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Dear Friends,

In lieu of the many conversations I have with beautiful, well-meaning brothers and sisters, who have as yet, so many UNFULFILLED hopes, dreams, and plans; I share with you this month, a little exercise of monumental, Holy Spirit proportions – if you will just take Him at His Word. It's called...

Personalising the Scripture!

The Authority of the Believer! Do you KNOW you have AUTHORITY?

*If you read our May letters you should have learned what it is Jesus said - He died to give to you, (authority). But just now, we are going to make the Scriptures **COME ALIVE for us PERSONALLY**. Once you have learned to - put your name in every scripture and CLAIM those PROMISES, or instructions, for yourself – simply walk in that same AUTHORITY - which Jesus has said, you can have. **That IS your “authority” as a believer in Christ Jesus! Amen!***

Here are some "things" you need to know - to walk in His fullness, and His amazing Grace; otherwise KNOWN as “The Blessing” - every day! Amen!

Blessed – ASSURANCE!

John 17:8 For the [uttered] words that You gave Me I have given them; and they have received and accepted [them] and have come to know positively and in reality [to believe with absolute assurance] that I came forth from Your presence, and they have believed and are convinced that You did send Me.

JUDGEMENT is COMING – SOON! Are you READY?

Act 17:31 Because He has fixed a day when He will judge the world righteously (justly) by a Man Whom He has destined and appointed for that task, and He has made this credible and given conviction and assurance and evidence to everyone by raising Him from the dead. [Ps. 9:8; 96:13; 98:9.]

Absolute TRUST and CONFIDENCE in His POWER (NOT yours), inherits the PROMISES!

Heb 6:11 *But we do [strongly and earnestly] desire for each of you to show the same diligence and sincerity [all the way through] **in realizing and enjoying the full assurance and development of [your] hope until the end.***

Heb 6:12 *In order that you may not grow disinterested and become [spiritual] sluggards, but imitators, behaving as do those who through faith (**by their leaning of the entire personality on God in Christ in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness**) and by practice of patient endurance and waiting are [now] inheriting the promises.*

He Who PROMISED is RELIABLE and FAITHFUL to His Word! You can TRUST Him!

Heb 10:22 *Let us all come forward and draw near with true (honest and sincere) hearts in **unqualified assurance and absolute conviction engendered by faith** (by that leaning of the entire human personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness), **having our hearts sprinkled and purified from a guilty (evil) conscience** and our bodies cleansed with pure water.*

Heb 10:23 *So let us seize and hold fast and retain without wavering the hope we cherish and confess and our acknowledgement of it, for **He Who promised is reliable (sure) and faithful to His word.***

Have a “LIVING FAITH” – because your FAITH is your ASSURANCE! Amen!

Heb 11:1 ***NOW FAITH is the assurance** (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the **proof of things [we] do not see** and the **conviction of their reality** [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].*

PERMANENT ABIDING gives PERFECT CONFIDENCE via the Holy Spirit instructor!

No NEED of anyone one else instructing you “IF” your... “ABIDING” in Him is PERMANENT! Selah! (Pause, and calmly think about that for a minute). **BEWARE the DECEIVER** – do NOT entertain him for even a minute! **KNOW in WHOM** you have **BELIEVED!** **STAY ABIDING permanently in Him!** Amen!

1John 2:25 *And this is what **He Himself has promised us--the life, the eternal [life].***

1John 2:26 *I write this to you **with reference to those who would deceive you [seduce and lead you astray].***

1John 2:27 *But as for you, the anointing (the sacred appointment, the unction) which you **received from Him abides [permanently] in you;** [so] **then you have no need that anyone should instruct you.** But just as His anointing teaches you concerning everything and is true and is no falsehood, so you **must abide in (live in, never depart from) Him** [being rooted in Him, knit to Him], just as [His anointing] has taught you [to do].*

1John 2:28 *And now, little children, **abide (live, remain permanently) in Him,** so that when He is made visible, **we may have and enjoy perfect confidence (boldness, assurance)** and not be ashamed and shrink from Him at His coming.*

1John 2:29 *If you know (perceive and are sure) that He [Christ] is [absolutely] righteous [conforming to the Father's will in purpose, thought, and action]; **you may also know (be sure)** that everyone who does righteously [and is therefore in like manner conformed to the divine will] is born (begotten) of Him [God].*

ASSURANCE becomes you EVIDENCE and YOU SHALL KNOW – Amen!

1John 3:19 *By **this we shall come to know (perceive, recognize, and understand) that we are of the Truth,** and **can reassure (quiet, conciliate, and pacify) our hearts in His presence,***

1John 3:20 *Whenever our hearts in [tormenting] self-accusation make us feel guilty and condemn us. [For we are in God's hands.] **For He is above and greater than our consciences (our hearts), and He knows (perceives and understands) everything [nothing is hidden from Him].***

1John 3:21 And, beloved, if our consciences (our hearts) do not accuse us [if they do not make us feel guilty and condemn us], we have confidence (complete assurance and boldness) before God,
1John 3:22 And we receive from Him whatever we ask, because we [watchfully] obey His orders [observe His suggestions and injunctions, follow His plan for us] and [habitually] practice what is pleasing to Him.

