

Prophetic Insights

“You Can Look Side-to-Side!”

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In a previous articles we wrote about two dreams each of us had shortly after we returned from Israel with the Hebraic foundations in 1994. When we arrived back in the States, I (Mike) continued to be plagued by a sense of failure for not having known these Hebraic truths earlier. I kept thinking of the 5,000 people who'd come through our retreat center, and how much more helpful I could have been if I'd known the Hebraic roots of Christianity earlier. Our dreams:

Mike: “I was brought to Mount Horeb, the Mountain of Desolation. As I stood on the mountaintop I heard the Father say, ‘Mike, I've desolated you for several years, pruning away that which was not like My Son. Listen! I never wanted you to know these truths before this time. Now, **GO and FREE the captives!**’ He then told me to wake up Sue and tell her about my dream.”

Sue: As Mike woke me up, I was having a dream too! I was on a mountaintop that was a flat, half-moon shaped plateau. Behind me was darkness, with steep, jagged rocks that represented my past. But ahead of me, light was growing brighter and brighter like the dawn. I heard a voice saying, ‘Press on into the light. You can look side-to-side to see who's going with you, but you can't go back.’ Mike and I both knew that our Father had given us these dreams to encourage us to press on and share what He is restoring.

Those revelational dreams have spurred us to persevere over the years, even if we didn't know where they would lead us. Now, almost 20 years later, we can recognize how important it is to always press forward into the light as the Holy Spirit has sanctified our marriage and been transforming our character and

motives into those of our Lord Jesus (see John 8:12).

Not only has our marriage been changed over these years, but also the nature of our ministry. As we've shared with you in recent months: we were initially an *informational ministry* as we wrote books and conducted seminars throughout North America. We then became an *equipping ministry* as the Spirit had us producing training videos with handouts for discussion. This year we've become an *exposing ministry*, revealing where people fall short of what our Lord Jesus desires of them so they will repent and bear lasting fruit by His Spirit.

For what we're about, *exposing* is analogous to separating the wheat from the chaff (Luke 3:17). The “chaff” are those who live for themselves, both neglecting to develop the character and motive of our Lord Jesus and heedless to bring glory to our Father.

From our time of being informational, through the season of equipping, and into exposing there has always been the thread of *freeing the captives* as He told us to do. But, as one young woman recently shared, you may want to free the captives, but many don't *want* to be free. Freedom implies responsibility and purpose, and many prefer the familiarity of their personal prison.

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Sue's dream has become all the more clear in other areas of our ministry as we've become an *exposing ministry*. Think about our Father's words to her for a moment: “*Press on into the light. You can look side-to-side to see who's going with you, but you can't go back.*” First, we've under-

stood this as our Father's command to make sure we've kept moving forward into the light. Moving forward into the light of the glory of God in the face of Christ (2Corinthians 4:6) has undergirded the sanctification His Spirit has made and continues to make in our marriage. Together as one we share with others what the Holy Spirit has produced in us by grace.

If you're married, the Hebraic restoration calls for you to minister out of what the Spirit of Christ has formed in your marriage as a *covenant relationship* reflecting the covenant between Lord Jesus and His bride, the collective called-out ones. This criterion, however, is the antithesis of Hellenist Christianity in which people can "teach the Bible" totally apart from any testimony to the sanctifying work of the Spirit in their marriage.

We are **sharers**, as our Father has commanded us, not purveyors of information. Many in Hellenized Christianity can teach Bible truths but lack the sacrificial *humility and love* in their marriage which would authentically represent Him and His Word. Sadly, all too many Bible teachers make sure you don't know the truth about their marital relationship.

In our own pilgrimage thus far as we've shared the Hebraic foundations, we don't always know who'll be going along with us side-by-side. Many of those who use the materials from our website go forth producing fruit in accordance with their own repentance, and that delights us! (See Luke 3:8; Matthew 7:20.) In a sense they're with us side-by-side but we won't see them until eternity.

