## The Pyramid You Must Enter Isn't In Egypt

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus our Lord,

In our recent writings and in the videos Mike has been producing, we've been stressing your essential need for *rhema* – *the Holy Spirit revealing our heavenly Father's specific will to you and for you.* When times become more difficult, especially when having to make life or death decisions in the near future, seeking and knowing Father's will is indispensable.

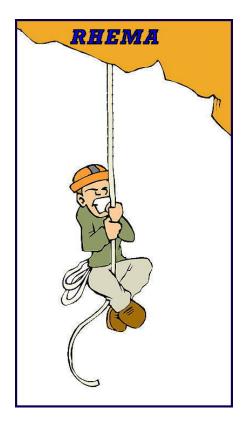
"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be <u>Your</u> name, <u>Your</u> kingdom come, <u>Your</u> will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:9,10).

You'll find reliance on *rhema* throughout both testaments among individuals who are attested to be people of faith. They readily *sought and obeyed* the will of God. For example, we today who love and serve our Lord Jesus can learn much from faithful David in deliberately seeking our Father's will and taking action during life-threatening times. (See 1Samuel 22:5, 23:2,4, 30:8; 2Samuel 2:1,5:19,23.) Years ago when we first read the accounts of David's resolute reliance to seek *rhema*, our own deep conviction was ignited to not go on without knowing Father's will.

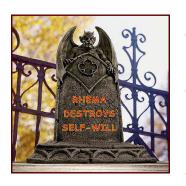
When you earnestly seek the Holy Spirit's voice and/or prompting and act upon it, you find yourself changed inside. A key alteration stands out: your self-will plummets as you purpose by His grace to bring glory to our heavenly Father by doing *His* will.

As the Hebraic foundations are being restored, the paramount importance of *rhema* has begun to be widely embraced by those who are seeking the spiritual intimacy and power experienced by the first followers of Jesus. And, wherever people have fled clergy-led religious

systems, they become keenly attuned to how vital the Spirit's *rhema* is. They seek our Father's will through the indwelling Holy Spirit as if their very life depended on it. We hope you are one of those who live this way.



Knowing Father's will through the voice and/or prompting of the Holy Spirit <u>and</u> relying on the confirmation of two or three witnesses have been the lifeblood of our own spiritual pilgrimage for over four decades. We'd love for this to be the way of life for all who claim Jesus as their Lord. If that were so, His family would be much larger today.



Encouraging churchgoers to seek *rhema* for their own lives has been a threat to religious leaders ever since the Hebraic foundations were discarded in favor of clergy-centered Hellenism and Romanism. The crucial need for *rhema* with its powerful influence on reducing

**self-will** is buried throughout most of Christendom. Over half of today's denominations and sects teach that after the Bible was canonized, there is no further revelation by

the Holy Spirit, and/or that only religious leaders have divine guidance.

## "[Saul] inquired of the LORD, but the LORD did not answer him by dreams or Urim or prophets" (1Samuel 28:6).

Over the years we've met many who believe in the necessity of *rhema*, yet they don't receive any when they ask. We've observed two potential reasons for the Holy Spirit's silence in their lives:

- 1. Some are slack in their responsibility to put our Father's commands into practice (see 1Samuel 15). By being untrustworthy in applying the commands He's revealed in the Scriptures, these people are showing that they will also be untrustworthy with His specific revelation to them.
- 2. People who habitually resist the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit in their lives won't receive His guidance either.

A person who's faithful in applying God's scriptural commands will also be one who will cherish and obey the Holy Spirit's voice and prompting. Every follower of Jesus during their pilgrimage to their salvation must be as equally resolute in seeking their lives to be transformed by the Holy Spirit as they are in seeking and taking action based on the *rhema* of the Holy Spirit.

Your loving service to our Lord Jesus in fulfilling your Father's will requires *both* of these life-altering, life-guiding ministries of the Holy Spirit. You also need His life-empowerment through the gifts He apportions you.

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"The Sovereign LORD is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet of a hind, He enables me to tread on the heights" (Habakkuk 3:19).

Here's a truth that's often overlooked among many Christians: Each new call to serve our Lord Jesus almost always means being transformed into a more useful vessel that's fit for the new assignment. This is true whether it's a change in how He wants to use you or where He wants to take you. Just as the Holy Spirit led Jesus into the desert after John baptized Him (Matthew 4:1), so will the Spirit lead you into a place of testing and transformation.

We encourage you to read Chapter 6. "Detour Through the Desert" in our Going To The High Places study guide of *Hinds' Feet On High Places*, <a href="https://restorationministries.org/download/06.hindsch-6.pdf">https://restorationministries.org/download/06.hindsch-6.pdf</a>. In it we discuss how crucial it is for followers of Jesus to willingly accept those times the Spirit takes us down "into the desert". That's because of the necessary transforming that takes place there inside the pyramid. The pyramid isn't a "once-in-a-lifetime" experience. Each new call He gives you to serve in a different way, or each change He makes in your spiritual gifting, will most likely lead you to the kind of transformation you'll find in the pyramid.

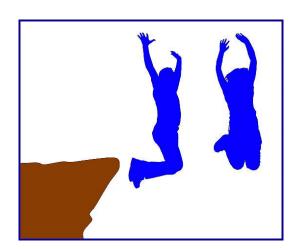
We all carry "excess baggage" that's going to hinder us in Christlike character growth and service — and that's gotta go! Traveling down into the deserts in your life often begins when you encounter unexpected situations that take you by surprise, or when you're being prepared for a new way of serving our Lord Jesus.

Please use the above link and discern what needs to happen in your life each time you are taken into the pyramid of preparation. When you exit the pyramid

proclaiming, "BEHOLD ME! ACCEPTANCE WITH JOY!", you're ready for service.

It's wonderful that Much-Afraid had patient companions who helped her on her pilgrimage to the high places. That's where she would ultimately receive her "hinds feet" and then return to serve in the valley as "**Grace and Glory**". We hope you have companions who are equally committed to your transformation and obedience during your own pilgrimage (see Proverbs 15:31, 27:6).

There's one more thing we should note. When it comes to jumping off the chasm into the mist of total surrender of your **self-will**, only you can humble yourself and take that leap. The transformation our Lord Jesus seeks in His own can only occur <u>after</u> you jump. That means *it doesn't matter* where He leads you or what He wants you to do. Your **loving obedience** is greater than your self-will.



The Hebrew word *emunah* describes the extent of trust our Lord demands. It's like jumping off a cliff! Your trust in being transformed, guided, and empowered by His Spirit sets you apart from any other person as His own. Our Lord has given you hinds' feet to serve Him.

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