

The Way of the Lord

44. Mutually Living With Jesus As Lord (Part 3)

Let's discuss another clear indicator that you're living in the LORDship of Jesus. It's your *trust* in how *truly Sovereign He is* over everything that takes place on earth and everywhere around you! (See Colossians 1:15-17.) Think of how Jesus affirms His sovereignty: "*ALL authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me*" (Matthew 28:18). Fully accepting by faith *His supreme and ultimate rulership* will bring you the peace that only *He* can give. Jesus assured His beloved disciples that even tiny sparrows aren't forgotten by His Father. So why should *you* doubt or be anxious when that same God *knows* you, right down to the number of hairs on your head? (Luke 12:6,7)

The peace Jesus brings doesn't depend on Him giving you what you want, but a peace *regardless* of what happens: "*Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid*" (John 14:27). Your *peace* in Christ is a result of your *confidence in His sovereignty*. It isn't based on events around you. It comes from assurance of His Spirit's presence within you.

Absolute confidence in His LORDship produces a peace that transcends all understanding (Philippians 4:7). And it's a peace that needs to be *mutually* developed and maintained. Peace deepens as you seek *together* to become more like Jesus, and as you *mutually press on* to mature in His love for one another. You help *each other* to live repentantly, making sure that within each home there's no unconfessed sin (1 John 1:9). As a family, you *together* turn to the Spirit of Jesus in your midst. You ask Him for *His* wisdom in applying God's commands to your marriage, family, and home life (Matthew 18:18-20).

Your heavenly Father sees the righteousness of your obedient trust. It's a trust that *grows* as you stay repentant. He then answers your prayers so your *whole family* can bear witness to His glory and faithfulness. It's in your *home* that you first establish absolute confidence in the promises of God found in His Word. Our Father's perspective is *generational*. He's looking for you to *train your children* to walk righteously before Him in Jesus. In your home, your children learn from *you* to be *anxious about nothing*, and to bring *everything in prayer* to the God Who loves them! (Philippians 4:6)

It's *you* who role models confidence in your LORD. Then your children can have assurance that God will hear *their* prayers: "*For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are attentive to their prayer*" (1 Peter 3:12). Our Father *promises* to hear the prayer of the righteous! Do you have confidence in His loving Sovereignty that He answers according to what's *best* for you from *His perspective*? When you approach your Lord in prayer with open hands, you're trusting that He'll answer your need in *whatever way* and in *whatever time* will fulfill His plan and purpose (Hebrews 13:5,6).

He's looking for your trust in His LORDship so He can use your testimony to affect the lives of others: "*The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. Elijah was a man just like you. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops*" (James 5:16-18). God says Elijah was a person just like *you*, not some super-spiritual giant! Do you *believe* your Lord? Your relational trust in Jesus as your Lord *and* as the Author of all life (Acts 3:15) enables Him to work mightily in your midst collectively as a faith family too. And this trust is the *foundation* to each of you serving Him together as His beloved slaves. Gratefully living out *together* your calling as slaves of Jesus, as His *precious possession*, is a joyous privilege! Your way of life as you authentically love and serve one another reflects that you *each* truly trust and belong to Him.

Living with Jesus as LORD of your lives is a *mutual* journey of suffering as well as joy. For the past seventeen years we've been sharing the Hebraic foundations our Father revealed to us. We've come to recognize that living with such love for our Lord Jesus *together* motivates our actions because we want what *pleases Him*. When you're free from the hindrances of strongholds, toxic memories, and blasphemous religious practices, you begin to see people through the *eyes of Jesus*. You become burdened for what moved *Him* to hang on the cross: *the salvation of mankind*. It's at this point you see yourself as a person He's called out of the *world's ways and values* to fulfill *His purposes* in *His Kingdom*. And you see

your relatives, neighborhood, workplace and school differently. Your love *from Jesus* and *for others* is so great you want *everyone* to experience the relationship with Jesus that now motivates you. If this describes the motive of *your* heart, then you're *living* the way of the Lord.

For Further Study

- Lifebyte 35. *Thy Kingdom Come In My Life*
- Book: Restoring the Early Church, *Chapter 11. The Home Fellowship—Promoting Communal Righteousness*
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