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Dear Friends,

CALL BACK ~ ENCOURAGEMENT!

Yes ~ as PROMISED ~ I'm CALLING BACK to you!

Have you felt the arrows of the enemy of late? The pangs of rejection, and mistrust; lies and unbelief ~ that leaves you feeling hurt and discouraged? You are NOT alone!

Don't be CONSUMED by the DECEPTION and DELUSION that has replaced TRUTH and TRUST! (Especially of those ~ whom you TRUSTED MOST ~ and have been LOYAL the LEAST.)

GUARD your HEART at ALL times!

CORRECTION must always be done in LOVE!

BEWARE "spiritual" PRIDE?

God is NOT MOCKED!

He remains FAITHFUL and TRUE ...and so should "YOU".

Jesus said in John 16... these VERY ENCOURAGING words...

John 16:33 I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] PEACE and confidence. In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have OVERCOME the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.] (Amp) Amen!

My Christmas Letter, December 2016, was one on CALL BACK ~ encouragement!

So - TODAY the Lord reminded me of my promise to ~ CALL BACK to you from time to time, with words of encouragement; when things inside of you, or round about you, are a heavy burden of discouragement; and I'm sure you too, experience your fair share of disappointments. We have ALL encountered our share of those experiences in life.

And SO ~ I want to share with you ~ this very personal and intimate encounter, I enjoyed with God ~ as a means of ENCOURAGEMENT, yes ~ CALL BACK encouragement ~ to all of those whom the devil would try to discourage, deceive, and delude, with ALL of his schemes and plans; to knock you off your 'spiritual tracks'... to your divine, and eternal destination.

This was a precious time of fellowship, and sweet communion with the Lord, for me; and I pray it will be, for you too, as it encourages and edifies your spirit.

My personal and intimate encounter with the Lord on December 8th, 2016 went like this...

Wow! What a day ~ Lord.

In fact ~ What a week ~ Lord.

Hmm! 2016 ~ What a YEAR ~ Lord!

What a 'bumpy ride' we have endured; navigated ~ and overcome!

There is NO DOUBT whatsoever; as to what You are doing and saying, again, this week. When I CALL to You ~ You always answer me, and there is NEVER any confusion in You! Thank You Jesus, for Your Holy Spirit's perpetual presence, guidance and reassurance. You promised to NEVER leave me NOR forsake me, and I cannot thank You enough, for remaining FAITHFUL to Your covenant agreement.

That's more than I can say, Father God, for some of my brothers and sisters.

They will fain love for a season; then hit the "delete" button; like I never existed. Wow! Some of Your creation, Lord, have NOT learned the art of YIELDING and LOYALTY and LOVE; from God's eye-view!

Oh Lord ~ how I am so grateful You are NOT that kind of lover; brother; saviour and friend. You REMAIN loyal, and consistent; in spite of my inconsistencies!

I am NEVER condemned by You!

You are NEVER guilty of pointing Your fingers at me.

That's the devil's tactics.

He does his best every day to INFECT as many as possible, with his poisonous spirit of CONDEMNATION, and REJECTION; infused by his CONTROLLING and MANIPULATIVE coercion... using whatever form of FORCE, or INTIMIDATION, he can, to obtain COMPLIANCE, to his way of thinking. Wow! His schemes NEVER cease to amaze me ~ he is relentless. The very REASON we need to remain VIGILANT at ALL times!

Thank You Holy Spirit for shining Your LIGHT ~ on the heavy, dark, and JOYLESS presence, he brings! Thank You for Holy Spirit discernment and "red-flag" moments!

Hmmm! I recall a number of those JOYLESS occasions! Do you?

REPENTANCE sets one FREE! Hallelujah!

Our REPENTANCE is merely the 'result of' our personal realization of the ATONEMENT by the Cross of Christ; which He has provided FOR US!

1 Corinthians 1:30 "...Christ Jesus...became for us wisdom from God — and righteousness and sanctification and redemption..."

Once we realise that Christ has BECOME ALL of this ~ FOR US ~

The limitless JOY of God begins ~ IN US ~

And wherever the JOY of God is NOT present ~ (JOY-LESS-NESS)

The "DEATH SENTENCE" is STILL in EFFECT! Selah! (A PAUSE and PONDER moment).

You said Lord, in...

Romans 8:1 **THEREFORE, [there is] now no condemnation (no adjudging guilty of wrong) for those who are IN Christ Jesus, who live [and] walk NOT after the dictates of the flesh, BUT after the dictates of the Spirit. [John 3:18.] (Amp) Amen!**

And again in...

John 3:16 For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world that He [even] gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life.

John 3:17 For God did not send the Son into the world in order to judge (to reject, to condemn, to pass sentence on) the world, but that the world might find salvation and be made safe and sound through Him.

