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AN APPRECIATION PUTTING THE WILL OF GOD ON DISPLAY "Revelation and Understanding"

As Pastor, I want to thank a group of men who have given themselves to the Lord's service with heartfelt dedication. Gene, Mike and Ray have worked hard to insure that the Lord's work is carried forth, with great diligence during these many years of service. Many decisions have been made without selfish motives involved. Their interest has been the welfare of this church and nothing else. There has never been a major decision made that wasn't prayed over first and then discussed with the greatest intensity. The next time you see these tireless warriors, give them a special thanks for their continued commitment to you, the Body of Christian Fellowship.

Pastor George Ferrington



ON THIS SPECIAL DAY, TELL THAT SOMEONE SPECIAL JUST HOW MUCH YOU LOVE THEM. AS JESUS LOVED THE CHURCH AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR IT, THEN WE OUGHT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER. THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE THAT JUST NEED TO KNOW THAT SOMEONE CARES. LET GOD LEAD YOU TO BE THAT SOMEONE. "FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVETH ON HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE." JOHN 3:16 LOVE IS THE KEY

The problem as I see it is that many Christians refuse to tune into God and thus they cannot receive the revelation of Jesus Christ. Paul said it this way to the Corinthians in Chapter 2, verses 12-14: **"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world but the Spirit Who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.....But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."** Let me demonstrate this in a simpler way that we may all understand better. Let's pretend that you are in a room sitting with movies playing all around you but you can't see or hear them. But, if you had the right receiver or satellite dish and TV, you could both see and hear the movies. Just because you can't see the waves passing through doesn't mean they aren't there. With the right receiver you could watch any number of television shows, ball games, talk shows, or listen to private conversations on cell phones and short wave radios.

Is it not the same with a natural man; he does not receive the things of the Spirit of God? Let's just pretend that God is speaking on FM radio and we are on AM; we can turn the dial all the way on AM catching every station, but still we would not hear Jesus talking to us. We can quote verses with every turn of the dial, while claiming the promises of God. We can do anything we want to, but as long as we are on AM and God is on FM, we are not going to receive His revelation knowledge. Why? Because the natural man is receiving on a different frequency—AM (natural) than God's FM (spiritual). What's the answer? We as believers need the key which enables us to walk in the Spirit. I don't have all the answers concerning how this is accomplished, but this I know, it started with me when I received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. I desired God and continually pressed to enter the "gate" of His Presence. A new light developed around the Scriptures and I understood them based on revelation knowledge. As I matured in this, I grew to understand some of the hidden mysteries of God.

Paul had a lot to say about this in 1 Corinthians 2:9-10; **"But, on the contrary, as the Scripture says, What eye has not seen and ear has not heard and has not entered into the heart of man, [all that] God has prepared (made and keeps ready) for those who love Him [who hold Him in affectionate reverence, promptly obeying Him and gratefully recognizing the benefits He has bestowed]."** Isaiah 64:4, 65:17) **"V10, Yet to us God has unveiled and revealed them by and through His Spirit, for the Holy Ghost searches diligently, exploring and examining everything. Even sounding the profound and bottomless things of God [the divine counsels and things hidden and beyond man's scrutiny.]"** It's important that we hear the above Scriptures as they declare that the Holy Spirit searches for things that have never been heard by human ears or seen by human eyes. He is the greatest search engine in the universe. God the Holy Spirit searches the greatest reservoir of information imaginable—the mind and heart of the Father.

In Psalm 139:17-18 we read: **"How precious and weighty also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them!"** (Psalm 40:5) **"V18, If I could count**

Give a heart



One way to show love is to do something nice for someone else. Luke 10:27 tells us to love our neighbors, but who are our neighbors? Everyone is!

Make these fun heart treats to share with some of your neighbors.

What you need:

- Saucepan
- 2 tablespoons of butter
- 2 or 3 bags of miniature marshmallows
- 4 cups of crisp-rice cereal (regular or chocolate)
- 9 x 13 pan
- Heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Bag of chocolate chips (milk or white chocolate)
- Bowl
- Zipper sandwich baggie
- Scissors

What you do (with adult help):

1. Melt butter in saucepan and add marshmallows.
2. Stir until mixture becomes difficult to stir anymore. Mix in cereal and stir.
3. Butter the 9 x 13 pan and spread the mixture evenly in it. Allow to cool.
4. When cool, use cookie cutter to cut out heart-shaped treats.
5. Melt chocolate chips in a bowl in the microwave.
6. Spoon melted chocolate into a baggie. Cut off a corner and drizzle chocolate over the treats.
7. Enjoy giving a heart to your neighbor!

