

Don't Go Round And Round In The Pyramid

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus our Lord,

We wrote in our previous email that we hope you have a companion or companions who are deeply committed to your ongoing sanctification during your own pilgrimage to your salvation. This kind of companion is absolutely needed, especially after you've demolished your own demonic strongholds. Remember, when you are free from demonic strongholds, there are accompanying toxic memories and motivations left in your soul. You'll need to be confronted in love by someone in Jesus who really, really cares for your Christ-like transformation. You could say, *“Out with the toxic and in with Christ's love, forgiveness and compassion!”*

Don't Hang Out In The Pyramid



In our last email we mentioned the ***pyramid of transformation*** that's described in Chapter 6 of *Hinds' Feet On High Places*. Three events take place within the pyramid: •grain is ground, •clay is molded, and •dross is removed. You don't want to stay inside the pyramid of transformation any longer than is necessary! Your spouse or other mutual companion in your faith pilgrimage can be of tremendous help if you humbly yield to their counsel. But you can make life very difficult for your companion(s) in your faith pilgrimage if you resist the transforming work our Lord wants to accomplish in you.

Please learn a lesson from the Preface of our workbook, *Demolishing Strongholds*, about what happens when you

stay too long in the pyramid and miss or delay a special opportunity from our Lord for their life.

“During a conference held on Long Island in the summer of 1989, a prophecy was given. The prophecy stated, ***“God is looking for a faceless people who are humble, with only the face of Jesus shining through. On November 30, 1989, the Lord is going to use these people in something special He is about to do.”***”

We didn't write in the Preface, however, that a subsequent prophecy was given several months later: ***“Those who failed to humble themselves with only the face of Jesus shining through would have to go around the mountain again.”***”

Whether it's going around the mountain again or through the pyramid one more time in a marriage or a fellowship family, resistance to transformation creates a lot of relational stress. Here are some spiritual realities that were present when these two prophecies were shared:

1. Most marriage couples *had not been* disciplined to cooperate together in the process of their mutual sanctification.
2. In most cases Christians were *not even taught* that sanctification by the Spirit was of any significance.
3. The majority of the born-again at that time considered “being saved” to be the *end-all* of their Christian responsibility.

We haven't observed that these three ruinous ploys are any different in Christianity today.

Picture this all-too-common, relationally painful occurrence. One spouse humbles himself or herself to begin to be transformed into an area of Christ's likeness and to wholeheartedly serve our Lord, with the face of Jesus shining through. The other spouse, though, is stiff-necked and resistant, either having to go around the mountain again or rebelliously stay the way they are.

In previous materials we've emphasized that in the Hebraic restoration, a married couple ministers out of the mutual sanctification of their marriage. They *mutually* represent to others the love, forgiveness and compassion which our Lord has accomplished in them to date. Neither the husband or the wife would think of ministering to others without the mutual participation of their spouse in some relevant way.

The more mature a couple is in Christ, the more they understand how younger couples in particular need guidance and encouragement in cooperating with the transforming work the Spirit of our Lord seeks to make in them. In our June/July 1999 newsletter, *Crossing the Jordan*, <[https://restorationministries.org/download/1999_0607crossingthejordan%20\(1\).pdf](https://restorationministries.org/download/1999_0607crossingthejordan%20(1).pdf)>, we wrote:

“No married couple who enters the Jordan will set foot on the shore of the Promised Land unless both of them do so in union together.”

Please take this to heart:

Whether you're married or single, even before you go down into the desert or before you enter the pyramid or even while you are in the pyramid, **demonic disruptors** will try to incite you to resist our Lord's wonderful intentions in your sanctification process. And if you are free from stronghold influence, then those demonic disruptors will lurk outside you to infiltrate your mind with a **demonic drive-by shooting**. They'll deceitfully whisper discouraging lies like these:

- “You don't need to be changed.”
- “God has rejected you. You're hopeless.”
- “Think about all the things that can go wrong in the future. You'd better be anxious or afraid!”

- “Here are some thoughts to rekindle bitterness toward [someone] whom you’ve already forgiven.”

If you give way to even an iota of willingness to listen to demonic drive-by shooting whispers, they’ll keep repeating their attacks. And, our Lord Jesus will allow this to continue in order to train you to **“take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ”** (2Corinthians 10:5). If it's a thought that you know Jesus wouldn't have, resist it by His authority and ask Him to replace it with something He *would* think — something noble and true and pure (Philippians 4:8).

The pyramid is a *good and necessary* part of each journey you take to the high places to be transformed for future service. But, you don't want to linger there any longer than necessary. You'll not only be hurting yourself during that refining process, but others as well who care for you.

Mike & Sue

PS We wanted you to know that our home has sold! The first person to look at the home purchased it. We are awaiting our Father's guidance for our next step. We gratefully thank those of you who prayed for us, and ask for your continued prayers.

We'd written previously that Sue would share with you the worship song, “Eternally Grateful”, which is attached. Sue recorded two verses during our prayer walk as the breeze was blowing through the Fall leaves. Try to picture the breeze like angel wings. **<attach song>**