John 3:18 He who believes in Him [who clings to, trusts in, relies on Him] is not judged [he who trusts in Him never comes up for judgment; for him there is no rejection, no condemnation—he incurs no damnation]... (Amp) Amen!

Yep – I HAVE that PROMISE; along with...

ALL of the others PROMISES He made me, Written in RED!

God's... Colour of Choice – RED – the Blood of Jesus, His Son! (verse 16)

Don't ever allow me to forget the ~ VALUE of that colour ~ RED, Father God.

Thank You for Your WORDS of instruction and correction; accompanied by Your arms of comfort and LOVE, that reaches right into the depths of my being, to hold me close, and give me the reassurance I require; when, my human flesh crumbles, under the barrage of 'madness' ~ and growing sadness.

Thank You for holding me while I cry!

Thank You for soothing my brow, as I thanked You for the healing of my tear-induced headache.

Thank You for the cleansing power of the tears I cry, in reverent awe of You, and for Your grace and mercy, which You pour all over me; during our intimate moments of Holy Spirit tenderness; in a spirit of UNITY ~ only LOVERS understand.

I am SO ~ IN LOVE with YOU ~ Lord!

Thank You Holy Spirit for teaching me to walk in Your PERFECT will for my life here on earth. And for the confirmation and affirmation I require, and receive from You, day by day!

Thank You for reaching out to me in Your loving tenderness, and making it so easy for me to YIELD to Your EVERY breath, and movement.

Yes Lord ~ it took me a long time to consent to DIE to my FLESH; and LEARN to CULTIVATE my SPIRIT ~ and get to this precious and intimate place in my relationship with You!

Why would I ever want to be anywhere else? Separation is NOT an option! Ever!

HEARING Your every Word; and feeling our hearts beat as ONE ~ brings "that" perfect PEACE to my inner being.

PEACE that passes ALL understanding; so I don't even try to understand ~ I simply REST! You said, in ...

Mat 11:28 Come to Me, ALL you who labour and are heavy-laden and overburdened, and I will cause you to REST. [I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls.]

Mat 11:29 Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am gentle (meek) and humble (lowly) in heart, and you will find REST (relief and ease and refreshment and recreation and blessed quiet) for your souls. [Jer. 6:16.]

Mat 11:30 For My yoke is wholesome (useful, good--NOT harsh, hard, sharp, or pressing, BUT comfortable, gracious, and pleasant), and My burden is LIGHT and EASY to be borne. (Amp)

You CALLED to me to COME! And I finally ~ OBEYED!

You CALLED to ALL to COME ~ Emphasis on ALL ~ NO ONE excluded. (verse 28)

You CONTINUE to CALL to ALL ~ but ~

You KNOW ~ and want us to KNOW ~ our TIME is running out!

You INSTRUCTED me ~ to KNOW ~ WHO you wanted for me to BE!

You INSTRUCTED me to KNOW ~ what You wanted for me to DO, and ...

You CONTINUE to INSTRUCT me DAILY! (verse 29) and...

You CONTINUE to EXPLAIN ~ WHY! (verse 30)

You ALWAYS provide PEACE ~ Lord!

Your JOB description reads ~ 'LIGHT and EASY' ~ and ~

You CONTINUOUSLY wrap my OBEDIENCE in Your PEACE!

Another version says it this way...

Mat 11:28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Mat 11:29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Mat 11:30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Thank You Jesus, for being the LOVER of all lovers!

Thank You for Your passionate embrace ~ and the INTIMACY we share as we REST in each other's arms. There is NO better place to be. Your embrace is so strong, and warm and

welcoming; and equally, *INTIMATELY PEACEFUL* and *JOYOUS* in nature, that even my tears cannot spoil the divine environment, Your presence creates.

Even Your correction is beautifully *LOVING* and *NURTURING*, and all consuming! You may bow my head and my heart in repentance and humility; as You correct my heart and mind; but You *NEVER* rob my spirit of *HOPE*, or object to my cleansing tears of repentance! In fact ~ You remind me of Your 'labelled jars' of them! How precious! So *RAW*, are my emotions; yet our *INTIMACY* unifies our spirits so much so ~ that time, people, and 'stuff' ~ are dismissed. We *KNOW* ~ *NO* distractions! Hallelujah! *ONLY INTIMACY* ~ rooted in *LOVE*, in its purest form ~ the precious Holy Spirit! Wow!

Yes, Lord ~ therein lies the ***REASON, for the spirit of DIVISION, and DISSENSION, and STRIFE***, that is so infectiously permeating so much, and so many, of the brotherhood of the brethren; and growing worse day by day; as it criticises and condemns; hurts and harms! Oh Lord, have mercy, on our unbelieving faith!

INTIMACY rooted in LOVE, has FAILED to take ROOT ~ in their spirit, Lord.

