



Walk by Faith in Love

Yesterday I tried to explain to a friend how I felt as I experienced the fullness of God's love. I am normally known for being a vociferous person. However, I found that I was unable to find words that could adequately describe the way I felt. I knew that it felt so good that I began to cry. I was not crying from sorrow but from love. I began to experience physical pain in my stomach. The pain from feeling good was so great, as I sat in a prison cell, that I began to cry all the more. It felt so good that I wanted it to continue; yet it hurt so bad I was asking God to stop.

I later had a conversation with a friend wherein I tried to explain the experience of sensual love and God. My friend continued to not be able to bridge the gap between discussions of God intertwined with the intimacy of a sensual relationship. I began to realize the disservice we do to the word of God in our local congregations as we separate God from sensual pleasure. It just might be that if God were included in that equation (as He is the author of LOVE) many would not engage in sensual acts without considering the effect of our actions on God.

In having those conversations something else began to dawn on me. I began to reflect on the scripture that says,

"Now Faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not yet seen"
Hebrews 11:1

As I reflected on the scripture I began to flesh out a description of what that statement looks like in the mind of a non-believer or even one coming to believe. It seems to me that faith is the materiality of that which one desires. It is someone having a desire and being able to visualize the thing desired. As the scripture says, "faith is the substance of things hoped for". Faith is also the evidence of things not yet seen. This evidence is in the ability to have seen the thing in your mind, even though the thing does not in fact exist at the moment.

I also began to reflect on what it means to have blind faith. Blind faith in scriptural terms is truly not blind. Blind faith in scriptural terms is being able to believe something that can not be seen with the natural eye. When I understand that God has placed in me a vision of the ministry that He would have me to partake of I understand what God has shown me. I have even been able to develop a draft of how the facility supporting this ministry would look. I am able to do this as I look through the eyes of Jesus. He can see the ending from the beginning. It is no wonder that God was able to allow Moses in Ex. 25:40, King David

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"Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch, and of the houses thereof, and of the treasuries thereof, and of the upper chambers thereof, and of the inner parlours thereof, and of the place of the mercy seat, and the pattern of all that he had by the Spirit, of the courts of the house of the Lord, and of all the chambers round about, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries of the dedicated things."

1 Chronicles 28:11-12

Check the scripture

1. *Hebrews 11:1*
2. *Exodus 25:40*
3. *Ephesians 4:1-3*

and even John in Rev. 11:1 to see the dimensions of the tabernacle and Temple that was to be built here on earth. Looking through the eyes of Jesus is a Spiritual rather than a carnal endeavor. Only those who have begun to look with Spiritual eyes are able to see Spiritual things.

It therefore behooves those that are able to see with spiritual eyes to encourage those who are not yet able to either look through the eyes of a spiritual brother or to just allow the spiritual brother to be their eyes, for a time, until their own Spiritual minds eyes are open. We as brothers and sisters of God have an awesome responsibility. Probably even more importantly it behooves the Spiritual brother to love the new convert or even the non-believer until they are able to see with their own spiritual minds eye. I am still struggling with this. When I am able to see something I am adamant about what I see. I stand about as strong as a Jersey barrier when struck by someone riding a bicycle. The problem however is that many who are new or non-believing may be taken aback by such steadfastness. I do not ask that we not be steadfast. I do ask that we be steadfast in love.

"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

Ephesians 4:1-3

I do not speak of earthly love, but of the fullness of Godly love. It is a painful thing to realize that those whom God has placed in your care. Those whom God has placed in our path that they might know God better are hurt by our stand on Gods word based upon our ability to see with Christ's eyes and are yet unable to experience Gods love. While we are beginning to see with Christ's love and try to walk in the light of that love, let us try and love as we walk.

Serving Christ

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Ministry Needs

Praise God:

I believe as God said, He will supply our need according to His riches in glory. That you might be made aware of those present needs please find listed below the needs of ALM's Ministry International, Inc. as we know them.

It is my intention to fulfill the ministry God has placed in my heart. I am prayerful that God would touch those whom He has anointed to be a blessing or participant in this ministry. I have nearly completed the business plan inclusive of a blueprint of the facility wherein the halfway house would be located. If God has so ordained it would be a blessing to receive your assistance in the development of this ministry. Please contact us in the event God has led you to assist and/or forward this to any which you believe may through prayer be interested in assisting in the following areas:

- Prayer
- Secure 501 C3
- Assist in completion of business plan
 - a. Cost Analysis
 - b. Secure Financing and/or Grant Writer
 - c. Staff Development
- Web Site Development (concept provided)
- Typeset manuscripts and/or secure publisher or agent for manuscripts
- Secure copyright of manuscript(s)
- Prayer

I do thank you for having taken the time to review this information. I pray that God will open your heart to being a blessing to his kingdom by assisting in the development of this ministry.

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The word of **God** admonishes us to owe no man anything except love. Therefore, we have made it possible for our visiting friends to assist us in maintaining our facility and our web presence by sowing seed into this ministry. All finances received are tax deductible and will be used for general ministry support if it is not specifically designated.

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