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A SPACE IN TIME

But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Sometimes life seems to be racing by and no matter what we do—we remain stressed out and weary. In desperation we may pray for extra time to get more done, but never really believe we have enough time. We feel out of step or that we even missed one, when everything we attempt in trying to catch up to the moment fails.

The origins of man's fast paced lifestyle go all the way back to the eviction from the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve lived very peaceably until they fell out of step with the will of God. Consequently *while walking in the Garden in the cool of the day* they heard a different sound that frightened them so much they hid. They may never have heard wind before because of the Garden's terrarium-like conditions. It is also possible that living in the center of God's eye was like experiencing the calm in the eye of the whirlwind—but how does man jump into a whirlwind? Escorted from the Garden they lived a hectic lifestyle on the outer edge of a downward spiral.

Ten generations later in the days of Noah, men were so out of step with God—they literally were swept off the face of the earth in a flood. Everyone was doing what they thought was best for themselves, but no one really knew the meaning of his life or God's expectations. Knowing man would never get in sync with Him unless He stopped everything and started over, God brought the whole creation to a halt. *The fountains of the deep were broken up and the windows of heaven were opened* and the earth was covered with water. *After the waters prevailed ... God made a wind to Passover the earth.* It was climactic but the forced solitude changed man's course.

The wind of God passed over the earth but instead of returning to the Garden of Eden, life descended from a mountain called Ararat. It would take another ten generations before God offered man a unique space to dwell with Him in a promise land. God made a special covenant with Abraham and his descendents to inhabit a land of promise.

Israel's dramatic exodus from Egypt was a transitional moment. God showed His people how to walk out of bondage and into the promise. His Word was to go in and possess the land. But before they do, God created a space in time by fashioning a tabernacle for meeting with Him and the weary found rest from the perils of life.

God created a space for worship. He could have made everything for His Tabernacle Himself, but He didn't. He gave Moses the blueprint and the people of God built it according to the pattern they saw in the heavens—recreating an exact duplication. Man could not walk in heaven but man was able to walk in the tabernacle that simulated heaven on earth and learn how to have relationship with God. Every detail is very deliberate and exacting for man to follow.

The Tabernacle of Moses was the work of man's hands and its outworking and function came through man's willing participation. Both men and women were allowed to use their creative talents and abilities to design the different articles of the Tabernacle. The criteria for designing the articles was that they were *gifted artisans in whose heart the Lord had put wisdom and understanding to know how to do all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, who were stirred in their heart to come and do the work, and had the willingness to do it according to all that the Lord commanded.* 'Gifted' artisan was not the recognition of personal accomplishment but rather signified an endowment of God's wisdom. The requirement was that they not only were enthused about the possibility doing the work of God, but willed to do it exactly as divinely commanded.

Although God gave Moses the plan for recreating a literal space for relationship with Him, it doesn't keep Israel from missing a step that sent the Ark into captivity. The Ark was not returned until King David pursued bringing it back to Israel to openly dwell with him in Jerusalem rather than secluded in the old religious system at Shiloh.

David had tremendous spiritual awareness and comprehended another dimension of worship. Besides setting up the order of the House that his son would later build, he also divided the ministry into courses and wrote what they should sing—even designed new instruments so that every hour of every day both men and women became a living altar of incense before the Ark and worshiped God with *the sacrifice of their lips*. Participation in this creative expression of worship came from the heart and defined man's second dimensional space in God.

While Moses' Tabernacle was creating a space in a physical dwelling, David's Tabernacle was also creating a space for a spiritual dwelling in time. In David's Tabernacle there were no time restraints for mankind to come before God as there were for Aaron and his sons. Men and women worshiped God around the clock instead of once a year on the Day of Atonement. (In the operation of the Tabernacle of Moses, God commanded the High Priest not to enter the Holy of Holies except at the required time once a year to put sacrificial blood on the Ark of the Covenant.) David understood the pure worship of the heart was spiritual incense that bypassed the veil—entering the presence of God through a portal in time.

Before Jesus ushers in a new order of relationship, He shows us how to create a space for containing even more of God. He swept the House, put it in order and created a void to be filled by His Spirit. He said, "*I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know.*" Jesus swept the House to separate the vile from the precious—man's will and agenda from God's. He continues to sweep man's mind of downward spirals and futile thoughts of how they think things should be, and creates a space for His precious ones to dwell with Him.

Jesus' Tabernacle takes worship into a higher level of perfection with not only the redemption of the body and heart but also of the mind. Jesus taught, "*You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all our strength ... you shall love your neighbor as yourself.*" Moses taught them how to behave, David manifested how to love, but Jesus instructs them in how they should think by connecting all the dimensions of the tabernacle into one body—the new man with divine purpose. Jesus was the express image of His Father's purpose and commands us to follow His example.