Answer: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind"; and, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

DEAR CHURCH

I just want to say hello from India while I have a few minutes. The night we arrived was a nightmare. In the airport, I have never experienced such pushing and shoving. Miss Mary and I both were pushed many times. We finally decided the only way to get through

customs was to push our way through and that is what we did. It was not a pleasant experience. We then went to get our luggage and the pushing intensified. The men were so rude pushing. There were bottles of some kind of Hindu holy water they were all trying to get to. I took a few pictures but even that was difficult to do. After we finally got our luggage we were in a line to go outside. You had to go with the flow because you could not stop. On the way out we tried to see Pastor Francis, but could not find him. We walked in the street to see if we could see him, but the crowd was so big only a miracle would find him. After 2 hours of waiting, we were getting really tired. Some Indian taxi drivers were trying to help us but we did not have the address or the phone number. We prayed together again. I stayed with the luggage and Miss Mary started back to the door to see if she could see anyone. We were looking for Pastor and she ran straight into Pastor's wife. She had been looking for us and had prayed also. Praise the Lord! He got us out of that nightmare. The airport was not this bad the last time I was here. Pastor Francis told us they have build a new bigger airport that will open in March. Praise God! They need it plus some organization.

We had a layover in Sri Lanka on our way to India from Malaysia and the airlines provided a room for us at a hotel. The Pastor and his wife that we will be ministering with in Sri Lanka came to the hotel to meet us. They had to drive for an hour and a half to get to the hotel we were at. On the way from the airport to the hotel, we saw many soldiers with machine guns. They had little huts built out of rocks and bamboo for cover during attack. I saw big guns in these shelters. As we rode in the van on the way to the hotel, Miss Mary and I both just prayed and thanked God for His protection on us. We were not afraid because we know we are in the palm of His hand. The Pastor is so thankful that we are coming. We will be back in Sri Lanka on the 22nd of February. I know my Father has a plan and I want to follow it.

Yesterday, Friday, January 25, we had lunch with Pastor Francis and then came to our rooms to get unpacked. The first night we were in the same room and I slept on the floor but we now have two rooms, which is nice to have some privacy. We went to have dinner with a family last night that wanted prayer. They were a lovely family full of the love of God. They did not have much material things but they were so full of joy. It was evident they know the Lord. We had fellowship and a lovely dinner. We prayed and blessed them then left for another home to minister. This was a man and his son who have been tormented with demons in their dreams. As we prayed, God revealed that the son had been abused by the father. We spoke what we saw and the father began to cry. The Lord did a work in this family. The son had a wall around his heart and the Holy Spirit is tearing it down and replacing it with a soft pliable heart full of God's love. We got back here to our rooms about 11:30 PM.