INTIMACY is perpetual, UNION and COMMUNION with God!

This is LOVE at its BEST; and this INTIMACY grows CONFIDENCE to face God with BOLDNESS and ASSURANCE. There is NO FEAR in INTIMATE LOVE!

1John 4:15 Anyone who confesses (acknowledges, owns) that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides (lives, makes His home) in him and he [abides, lives, makes his home] in God.

1John 4:16 And we know (understand, recognize, are conscious of, by observation and by experience) and believe (adhere to and put faith in and rely on) the love God cherishes for us. God is love, and he who dwells and continues in love dwells and continues in God, and God dwells and continues in him.

1John 4:17 In this [union and communion with Him] love is brought to completion and attains perfection with us, that we may have confidence for the Day of Judgment [with assurance and boldness to face Him], because as He is, so are we in this world.

1John 4:18 There is no fear in love [dread does not exist], but full-grown (complete, perfect) love turns fear out of doors and expels every trace of terror! For fear brings with it the thought of punishment and [so] he who is afraid has not reached the full maturity of love [is not yet grown into love's complete perfection].

1John 4:19 We love Him, because He first loved us.

CONFIDENCE, ASSURANCE and BOLDNESS is a privilege!

1John 5:13 I write this to you who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) the name of the Son of God [in the peculiar services and blessings conferred by Him on men], so that you may know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that you [already] have life, yes, eternal life.

1John 5:14 And this is the confidence (the assurance, the privilege of boldness) which we have in Him: [we are sure] that if we ask anything (make any request) according to His will (in agreement with His own plan), He listens to and hears us.

1John 5:15 And if (since) we [positively] know that He listens to us in whatever we ask, we also know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that we have [granted us as our present possessions] the requests made of Him.

I AM – your SOURCE! And I have sent you assistance to give you ASSURANCE!

Rev 22:16 I, Jesus, have sent My messenger (angel) to you to witness and to give you assurance of these things for the churches (assemblies). I am the Root (the Source) and the Offspring of David, the radiant and brilliant Morning Star. [Isaiah 11:1, 10.] Amen! (All Scripture from Amplified Bible, unless otherwise stated).

By now we should KNOW that we KNOW what it is, that Jesus says about us -- and what it is, we say about ourselves. I pray this little journey has been a positive blessing in your life! Amen!

Further, on – “Personalizing the Scripture!”

Following is another source of inspiration and education for you to learn to “personalize the Scripture.”

“And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.” (Philippians 1:6 NLT)

God’s Word will NEVER change YOUR life until YOU let it become PERSONAL!

It's not about your neighbour, your friend, your spouse, or the stranger down the street. **God's Word must be applied to your life. The Bible won't become dynamic until it becomes specific. How do you make God's Word personal? Try the personalize-it method of Bible meditation. Anybody can do it. You don't need any special tools or advanced theological training.**

You simply put YOUR NAME in the place of pronouns or nouns in Scripture!

For example, if I were personalizing John 3:16, I'd write something like this: "For God so loved (Leila), he gave his one and only Son so that (Leila) would not perish but have everlasting life."

Or, for Philippians 1:6: "He who began a good work in (Leila) - will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Put YOUR NAME in the text, and you'll STRENGTHEN your FAITH and ENCOURAGE yourself.

You can also re-write the verse as if God is talking directly to you. For example, Philippians 1:6 would be: "**I**, who began a good work in you, **Leila**, will carry it on to completion."

DO THIS, and many passages of Scripture will literally bring tears to your eyes. You'll start to read the Bible as God's love letter to you. It'll be God's gift to you! Reading your Bible isn't just about getting to know the CONTENT of the Word; it's about getting to know the AUTHOR of the Word — personally!

Love Letters are written to **LOVERS!** Only Lovers understand one another **INTIMATELY!** And **INTIMACY** is very **PERSONAL!** Are you getting the picture?

God is the AUTHOR of the Bible, and He divinely inspired the CONTENTS of His Word, PERSONALLY - for you!

If you do **NOT** share this **INTIMATE** relationship with Him, you will not **HEAR** the beautiful things He has to say about you, and for you, and to you - His **BRIDE to be!** He is so **IN LOVE** with you, He **DIED** for you! Will you **DIE** for Him? (Die to **SELF**; yield every part of your life, to His instructions, **DAILY**). Will you walk the Intimately Personal journey, in **OBEDIENCE** to His Holy Spirit instructions?

IF So ...Talk About It!

Ask Him questions, and WAIT and WATCH for His answers! You will be **amazed** by His attention to detail, in every area of your life.

Have you ever thought about the Bible as a love letter to you? Do you believe that God wrote the Bible just for you? Do you treat the Bible and your quiet time with God as a personal conversation? How will you personalize what you're reading today?

Till next month

From my house to yours

Blessings of the abundant kind!

Leila Nord.