Life may be racing by simply because we really have no concept of our purpose and destiny in Christ. Regardless of how much peace we once had, or will have again in the future—we only experience peace and harmony if we live in the relevance of the present moment. But how does man jump through the whirlwind to live in peace?

Some of us remember playing the game 'peppers'—a jumping game of two very fast crisscrossing ropes. Any attempt to jump into the game of 'peppers' was virtually impossible unless we discovered the exact moment to enter into the twirling space. It was a challenging game but once we found the entrance, then it was easy. Knowing the possibility of success, we trained to recognize the moment.

Just as playing 'peppers' was uncomplicated if we learned its cadence, we likewise need to discover the tempo of Kingdom living. It is difficult to jump in or catch up when our inner rhythm seems out of sync with what is happening around us—as though we are swept along with the whirlwind and never meant to enter into a spiritual space in time.

Once we are caught up in the eye of the whirlwind, life isn't a problem. It's getting into that space in time that is difficult—those frustrating days when we just can't seem to get ahead or even catch up. We need a supernatural acceleration into 'warp' speed. If we allow God to make up the difference, it is possible for us to enter into His space—jump started into the realm of the supernatural by a spiritual power surge.

Jesus wants us to learn how to jump into the game, saying, "*Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yolk upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly of heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.*" Jumping in is easy if we learn how. One thing we learn from Jesus is that training ourselves to enter His space in time means eliminating

the burden and frustration of the inconsequential. We catch up by being in sync with His purpose—not by adding to it or replacing it with another.

Although entering into the flow and rhythm of the Spirit seems difficult unless we are jumpstarted supernaturally, there is another option. We can slow ourselves down enough to enter the space/time continuum through meditation. Meditation creates an atmosphere where we can easily jump into the moment because we take time to become one with the ebb and flow of the Spirit. Even the hectic pace of the twenty-first century lifestyle seems to slow down as we step into His space in time—the eternal realm of His purpose. This is important because man participates with God when he enters the present moment of His purpose. Once man makes the transition to the spiritual space in Him, the tempo can speed up again—yet we remain caught up to the present moment in time.

Jesus always did what He saw His Father doing. He challenges us to access the door to kingdom possibility through the spiritual manifestations—His gifts are the spiritual language of the Kingdom. Through spiritual manifestations, we likewise have opportunity to see what the Father is doing—which becomes our space in time for participation in the outworking of His tabernacle. What happens is that we enter a space in time to see ‘how’ our divine purpose is accomplished. That is what the gifts are for—to reveal to us what God would have us do in the present situation. Our obedience to this understanding is our participation and ministry in the House of God.

Divine intervention manifests through us because we are able to participate with God. He slowed the rope down so we could easily jump in before the tempo speeds up. We enter the twirling space that manifests our purpose in Christ—the New Jerusalem, the spiritual kingdom and the promise land of opportunity. What we do flows easily and effortlessly from us because we found our voice of divine expression and know *His word does not return void but accomplishes all that He sent it to do*.

It was not until Jesus came into our life that we could learn the possibility of entering His space in time. He is the restorer of the breach and filled the gap with Himself so we could access the divine through Him. Now we know the meaning of our life according to God’s expectations—and are willing and obedient to walk in it. We gladly enter into His timeless state and join together with the spiritual heart and purpose of the brethren to manifest the space of God in the Body of Christ.

We will spin in the circle of a downward spiral if we choose to believe the vile script we wrote for our life instead of God’s. It may be time to do some spiritual housekeeping ... time to sweep out all the downward spirals in our life so that we can get past the weariness and *mount up with wings like eagles* ... not circling around our purpose but on a spiritual power surge that accesses His space in time to fulfill our destiny.

If we learn to ascend the upward spirals to spiritual maturity we step into the eternal realm of His Kingdom—life continues to spin around us but we have entered a portal to a space in time that God set apart for relationship with Him. We stay in this realm of spiritual possibility forever—divinely empowered by the precious words of His script written in our hearts.

In His Presence we are never weary and always energized by His Spirit—knowing who we are in Christ gives our life purpose. (Hopelessness is not knowing our purpose and therefore not seeing a way out of our present distress.) Once we know our purpose, then we learn His plan and not only is hope revived in us, but a new found determination empowers us to run our course. Living our life no longer seems burdensome if we learn to see our destination in Him. Recognizing our destination gives us great hope as we enter the eternal space in His time.

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