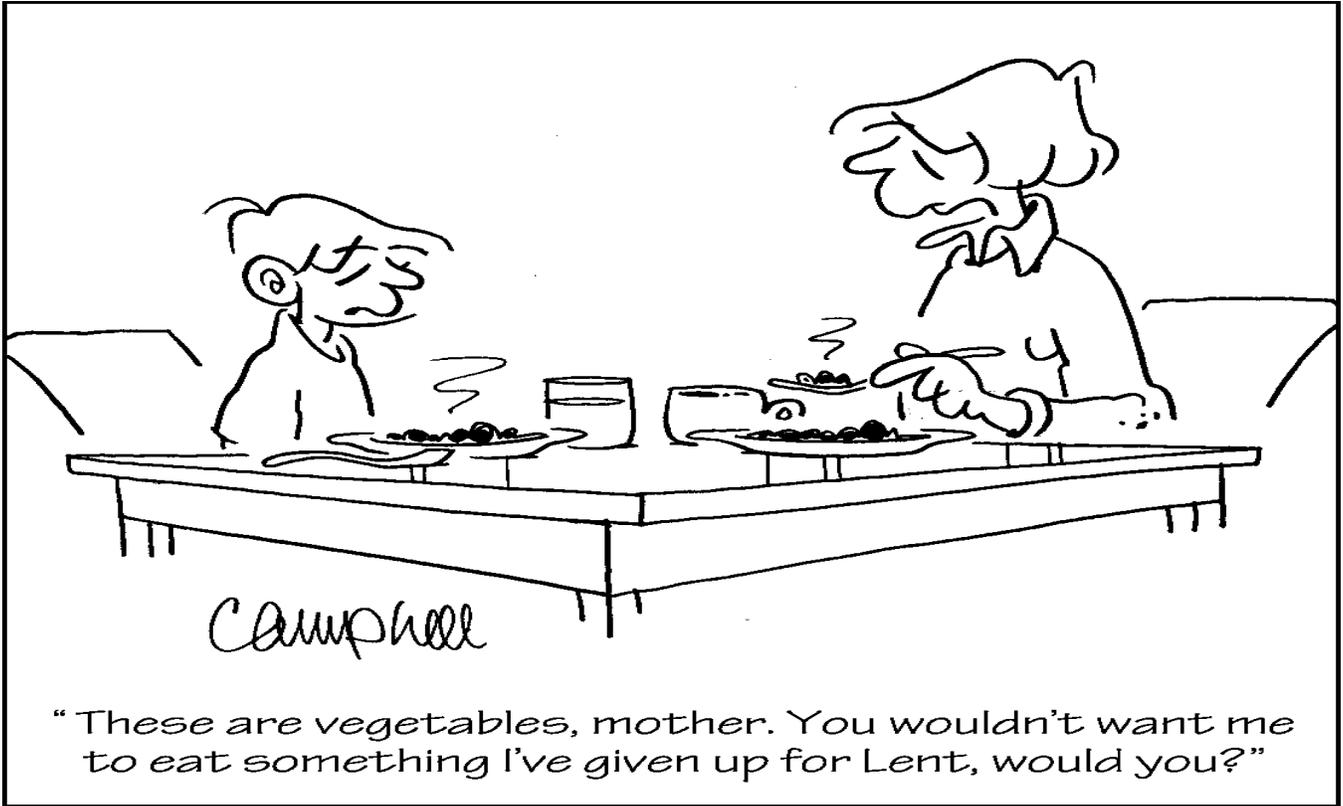
Today, we left at 9:30 AM to go to a house dedication. It is a big deal here in India when they get a new house. They have a big ceremony. They put up a tent, have music, singing and 5 pastors spoke afterwards but we did not stay for the meal. We had lunch at a restaurant and then went to change some money into ruppies so we could get some things from the store for our rooms. The main thing I wanted was some bottled water. We have a new thing that gets all of the germs out of the water but it still stinks and tastes bad. Praise the Lord for our good water at home. I will never take it for granted again. We got here at 4:00 so I decided to write a note to tell you a little about my journey so far. I will be speaking to the young people this evening at 6:30 and then going to a wedding. I will preach in the morning at 7:00 AM and 10:45 AM. Pastor Francis has us busy while we are here. We just want to complete the mission our Father has for us to do.

This morning, the lady that I prayed for last time that was so sad and God put a smile on her face, came to my room with that same smile on her face. Church, it is so rewarding to see people that our Father has touched in such a way that their life has been changed forever. I will share with you as much as I can about the things our Father does on this mission He has sent us (remember you are with me) on. To see people set free, healed, and saved is the great commission and that is what it is all about. Seeing our Father glorified and His people touched. Thanks for your prayers.

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These verses are telling us that God's thoughts about each one of us outnumber the sands on every seashore of this planet, and according to Jeremiah 29:11, all those thoughts are for your welfare, benefit, and blessing, **"For I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for the welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in our final outcome."** We see from this verse that God has been here from the beginning of time, thus He has had a long time to think about you. In His mind He has been planning your life, even before your birth, and He doesn't just have a few random thoughts about you here and there. For thousands of years, God has been planning your destiny on this earth, and when you are born the Holy Spirit searches the mind of God and brings incredible treasures to you at precisely the right time—that is, if you're tuned in to FM and are listening.

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