

Jesus said, “For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power” (1 Cor. 4:20, KJV). Humility is not something you attain to in the strength of the flesh. In other words, it is not in word or in striving, but rather it is a “condition of the heart.” The Spirit of God imparts it to the contrite and penitent heart. The victory is “‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ says the Lord of hosts” (Zech. 4:6, NKJV).

I mentioned earlier that humility is freedom from pride or we could say it is the antithesis of pride. It might be worthwhile to examine two contrasting natures in order to better understand the tremendous value that God places on the humble and contrite heart.

In Isaiah 14: 12-15, the nature of Lucifer is revealed, “How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: I will ascend

into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High. Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol (Hell), to the lowest depths of the Pit” (NKJV). Notice Lucifer’s heart of pride. He has a heart condition, and that condition is the sickness of pride. “For you have said in your heart...” Pride springs from the heart and results in exalting oneself, as evidenced in the use of “I” five times in verses 13 & 14. “I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne... I will sit on the mount... I will ascend above the... clouds, I will be like the Most High.” Note the result of Lucifer’s attitude

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of pride. The one who so boastfully spoke “Shall be brought down to Sheol (Hell), to the lowest depths of the Pit.” Proverbs 16: 18 says, “Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.”

Satan works in the areas of human weakness and he appeals to man’s sense of pride. 1 John 2: 15 names the three distinct categories of temptation and they are; “the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. They all appeal to the lower, sinful nature of man.

When Satan came to tempt Jesus (Matt. 4: 1-11), it was at a time when Jesus was physically weak for He had just fasted for 40 days and 40 nights. It is not surprising that the first temptation is an appeal to Jesus ‘physically weak body. “Command that these stones become bread.” In the second temptation, the tempter questions the divinity of Jesus. “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. He (God) shall give His angels charge over you.” The third temptation is an appeal to pride. All Jesus had to do was fall down and worship Satan and all the kingdoms of the world and their glory would be His. Jesus responded to each temptation by resisting the devil and by quoting scripture. This should be our response, as well. James 4: 7 says, “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you”(KJV). Isaiah 59: 19 declares the same message, “When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him”(KJV).

Perhaps, just in passing, we should also review the temptation in the Garden of Eden. In the 3rd chapter of Genesis and verses 4-6, we see that the serpent appealed to Eve’s pride, “Then the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it (the fruit) your eyes will be opened, and you will

be like God, knowing good and evil.’ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate”(NKJV). The temptation appealed to man’s nature and his weaknesses. The fruit was good for food, it was pleasant to the eyes and it would make them wise. What could be better than the wisdom of God? The problem was that Adam and Eve rejected the command of God. What could be more important than to obey what God had commanded? “But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die (Gen. 2: 17, NKJV).

Now, in the nature of Jesus, we see the antithesis of Lucifer. Philippians 2: 5-11 presents a clear picture of the humility of Jesus in stark contrast to the pride of Lucifer. “Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing (of no reputation), taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death - even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord, to the glory of God the Father”(NIV).

What a difference between the attitude of Lucifer’s pride and the attitude of Christ’s obedience. Pride will result in Satan being brought down to the lowest depths of hell, but obedience resulted in Jesus being exalted to the highest place and a name that is above every name.

We see in the life of Christ a humble entrance into the world of men. Luke 2:7, “And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn”(NKJV). His humble entrance was typical of the humility He manifested in His behavior and ministry as He walked the earth. There was no room for Him in the inns of the nation of that day just as there are very few who open the inns of their hearts to Him today. Yet, there were those in that day, the lowly, the humble, the meek, who saw, by the Spirit, who He really was. There are those today who see, not only the historical Christ, but they see Christ, the Savior of all of mankind. Luke 2:11, “For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord”(NKJV).

A second example is prophesied in Zech. 9:9, “Rejoice greatly O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey”(NKJV). The King of kings arrived in Jerusalem, as we see the prophecy fulfilled in Matt. 21: 1-11, in a triumphant and dramatic way, but on humble transport; no prancing decorated horses, no fancy carriage or distinguished entourage; just riding on a donkey as “the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: ‘Hosanna to the Son of David’”(verse 9)! This King will be triumphant. He will rule and reign as the scriptures declare. The victory was in His humility, in laying down His life, not only for those who honored Him that day, but also for those who stood in opposition to Him (the chief priests and scribes). What a Savior! What a Lord! What an attitude of servitude! What love!