Others we've had direct contact with over the years, whether personally or through phone calls or e-mails. Initially it's hard for us to know how we can or if

we should come alongside to help. We sure don't want to get in the way of what our Lord is doing in and around them, nor do we want to miss His will in journeying with them. This is where the Holy Spirit has taught us "spiritual triage."

Because we were commanded to press on into the light ourselves, we've had to learn spiritual triage in order to identify those who also are purposing to walk in all that our Lord would have them be and do in His Name. (Some, we've discovered, only want to get out of their personal messes and have no intention of bearing Kingdom fruit or living in our Father's will for them.)

[You can learn more about spiritual triage by downloading "A *Spiritual Symptom Checklist*" under Hebraic Articles; or Lesson 48. "*Gatekeeping: "Spiritual Triage"*" in our series *Discussing How To Restore the Early Church*.]

In pressing forward into the light of Christ ourselves, our Father has called us to assist and equip the Spiritually Healthy who will in turn share with others they come alongside. To a somewhat lesser extent He has also sent us alongside the Spiritually Wounded who may only need suggestions or encouragement. It often takes time for us to discern those whose lives are being poured out for our Lord and those who are Spiritually Dead as they hold on to strongholds, Hellenism, and their sin nature. The latter we need to leave in the hands of the Spirit in order for us to press forward into the light and fulfill our Father's command: ***To share the Hebraic foundations, to lead, and to contend for our Lord Jesus.***

It may seem like we're uncaring when some choose to be left behind. But consider what appears to be a ministry restriction placed by Jesus on His own disciples when He sent them out: "...do

not greet anyone on the road" (Luke 10:4; see also Acts 16:6,7 when the Spirit prevented Paul from ministering among certain people). Being sent on a mission by our Father doesn't allow you the social niceties of religious systems which cater to the complacent and the compromised.

"They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us" (1John 2:19).

We've encountered several types of people who seemed to be alongside us in life purpose but never really intended that the Hebraic foundations be their way of life.

- There were men who've spent too much fruitless time in Evangelicalism. They certainly knew their Bible but never developed the humble, sacrificial love to reflect Jesus to others, even their wives (Ephesians 5:25-28).

- There were the bitter, especially against fathers, and those held captive by materialism and worldliness (Luke 8:14).

- Others were seduced into the Jewish Roots Movement, becoming Judaized to find righteousness by their own effort. The term "Hebraic" is erroneously used to disguise this deceptive teaching. In truth, "Hebraic" points back to Abraham, the Hebrew whose trust-based faith in God gave him the right to be called the father of all who trust in Jesus (Romans 4:16; Galatians 3:7).

The counterfeit Jewish Roots Movement extends only back to Moses and focuses them on ritual and form rather than on Jesus and His indwelling Spirit. If anyone points to *any* religious form you must keep to be more acceptable to your

heavenly Father, **THEY'RE LYING!**
 [To learn more, type "legalistic perversion" and "Judaizers" in the Search box on our website.]

- Many have been seduced by the scarcity of Christ-centered TV shows or movies. The upshot of entertainment's failure to focus on trusting our Lord Jesus, or to bring our Father glory, is that they obstruct Christians from pressing into the light themselves. Even so many "Christian" movies make a clergy person the solution to a difficult or painful situation, or emphasize the need to enter a church building for help. Few "Christian" movies even bring up the Name of Jesus or have anyone praying in His Name.

- Even in the workplace nothing points to Christ-centered solutions or answers nor to the goal to bring our Father glory. Most Christians are unconcerned about the eternal destiny of those they work with, so it's no wonder the Hebraic foundations bore no fruit in their lives.

"Have we now become your enemy by telling you the truth?" (Galatians 4:16).

Some have fallen away and yet have stayed on our e-mail list. For you our Father's relational priorities witness against you that you never really wanted to find out from Him that it's He Who is restoring them. Nor were you determined to make them your way of life. Can this be said of you: *"It would have been better for you not to have known what our Father is restoring than to have known these truths and then turned your back on how He would have you live"*?

