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Dear Friends,

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The Lord has been speaking to me about this “title” for a couple of years now. I did not want to use it, or write about it; other than to “refer” to it occasionally; until He gave me the “green” light to do so. And I believe that is NOW! Take a little journey with me here as we ponder together what our “family” fellowship looks like.

*Do you feel **free to fellowship together** with those whom you consider - your spiritual Family of Faith?*

*Do you feel **welcomed, and loved, and nurtured?***

*Or do you feel **judged and condemned**, every time you speak, or share, from your heart?*

Are you ALWAYS HEARD; even though NOT always agreed with?

*Are your spiritual siblings **always approachable?** Am I?*

*My personal journey has NOT always been one of HEARING and SHARING from Christ’s perspective. But, Praise the Lord, I have HEARD His voice, as He has spoken into my life, and I have **LEARNED OBEDIENCE**. Yes – it is a LEARNED experience. It does NOT come naturally. We are naturally born in sin; and **WE must make a decision to CHOOSE Christ**, in order to overcome the evil ways of the enemy.*

*Once learned; **I then had the CHOICE** - of putting into practice, my OLD (learned) habits; or my NEW (learned) habits. I was reared in a family, and in churches, where religious judgementalism, reigned supreme. It was so easy to follow in those footsteps.*

But, “Then I met the Master; and NOW I belong to Him”... as the song says. And... He and His Word, says something altogether different. Hallelujah!

Let's read what Jesus had to say in John chapter 8:31-36...

John 8:31 So Jesus said to those Jews who had believed in Him, **If you abide in My word** [hold fast to My teachings and live in accordance with them], **you are truly My disciples.**

John 8:32 And **you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free.**

John 8:33 They answered Him, We are Abraham's offspring (descendants) and have never been in bondage to anybody. What do You mean by saying, You will be set free?

John 8:34 Jesus answered them, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, Whoever commits and practices sin is the slave of sin.

John 8:35 Now a slave does not remain in a household permanently (forever); **the son [of the house] does remain forever.**

John 8:36 **So if the Son liberates you [makes you free men], then you are really and unquestionably free.** (Amp) Amen.

Selah!

God sent us His Holy Spirit to guide us into ALL TRUTH; and He is ALL we NEED! Amen! It is vitally important that we **LEARN from The Word, WHO we are in Christ;** and operate in the **GIFTS** that the Holy Spirit imparts to each one of us, accordingly. We cannot **TAKE** of the gifts of the Spirit. **They are GIFTS! They are GIVEN - to those whom He chooses. Once RECEIVED – we are expected to OPEN the GIFT, and put it to good use – for His GLORY, and the BLESSING of His kids.**

Galatians 5:22-23 tells us of the nine **FRUITS of the Spirit...**

Gal 5:22 But the **fruit** of the [Holy] Spirit [the work which His presence within accomplishes] is **love, joy (gladness), peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness (benevolence), faithfulness,**

Gal 5:23 **Gentleness (meekness, humility), self-control (self-restraint, continence).** Against such things there is no law [that can bring a charge].

1Corinthians 12:7-11... lists all nine **GIFTS** for us; as given by the Holy Spirit Himself.

1Cor 12:7 But to **each one** is given the **manifestation of the [Holy] Spirit [the evidence, the spiritual illumination of the Spirit]** for good and profit.

1Cor 12:8 To one is given in and through the [Holy] Spirit [the power to speak] **a message of wisdom,** and to another [the power to express] **a word of knowledge** and understanding according to the same [Holy] Spirit;

1Cor 12:9 To another [**wonder-working**] **faith** by the same [Holy] Spirit, to another the **extraordinary powers of healing** by the one Spirit;

1Cor 12:10 To another the **working of miracles,** to another **prophetic insight (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose);** to another the **ability to discern and distinguish between** [the utterances of true] spirits [and false ones], to another **various kinds of [unknown] tongues,** to another the **ability to interpret [such] tongues.**

1Cor 12:11 **All these [gifts, achievements, abilities] are inspired and brought to pass by one and the same [Holy] Spirit, Who apportions to each person individually [exactly] as He chooses.** (Amp) Amen.

Be sure you do NOT confuse the two lists... the **FRUITS** and the **GIFTS**! They are two different impartations; given at two different times, and for different purposes!

When you **CHOOSE** Christ to be Lord and Saviour of your life, He imparts the **FRUITS of the Spirit** (so named because it is He – the Holy Spirit - who does the gifting, and guiding into ALL TRUTH, remember).

These are the very **QUALITIES of Christ**, which you are supposed to **secrete** through your ‘**spiritual**’ skin, just as you would, perspiration, on a hot and humid day.

Secrete ...It means both “to hide” and “to release.” I LOVE that definition. It is a wonderful thing to “hide” in your spirit, ALL of the **FRUITS of the Spirit** ... LOVE, JOY, PEACE etc. and - then “to release” them at every available opportunity; as the Lord so directs your journey.

Another definition says... in reference to that of ...a cell, gland, or organ... “To produce and discharge” (a substance). Wow! Selah!

Can you imagine “producing and discharging” more and more of Christ’s LOVE, JOY and PEACE ... in your life, and seeing it flow over into the lives of others?

What a great word picture that is right there!

On the other hand - the **GIFTS of the Spirit** are given at His discretion, and to whom He so chooses; according to our willingness to YIELD to His WILL, in OBEDIENCE to His instructions... for His GLORY and our greater good.

And take note – they are NOT ALL the same; and NOT all given to ALL people. We each have DIFFERENT GIFTS, for different reasons! It reminds me of that poem that says... some people come into our lives... for a REASON, a SEASON, or a LIFETIME!

So it is with the GIFTS - sometimes.

