

Greetings from Hong Kong

Relationship with Kirk and Ruth meet in Anchorage AK 1975

Today as usual with humans we relate to the material world very strongly. We live in the world but Jesus said we are not of the world. This means our sustaining strength doesn't depend on what happens in the material world. Humans focus mostly on the natural attainments of this life.

Jeremiah 9

This is what the LORD says:

“Don't let the wise boast in their wisdom,
or the powerful boast in their power,
or the rich boast in their riches.

²⁴But those who wish to boast
should boast in this alone:
that they truly know me and understand that I am the LORD
who demonstrates unfailing love
and who brings justice and righteousness to the earth,
and that I delight in these things.
I, the LORD, have spoken!

Paul noted that one of his apostolic team members had been enticed and re-embraced the world.

2 Timothy 4

¹⁰For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

This means we live with our focus not on the outer, natural man and those activities but on the inner person and live in this world from the inside out.

2 Corinthians 4

¹⁶Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Our challenge is to fix our eyes on the unseen that's the eternal.

God is an invisible God and he wants us seeing that which is un-seeable with our natural eyes.

Elisha Traps Blinded Arameans

2 Kings 6

⁸Now the king of Aram was at war with Israel. After conferring with his officers, he said, “I will set up my camp in such and such a place.”

⁹The man of God sent word to the king of Israel: “Beware of passing that place, because the Arameans are going down there.” ¹⁰So the king of Israel checked on the place indicated by the man of God. Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he was on his guard in such places.

¹¹ This enraged the king of Aram. He summoned his officers and demanded of them, “Tell me! Which of us is on the side of the king of Israel?”

¹² “None of us, my lord the king,” said one of his officers, “but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom.”

¹³ “Go, find out where he is,” the king ordered, “so I can send men and capture him.” The report came back: “He is in Dothan.” ¹⁴ Then he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They went by night and surrounded the city.

¹⁵ **When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. “Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?” the servant asked.**

¹⁶ **“Don’t be afraid,” the prophet answered. “Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”**

¹⁷ **And Elisha prayed, “Open his eyes, LORD, so that he may see.” Then the LORD opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.**

¹⁸ As the enemy came down toward him, Elisha **prayed to the LORD, “Strike this army with blindness.”** So he struck them with blindness, as Elisha had asked.

¹⁹ Elisha told them, “This is not the road and this is not the city. Follow me, and I will lead you to the man you are looking for.” And he led them to Samaria.

²⁰ After they entered the city, Elisha said, “LORD, open the eyes of these men so they can see.” Then the LORD opened their eyes and they looked, and there they were, inside Samaria.

²¹ When the king of Israel saw them, he asked Elisha, “Shall I kill them, my father? Shall I kill them?”

²² “Do not kill them,” he answered. “Would you kill those you have captured with your own sword or bow? Set food and water before them so that they may eat and drink and then go back to their master.” ²³ So he prepared a great feast for them, and after they had finished eating and drinking, he sent them away, and they returned to their master. So the bands from Aram stopped raiding Israel’s territory.

What was one of Elisha’s secrets to seeing the unseen??

2 Kings 3:14-16

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¹⁴ Elisha said, “As surely as the LORD Almighty lives, whom I serve, if I did not have respect for the presence of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, I would not pay any attention to you. ¹⁵ But now bring me a harpist.”

While the harpist was playing, the hand of the LORD came on Elisha ¹⁶ and he said, “This is what the LORD says: I will fill this valley with pools of water.

Colossians 3:

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwelt in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Little children probably hear this truth first from that great font of wisdom ‘The seven dwarfs’. They taught this truth ‘Whistle while you work’

Hebrews 13

¹⁵ By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

1 Thessalonians 5

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in

Christ Jesus.

Colossians 4

²Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³

Jude 1

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

²¹ Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Acts 10: Fasting, missing meals

On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour:

¹⁰ And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance,

¹¹ And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending upon him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:

A good rule of thumb, feed your spirit with spiritual activities at least as much as you feed and exercise your natural body.

Romans 7:22

For in my inner being I delight in God's law

Romans 8:23

Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan **inwardly** as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

Matthew 7:15

“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but **inwardly** they are ferocious wolves.

Ephesians 3

¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,

You take the Lord with you wherever you go. NSA spying scandal—Big news in Hong Kong, God's spying is much more detailed. In Revelation the books will be opened and detail everything in the life of everyone. Everyone will get to see all our dirty laundry. There is no right tot privacy with God. He is with us every where. Christians written in the lambs book of life will not have forgiven sins discussed but only works we have done will be rewarded or if inadequately obeyed God, then there will be no reward but still have eternal life.

Revelation 20

¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. ¹³each person was judged according to what they had done.

I Corinthians 6

¹⁷ But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

Brother Lawrence

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1614-1691

Brother Lawrence, born Nicholas Herman, a lowly and unlearned man, who, after having been a footman and soldier, was admitted a Lay Brother among the barefooted Carmelites at Paris in 1666, and was afterwards known as "Brother Lawrence."

His conversion, which took place when he was about eighteen years old, was the result, under God, of the mere sight in midwinter, of a dry and leafless tree, and of the reflections it stirred respecting the change the coming spring would bring. From that time he grew eminently in the knowledge and love of GOD, endeavoring constantly to walk "as in His presence." No wilderness wanderings seem to have intervened between the Red Sea and the Jordan of his experience. A wholly consecrated man, he lived his Christian life through as a pilgrim--as a steward and not as an owner, and died at the age of eighty, leaving a name which has been as "ointment poured forth."

Nicholas entered the priory in Paris as a lay brother, not having the education necessary to become a cleric, and took the religious name, "Lawrence of the Resurrection". He spent almost all of the rest of his life within the walls of the priory, working in the kitchen for most of his life and as a repairer of sandals in his later years.