What compassion! What humility! What forgiveness! This is the One who declared from the cross of Calvary, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do" (Luke 23:34, NKJV). He emptied Himself. He made Himself of no reputation. Jesus surrendered everything to God. He did not do His own will. He spoke what the Father gave Him to speak. He did nothing of Himself. He resigned Himself to the will of the Father.

The manifestation of humility is submission; the lack of submission is pride. Phil. 1:6 says, "Being confident of this very thing, that He who hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. What God has begun, He will complete. Humility is an attribute that God wants to bring to fruition in each of our lives.

The importance of humility is emphasized in the following scriptures:

1 Peter 5: 5 & 6, "Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for 'God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.' Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time" (NKJV).

Mark 10:45, Jesus said, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His

life a ransom" (NKJV).

John 13: 14 & 15, Jesus said, "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you do as I have done to you" (NKJV).

Matt. 11: 29, Jesus said, "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly of heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (NKJV).

Phil. 2: 3, "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself" (NKJV).

Col. 2: 12-14, "Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection" (NKJV).

James 4: 6, "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (NKJV).

James 4: 10, "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up" (NKJV).

Prov. 22: 4, "By humility and the fear (reverence) of the Lord are riches and honor and life" (NKJV).

In conclusion, I will quote from An-

drew Murray's book, *Humility*, pages 97 & 98, "The truth is this – pride must die in you, or nothing of heaven can live in you. Under the banner of truth, give yourself up to the meek and humble spirit of the holy Jesus. Humility must sow the seed, or there can be no reaping in heaven. Do not look at pride as only an unbecoming temper, nor at humility as only a decent virtue. The one is death, the other is life; the one is all hell, the other is all heaven.

As much as you have of pride within you, so you have of the fallen angel alive in you. As much as you have of true humility, so you have of the Lamb of God within you. If you could see what every stirring of pride does to your soul, you would beg ... to have the viper torn from you. ... If you could see what a sweet, divine, transforming power there is in humility, how it expels the poison of your nature, and makes room for the Spirit of God to live within you, you would rather wish to be the footstool of all the world than lack the smallest degree of it."

Jesus is our example and it is His nature that must become our nature as we endeavor to walk in the Spirit. The life of the flesh (the self life) must be shed as we are transformed more and more into His image and into His likeness.

Praise God!

Patience: A Fruit of the Spirit

By Albert Hannigan

One of the fruits of the Spirit is long suffering. I believe we can instead use the word "patience". To be patient is to bear trials without complaint, to manifest forbearance under strain, and to be steadfast despite opposition, difficulty or adversity. I believe the greatest example of long suffering and

patience was shown by our Lord Jesus himself.

Our hearts long for the coming of the Kingdom of God and for the manifestation of His Son in His sons. The whole creation groans in pain together until now. We have the wonderful promises of what it will be like during the reign of Christ

upon this earth. The attributes of love, peace and forgiveness will abound in our hearts. The results of the curse and sin will be gone, and righteousness and peace will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. What a day that will be when we have the mind of Christ, His love, His humility, His desire to serve,

and His patience.

It seems we do not have that fruit in ourselves, but it is a product of the moving of the Holy Spirit within us. We have exhortations in the scriptures to manifest this fruit.

1 Peter 1:3-9, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you. Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season; if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations [or testings]: that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom not having seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.”

Often we may not have the respect for one another as we should have. But Romans 12:10-12 says, “Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love, in honor preferring one another; Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer.”

In serving the Lord, we are not necessarily looking for rewards. Nevertheless we are told, “God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward His Name, in that ye have ministered to the saints and do minister. And we desire that

every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises” (Hebrews 6:10-12).

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

There is no greater joy to parents or church elders, etc. than to see the sheep of God’s pasture growing in spiritual stature. 2 Thess 1:3-5, “We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth; So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure: Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgement of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer.”

If anyone had reason to complain it was Job. He lost sons and daughters, vast property, plus his own health. James 5:11, “Behold we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.” Job 42:10, “And the Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before”

1 Peter 4:12 “Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you; But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.”

Sometimes we chafe under the corrections that God metes out to us. but He does it for our good. Heb. 12:5b-11, “My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him: For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he that the Father chasteneth not? Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: Shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live. For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but He for our profit, that we might be partakers of His holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.”