Check in with the Holy Spirit, and He will confirm the REASON, the SEASON, or the LIFETIME ...that He wants you to have, and to do, and to use, some, or ALL, of the GIFTS He disposes of, in our favour, and for His purposes to be fulfilled.

Selah! You may need to stop and think about that for a moment.

Now – why have I said all of that?

Because – you; like me, encounter your fair share of not-so-nice interactions with your so-called, Family of Faith.

It’s easy to see how some relationships can bring more pain than pleasure. Obviously, this is NOT what God intended. He wants us to have healthy and harmonious relationships and He knows what it takes. God meant for our relationships to be a source of ...joy and inspiration—NOT... tension and frustration. He meant for relationships to be dynamic, rewarding and meaningful. The good news is that they can be, as we learn to cultivate the ministry of encouragement.

As Proverbs 25:11 says... my words should be (to you) ‘as apples of gold in settings of silver’. Just as Christ’s WORDS are to all of us!

You should ALWAYS come away from any encounter with me as a sibling – feeling LOVED, valued and cherished, and prayed for; regardless of the fact that we may have to agree to disagree, agreeably, sometimes.

Even correction MUST be done in LOVE, at ALL times!

Even if we have been challenged on issues, that may sometimes be uncomfortable to confront; the PEACE from God; of God, and with God, must always fill the space. And every encounter should be one of JOY!

How many encounters have you endured of late - that was devoid of all JOY?

IF you KNOW “LOVE” (Jesus); JOY should be an automatic overflow, from your spirit of PEACE, that passes ALL understanding! Selah!

We started this letter with the title – KINGDOM Kidz Koffee Klub (my funky spelling). And I gave you the meaning of each of those words as listed.

As ...KINGDOM KIDS...

We should KNOW who we are, and what to expect of each other - as spiritual siblings! Let's take another look at where we started...

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KINGDOM - Do you share in the JOYS of the sovereign rule of the KINGDOM?

Jesus is still Lord! Amen! Have you made Him your Lord?

KIDZ - Do you feel included in the Family of Faith? His death at Calvary saw to it, that you were adopted into the family, via repentance, and the Prayer of Faith! Have you? Are you?

KOFFEE – Do you taste and smell good to your other siblings? Are you en-JOY-able?

Do you reflect His glory and goodness, via your spiritual DNA?

Or do you exhaust my spirit, and anyone else who stops by for a visit; just by being in your presence?

Do I come away with the spirit of condemnation (from the devil) hanging over me? Do you?

Remember – even our correction must be done in LOVE, at ALL times!

KLUB – does our meeting together bring UNITY and INTIMACY? Are you approachable - always? Or do you find excuses... to fob me off; speak ‘at me’ instead of ‘to me’; be condescending in speech; etc. when I want, and/or need... to share with you?

I ask ALL of these questions of myself FIRST – in intimate communion with the Holy Spirit; before I share them, or ask them of you. But they are very relevant to us ALL.

And just as Philippians 2 says... let us each one - hold the other person in high esteem, as we encourage and edify one another, and bring glory to our Lord and King!

Philippians 2:1 SO BY whatever [appeal to you there is in our mutual dwelling in Christ, by whatever] strengthening and consoling and encouraging [our relationship] in Him [affords], by whatever persuasive incentive there is in love, by whatever participation in the [Holy] Spirit [we share], and by whatever depth of affection and compassionate sympathy,

Php 2:2 Fill up and complete my joy by living in harmony and being of the same mind and one in purpose, having the same love, being in full accord and of one harmonious mind and intention.

Php 2:3 Do nothing from factional motives [through contentiousness, strife, selfishness, or for unworthy ends] or prompted by conceit and empty arrogance. Instead, in the true spirit of humility (lowliness of mind) let each regard the others as better than and superior to himself [thinking more highly of one another than you do of yourselves].

Php 2:4 Let each of you esteem and look upon and be concerned for not [merely] his own interests, but also each for the interests of others.

Are you encouraged and comforted and made to feel better by someone's “prophesying” over your life? The scripture says you WILL understand and WILL be encouraged and comforted by one's words...

1Co 14:3 *But when you prophesy, you will be **understood**, and others will be **helped**. They will be **encouraged** and made to **feel better**. (CEV) Amen!*

This does NOT say you will leave with a *spirit of condemnation!*

*It is the devil who comes to steal, kill, and destroy - every seed of God's Word, from your life. Don't let him. Grab hold of the **LIFE** that he said you could have, in copious quantities... **and LIVE that!** I think that is a great **promise** to end this letter with; accompanied by the **promise** that - **HE is ALL you NEED!***

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].*

Did you hear that? You have NO NEED that ANYONE should INSTRUCT you! He ABIDES PERMANENTLY in you. ASK of Him! *That does NOT mean that we do NOT learn very important things, from other teachers, and shepherds of the sheep. **But ALWAYS go BACK to The Word, and the Holy Spirit, and have Him confirm.***

If He has something He wants for you to KNOW - He will tell you - ALL you NEED to KNOW! LISTEN to Him! And OBEY!

He may CONFIRM some things, via another; but He will ALWAYS tell you Himself, what it is He wants for you to KNOW! He is NOT a second-hand God. Selah!

John 10:10 The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows). Be sure your life is FULL - with the LOVE, JOY and PEACE (and all of the other FRUITS He died to make available for you, and for me); to the FULL - until we OVERFLOW - into the lives of ALL of those God sends our way.

I pray, on this our 5th Anniversary of what the Lord has done in the life of Jachin Boaz Ministries, and ALL whom He has joined together here online; that you leave this month's letter, **KNOWING** – that you are very much **LOVED**, as a precious member of our Family of Faith!

God Bless you!

Till next month

From my house to yours

Blessings of the abundant kind!

Leila Nord.