One cannot *GIVE* ~ what one does *NOT* possess! And without there being a monitoring of the *FERTILITY* of the heart-soil ~ *NOTHING* of 'believing faith' will *GROW*. Seeds require fertile soil to germinate and take *ROOT*. That grain of 'mustard-seed faith' cannot grow to be a 'tree' without it fall into fertile heart-soil; and ~ *FAITH* without *WORKS* is *DEAD*! In other words... if our *ACTIONS* don't marry up with our *WORDS*... we are as... ***1 Corinthians 13:1 says... "(I am) only a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal."*** (Amp)

Father God, You have been the world's greatest example of *LOVE*. Thank You!

1Jn 4:7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. EVERYONE who LOVES has been BORN of God and KNOWS God.

1Jn 4:8 Whoever does NOT love does NOT know God, because God ~ IS LOVE. (Amp) Amen! (Emphasis mine)

Why is it so hard to *KNOW* You, who *IS LOVE*; and then to practice that same *LOVE*, with our friends; our brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus; Your *LOVE* sacrifice?

PRIDE Lord ~ Yes ~ PRIDE! That very sin we do NOT want to acknowledge; let alone confess!

We haven't yet learned to "*crucify our flesh*" (daily) and "*cultivate our spirit*" (daily). ***WOW! And so spiritual PRIDE grows FAT on the 'fuel of the flesh' ~ however well-meaning the unloving, unkind, unedifying, words of "spiritual enlightenment" may be.***

Jesus *LOVES* me, and proves Himself faithful by His actions, of *GENTLENESS* and *HUMBLENESS* of heart... where my soul find it *SO EASY* to *REST*!

Remember He said...

"For My yoke is wholesome (useful, good--not harsh, hard, sharp, or pressing, but comfortable, gracious, and pleasant), and My burden is light and easy to be borne."

Hmm! ***Useful and good; NOT - harsh, hard, sharp or pressing...???***

But - comfortable, gracious and pleasant!

His "burden" is *LIGHT* and *EASY* to be borne! Is that your experience?

It certainly has *NOT* always been mine!

But ~ Hallelujah, my God is *FAITHFUL*!

And He is *ALL* that I need. Amen! Ponder these words of reason, by William Gurnell ...

******** "But when PRIDE CREEPS in, we begin to create hierarchies among the BRETHREN, and among GIFTS. This inevitably leads to DIVISIONS and DISPUTES." ********

Do your words *HEAL* or *HURT*?

IF I find "***NO CONDEMNATION***" in Christ Jesus, (Romans 8:1) ...

WHY should I be condemned by you?

Selah! (A PAUSE and PONDER moment for you!)
BEWARE of 'spiritual' PRIDE!

1Cor 3:18 Let no person deceive himself. If anyone among you supposes that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool [let him discard his worldly discernment and recognize himself as dull, stupid, and foolish, without true learning and scholarship], that he may become [really] wise. [Isa. 5:21.]

1Cor 3:19 For this world's wisdom is foolishness (absurdity and stupidity) with God, for it is written, He lays hold of the wise in their [own] craftiness; [Job 5:13.]

1Cor 3:20 And again, The Lord knows the thoughts and reasonings of the [humanly] wise and recognizes how futile they are. [Ps. 94:11.]

1Cor 3:21 So let no one exult proudly concerning men [boasting of having this or that man as a leader], for all things are yours,

1Cor 3:22 Whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas (Peter), or the universe or life or death, or the immediate and threatening present or the [subsequent and uncertain] future--all are yours,

1Cor 3:23 And you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

I am CALLING BACK to you just now ~ to GUARD your HEART! Are you listening?

******* Proverbs 4:23 Keep and guard your heart with all vigilance and above all that you guard, for out of it flow the springs of life. *******

Graham Cooke said, in "Changing your Spiritual Lens" Part 1 ...

"If your spiritual lens ~ commands you to judge, or persecute, or damage other people; you are heading in the WRONG direction.

Then you're moving in a religious spirit, NOT the Holy Spirit.

That's how you know!

Jesus came to give us a NEW LENS ~ So we can see things the way that He does!

The whole protestant faith is built upon a REFORMATION ~ a major LENS change." Selah!

The Lord has asked me to "CALL BACK" to you, and ENCOURAGE you ~ with these words...

Things are pretty AWESOME up here, with Him!

Deliciously romantic!

And with a sweet smelling aroma, of Heavenly bliss; a foretaste of what is yet to COME!

LOVE and PEACE permeates our space!

So ~ if life and love seem a 'distant' dream to you ~

Won't you COME up HIGHER ~ and join us!

I'll continue to CALL BACK ~ from time to time!

God bless you ~ as you COME!

Till next month

From my house to yours

Blessings of the abundant kind!

Leila Nord.