Luke 21:19 “In your patience possess ye your souls”

Rom. 12:12 “Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer”

We thank God for the patience of our parents, as well as that which our spiritual fathers shown toward us. Many times we may have been wayward and disobedient, but we were shown patience and understanding and love. We were meted out judgement and correction in wisdom, not to hurt but to cause us to walk in the way of life and truth. God ultimately wants us to humble ourselves and be candidates for his kingdom. He is looking for a people who will be qualified to reign with him in His kingdom. Let us not complain, but rather let us thank God for his testings, and ask him to make us true sons of God, to enter into the Spirit of His kingdom in its fullness”.

God bless you!

Walking In The Light Of God

By Robert Persaud

There is a famous Chinese proverb which states, “the journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.” In every journey there is a starting point and a destination. Walking with God is never considered an arrival, but a journey filled with experiences.

I looked at the meaning of the verb “walk” in the dictionary and found at least three meanings of the word which relate to our spiritual experience. These meanings are:

- (1) To conduct oneself or to behave in a particular manner; to live,
- (2) To move over a surface by taking steps and
- (3) To escort someone on foot

I was blessed as I passed a billboard in North Carolina with the words, “Exercise daily...WALK with the Lord.” This statement spoke volumes to my heart, as I was challenged to yield my life to the Lord, who is willing to guide me each step of the way. The pathway for the sons of God is filled with glorious uncertainties; however, our responsibility is to follow in faithful obedience. We may not fully understand the many years that are passed and the grounds covered, especially the valley experiences. All things will work together for our good as we tread this earthly sod.

Romans 8:28 indicates, “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.”

It is extremely difficult for the human mind to grasp the fact that “all things” work together for our good. The things that we may consider to be unnecessary and unwanted are some of the very materials that the Lord uses to teach us to walk in obedience.

Walking in the Light

The purpose of light in the natural realm is to dispel the darkness and give clarity of vision in order for us to operate without faltering. The purpose of light within the spiritual context is to provide us with the clarity of the unfolding revelation before us. This divine insight influences our spiritual growth and walk with God. It is impossible for us to walk in spiritual darkness and walk in fellowship with God.

The scriptures tell us to walk in the light, as He is in the light and we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Christ cleanses us from all unrighteousness. (*See 1 John 1:7, NKJV, “But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His son, cleanses us from all sin”*).

It is our responsibility to walk with the Lord who is in the light and with each other in that realm of fellowship. Our responsibility extends beyond that of walking in the light to the point where we are called to be the light. As the Messiah walked the dusty streets of Jerusalem and shores of Galilee, he referred to himself as the “Light of the world”.

In one of the greatest exposés of Christ in St. Matthew chapters 5, 6 and 7 he mentioned a stunning fact to his disciples, “*You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden*” (*Matthew 5:14, NKJV*). This teaching was a clear indication that his followers were to be examples or lights in a dark world and their mode of conduct should be one of shining forth the light – walking in the example of Christ. This illustration depicts the model for the child of God. It is very distressing to see the modern day

church standing within the shadows of compromise and worldliness. However, when we walk in the light as examples, others will see the life of Christ which brings glory to our Father in heaven. This pattern of our lifestyle fulfills our purpose of giving glory to God and serves as one of the most powerful witness of Christianity today. (*See Matthew 5:16, NKJV “Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven”*)

Whenever we walk in the light, we are walking in the glorious truth where hypocrisy is non-existent. In knowing the truth we are set free (*See John 8:32, KJV “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free”*). In walking in the truth, we are walking in the continual freedom of the Holy Spirit, thus we are not enslaved within the boundaries of the carnal realm.

One of the key evidences of walking in the light is to have fellowship and unity with God and the people of God. God has given us the wonderful example of unity embodied in the Godhead. Disunity features the darkening clouds that distort our vision and purpose as the church of Jesus Christ.

It is essential that we see that whenever we walk in the light that we are fulfilling our gifts and ministries that were bestowed upon us by the laying on of hands by the presbytery.