Despite his lowly position in life and the priory, his character attracted many to him. He had a reputation for experiencing profound peace and visitors came to seek spiritual guidance from him. The wisdom he passed on to them, in conversations and in letters, would later become the basis for the book, *The Practice of the Presence of God*. Father Joseph de Beaufort, later vicar general to the Archbishop of Paris, compiled this work after Brother Lawrence died. It became popular among Catholics and Protestants alike, with John Wesley and A. W. Tozer recommending it to others.

He found a peace in reconciling himself to the thought that this struggle and longing was his destiny. He said his soul "had come to its own home and place of rest." His death in 1691 occurred in relative obscurity, but his teachings lived on in the compilation of his words.

The sorest afflictions never appear intolerable, but when we see them in the wrong light; when we see them in the hand of God, who dispenses them; when we know that it is our loving Father who abases and distresses us; our sufferings will lose their bitterness and become even a matter of consolation.

Topics: [Affliction](#)

We must do our business faithfully; without trouble or disquiet, recalling our mind to GOD mildly, and with tranquility, as often as we find it wandering from Him.

Topics: [Contentment](#), [Business](#)

Let us think often that our only business in this life is to please God. Perhaps all besides is but folly and vanity.

Topics: [Faithful](#)

In order to know God, we must often think of Him; and when we come to love Him, we shall then also think of Him often, for our heart will be with our treasure.

Topics: [God](#), [Worship](#)

I wish you could convince yourself that GOD is often (in some sense) nearer to us, and more effectually present with us, in sickness than in health.

Topics: [Health](#)

One way to recollect the mind easily in the time of prayer, and preserve it more in tranquillity, is not to let it wander too far at other times. You should keep it strictly in the presence of God; and being accustomed to think of Him often, you will find it easy to keep your mind calm in the time of prayer, or at least to recall it from its wanderings.

I drove away from my mind everything capable of spoiling the sense of the presence of God.... I just make it my business to persevere in His holy presence... My soul has had an habitual, silent, secret conversation with God.

Topics: [Prayer](#), [Worship](#)

We ought to act with God in the greatest simplicity, speak to Him frankly and plainly, and implore His assistance in our affairs.

Topics: [Prayer](#)

A little lifting of the heart suffices; a little remembrance of God, one act of inward worship are prayers which, however short, are nevertheless acceptable to God.

Topics: [Prayer](#), [Worship](#), [The Heart](#)

The time of business does not differ with me from the time of prayer; and in the noise and clatter of my kitchen, while several persons are at the same time calling for different things, I possess God in as great tranquility as if I were on my knees.

Topics: [Prayer](#), [Business](#)

Source: The Practice of the Presence of God

We ought not to be weary of doing little things for the love of God, who regards not the greatness of the work, but the love with which it is performed.

Topics: [Service](#)

Sufferings will be sweet and pleasant to us while we are with Him; and the greatest pleasures will be, without Him, a cruel punishment to us.

Topics: [Suffering](#)

You need not cry very loud; he is nearer to us than we think.

Topics: [Suffering](#)

Many things are possible for the person who has hope. Even more is possible for the person who has faith. And still more is possible for the person who knows how to love. But everything is possible for the person who practices all three virtues.

Topics: [Virtue](#)

The end we ought to propose to ourselves is to become, in this life, the most perfect worshippers of God we can possibly be, as we hope to be through all eternity.

Topics: [Worship](#)

GOD will not permit that a soul which desires to be devoted entirely to Him should take other pleasures than with Him: that is more than reasonable.

Topics: [Worship](#)

Do not always scrupulously confine yourself to certain rules, or particular forms of devotion, but act with a general confidence in GOD, with love and humility.

Topics: [Worship](#)

God as we ought to worship Him. God is Spirit, so we must worship Him in spirit and truth, that is, by a humble and true adoration of spirit in the depth and

centre of our souls.

Topics: [Worship](#)

There is not in the world a kind of life more sweet and delightful than that of a continual conversation with God.

Topics: [Worship](#), [Prayer](#)

To worship God in truth is further to admit that we are entirely contrary to Him, and that He is willing to make us like Himself if we desire it. Who will be so imprudent as to turn himself away, even for a moment, from the reverence, love, service and continual adoration which we most justly owe Him?

Topics: [Worship](#)

To worship God in truth is to recognize Him for being who He is, and to recognize ourselves for what we are.

Topics: [Worship](#)

Inner self is focused on by the Lord. Great worth to God, and is like a treasure and valuable.

I Peter 3

³Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. ⁴Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

Development of the inner is determined by the focus we give it. Like physical exercises the spiritual inner person is nurtured by spiritual disciplines.

What is in our inner self is sometimes brought to the surface by what we face in this world.

James 1

²Dear brothers and sisters,^[a] when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great [joy](#). ³For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. ⁴So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

Remember the Story of Martha and Mary, Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus. Mary has chosen the better part. Martha troubled with many things.

Amos 8

¹¹Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of **hearing*** the words of the LORD:

¹²And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to

seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it.

**Shamah hearing, hearkening, obeying (If you are willing and shamah then you will eat the fat of the land) Isaiah 1:19*

We are living in a Time of itching ears

2 Timothy 4

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.

³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching (tickling) ears;

⁴ And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

Don't allow ourselves to be focused on vain empty things but Fix your eyes, devote yourself, attach yourself to godly activities let your inner person be renewed day by day.

Spiritual disciplines for our inner man to connect with God

Pray devotedly and continually

Pray in the spirit

**Praise continually
Give thanks in all situations**

**Singing with spiritual songs and
Rejoicing**

Fasting

Study God's word

**Delight in God's word
Read**