All good gifts come from the Father of lights in whom there is no irregularity or revolving darkness. (*See James 1:17, KJV “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning”*)

Be Led By The Spirit

By Mike Grief

I was talking with a brother in the church toward the end of the week at Pinelow Camp in the beautiful state of Washington, and he made a statement concerning our walk with God. He said, “What we are finally going to learn is to just simply be led by the Spirit. It is not that complicated”. I thought about this and realized that it really is simpler than we make it. We want to get everything all “lined up just right and have it all figured out.” We don’t need to figure everything out ahead of time. We just need to be in communion with the Spirit and learning to hear His still small voice when He speaks to us and tells us to do something. God is in the process of teaching us how to walk with Him and to be led by His Spirit each and every day. We become Christians and realize that God has a plan for each one of us. We are taught that we are part of the body of Christ, members in particular, each with gifts and ministries; and we receive those gifts by the laying on of hands of the Presbytery. As we begin allowing God to work them through us they will mature as we mature. God is in the business of changing us into His and Jesus’ image. This work has been in the process since the beginning of Creation. Genesis 1:26, “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness...’” In order for it to be brought into full fruition, we as a body and as individual members, must learn to live and walk in the Spirit. The enemy doesn’t want the church to do this because he knows what the end result will be. He will be defeated. As long as we are walking in the

power of and under the influence of the flesh, we will continue to be powerless in our struggle against him. However, if we learn to walk in the Spirit, he will be powerless against us. So, how do we walk in the Spirit? One thing I have been aware of this summer is the power of praise, worship, and thankfulness. The enemy is always looking for opportunities, chinks in our armour, so to speak. Whenever he sees one he shoots darts of lies, negative thoughts, anger, fear, panic, anxiety, frustration, etc. toward us. He wants us to hear his voice, or the voice of the spirit of man, the carnal nature, instead of the voice of the Spirit of God. He wants us defeated, unfruitful, fearful, and down mentally. If he can be successful in this, then he can keep us off the right track of what God wants for our lives. God is positive. If you ever read through yours or someone else’s prophecies, you will be truly amazed at how positive God is when He is talking to us. He sees us in a different light because He is able to see our potential if we walk faithfully with Him, warring a good warfare “according to the prophecies that have gone over us” (1 Tim. 1:18). While I’m talking about prophecy, we have been taught that once we have been prophesied over, we have authority and permission to use them, to put those prophecies into practice. Be confident in this. Be bold to enter into the gifts and ministry God has given you! This really spoke to me because I, many times, will hold back and hem and haw around and question whether I should or should not do this or that, etc. As we walk with God in Spirit

we (I) need to be bolder. When we praise God and worship Him in a spirit of thankfulness, the enemy has a tough time influencing our minds. I don’t know all the spiritual things that are going on when we praise, but I do know what the Word of God says about it. “God dwells in the praises of His people!” We were taught that when we praise God His presence comes down and fills us! It’s kind of like the saying concerning when we point the finger at someone. In this case, though, one finger of praise is pointing toward God and three fingers of blessing are pointing back at us! This is why we are taught by the Word of God in so many countless places to praise God!! We praise Him and He comes down and dwells inside us. We worship Him and He comes down and dwells inside us. We are in a spirit of thankfulness, and He comes down and dwells inside us. When you feel agitated in your spirit and you feel a battle brewing in your mind, begin to praise God, and continue to praise, worship, and thank Him for all He has done. Sing a praise song or quote scripture with praise of God in it. His Word says He will come and “dwell in the praises of His people.” You are one of His people if you have asked Him into your heart and have sought to do all He has told you to do in His Word. As one of the traveling brethren has been telling us for a very long time, “Keep shouting the victory!” What are we doing when we do this? We are praising God!! We are focusing on Him, and when we do this He will come to our aid and meet our need! Wow, what a good God we serve

Another thing we can do to walk in the Spirit is to speak in tongues. How was it that the apostle Paul was able to say, "I thank God, I speak in tongues more than you all" (1 Cor. 14:18). How could he make a statement like that and know with certainty that it was true? How? Probably because he did it all the time! When we speak in tongues the Spirit of God is communing with our spirit, building us up, and praying through us according to the will of God. When someone speaks in tongues he communicates with God in mysteries. 1 Cor. 14:2 says, "One who speaks in a tongue edifies himself." 1 Cor. 14:4-5 says, "Now I wish that you all spoke in tongues. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful." So we choose to speak in tongues, and what does God do as a result? He comes and dwells in us with His Presence. He builds us up and helps to meet the needs at the time. He prays through us according to His Will. "In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God" (Rom. 8:26-27). Paul may or may not be speaking about praying in tongues here, but he is definitely talking about the Spirit of God interceding through us. Praying in tongues is a way for Him to do this. He is able to do all this with our minds in 'neutral' so to speak! By neutral I mean that we aren't consciously asking for anything in particular. We are just being obedient to His Word and His command to us, and we are able to speak in tongues silently, without thinking too much. We just choose to do it, and He sends His presence as a

bonus. He rewards our obedience to His command. That is the beauty of the whole thing! We can speak in tongues anywhere, anytime; when we are walking, driving, conversing, teaching school (in my case), exercising, swimming, hunting, lying in bed, and any other thing you can think of. What a concept! What a plan! Who came up with this one? Only could our amazing God come up with such a simple yet incredibly powerful and effective way of helping us to remain in the Spirit!!! Is it any wonder the brethren have been trying to convince us to do this on a daily basis for quite some time? I love God so much! He is such an incredible Creator!! It is not hard to praise Him!! He is totally worthy of all our praise! This makes me think of the song, "Worthy of honor and worthy of glory and worthy of praise is He. Worthy of honor and worthy of glory and worthy of praise is He. He has redeemed me by the blood of the Lamb. SET MY SPIRIT FREE. Worthy of honor and worthy of glory and worthy of praise is He." These are interesting words, "set my spirit free." This song is talking about the same thing I am talking about. We honor Him, glorify Him, and praise Him, because of the blood of the Lamb, and He sets our spirits free! It's nothing we have earned. It's by the blood of the Lamb! What is our part? It is to honor, glorify, and praise Him and humbly and faithfully seek to be led by His Spirit! What does He do? He sets our spirit free by coming to dwell inside us. Awesome!!!

Something that really spoke to me was a question asked of one of the brethren. "What should we be most aware of when we go to visit all these different places? His response was to encourage prophecy and singing in the Spirit. As I thought about this it made perfect sense. When you prophecy and sing in the Spirit the

communication lines need to be open between you and God. You need to be hearing what the Spirit is trying to say through you. You need to be in fellowship with Him, walking with Him, spending time with Him. We don't want to speak of our own initiative. We want to speak only what Jesus wants us to speak. Prophecy and singing in the Spirit are also ways we can build up and edify the Body of Christ. One of the brethren ministered to us that prophecy is not dependent upon the vessel but upon the Lord, the Sender of the message. He said the one prophesying might be a timid young person, but you better listen because the Sender of the message is God! My point is when we prophecy and sing in the Spirit we need to be walking in the Spirit!

These are all thoughts that hopefully will help us to walk more fruitfully and faithfully according to the Will of God, and to be His representatives and ambassadors here on Earth, shining as lights for Him and His approaching Kingdom. There is much more I am looking forward to in the years ahead. We serve such an awe-inspiring Creator and Lord! What a precious privilege to walk with Him, get to know Him, and press on toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus!

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Indiana Young People's Meeting December 2010

Monday evening, December 27 thru Friday noon, December 31, 2009

Mt. St. Francis Retreat Center, Mt. St. Francis, Indiana, 47146 Phone
(812) 923-8817.

Location just 10 miles from downtown Louisville, KY. All under one roof, gym, recreation rooms, 400 acres of woods and hills to hike on.

HOW TO GET THERE:

From West: (St. Louis, etc.) 1-64 East to US 1-50 West, go 2 miles on US 1-50 to the 3rd stop light, the center is on the left. **From North:** 1-65 South to 1-265 West 10 miles to US 1-50 exit, 2 miles on US 1-50 to the 3rd stop light, the center is on the left.

From South and East: 1-64 West across the Ohio River to US 1-50 West, go 2 miles on US 1-50 to the 3rd stop light, the center is on the left.

Come one and all, bring your friends and let's have a great time learning and sharing together.

BRING: Bibles, notebooks, pens, pencils and personals.

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COST: Adults \$65, Teens \$54 (11-17) Children \$32 (2-10)

PAMPLETS AVAILABLE

- The Present Move Of God
- The Baptism Of The Holy Spirit
- You Are Loved
- Growing In Christ
- Born From Above
- Honor The Lord With Thy Substance
- A Word To The Wise
- Sexual Intimacy
- A Testimony - M. Sundbo

IMPORTANT DATES

Nebraska Meetings (**New Dates**) September 17 - 19, 2010
 New York, New Jersey Camp October 15 - 17, 2010
 North Battleford Young People's Camp November 11 - 14, 2010
 Indiana Young People's Camp December 27 - 31, 2010

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