

The body infected by worms

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Passions Narration

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Had my first dream of 2004 at 6 this morning. In several past dreams I've had scenes of being infected by worms. Not a pretty site believe me. This one was worse as my entire body was infected. In fact, in the dream, a huge part of the world was infected. We had to be quarantined. So in the dream a group of friends and I broke free and sought a cure and ended up at a mechanics shop. They found out we were infected and someone asked us to leave. But as we were leaving a mechanic came up to me and pointed to the head mechanic and said, "He was infected once. He understands your suffering. He said to take one of each of these." He handed me a small plastic pill cup and there were enough pills for all of us. I looked closely at the fairly large pill and one read, "A Fathers Love" and the other "A Child's Innocence."

Its interesting how God uses our everyday events to speak to us. Worms are especially significant. They represent the 'sins' of our life. Whatever it is that burrows in us and refuses to leave. For me it is and has always been fear and doubt and a few other things I don't like to think about. God was asking me this last night as we talked about why Jesus said we were to be servants and yet could be friends also. It seems like a contradiction. It came down to people were hired as servants but friends chose to be friends. I had not intended to write that actually but maybe God inspired it. We are not slaves. God said if he wanted slaves he would have taken away our desires, our wills and installed his in us. But he doesn't want slaves. His ultimate purpose for each of us is to be His children in mind and in attitude. Back to the pills what greater things can there be? The head mechanic would have to represent Christ and he came to tell us about the fathers love while telling people the only way to heaven was to be restored to a child's innocence. And that could only come from him. It had to be a gift of His life upon the cross.

I think if there is a progression, at least in my mind, we begin as hired servants. We progress to friends and then to family. The bible indicates that we are spiritually family but I've seen how few of us understand that. God is always saying to me that I really don't understand who I am in Christ. Nor do I understand fully what Gods love is all about?

Part of it has to go back to what I mentioned earlier. This desire I have to be approved by men. The problem with that is its like food. You never get enough. You always need the next fix to make you happy and eventually, if you get overdosed on it, the words don't help at all.

Last night, for example, I was upset. My health not getting better, my truck not working, my parents and sister still in poor health. And it seemed God was a million miles away. I was filled with worry and doubt, partly because of something I may have mentioned earlier. I had heard something from God and shared it and it was not accepted. Again my need to receive approval from others.

Finally around 7:30 I decided to quit fighting against God and let him through. For the next two hours we talked and shared and about an hour into God said something interesting. Have you noticed that all the fears, the doubts, the anger are gone? Actually I had noticed but I was too stubborn to say anything.

God and I talked about it and he asked me a very fair question. How is it that everytime we talk the doubts and fears go away? If I listened to those who think I should stop 'listening' to God I would instead live with the fears and doubts and my own thoughts.

Now one would think it would be strange to say to stop listening to God. But you need to understand the way people think. We have been trapped in a spiritual rut where God does things a particular way. I've been there. I know what its like. Its called fear. That somehow this can't be the voice of God and thus must be Satan trying to deceive me. After all some of the things I've heard are pretty wild. But is Satan capable of encouraging you in the things of the Lord? Is Satan capable of loving, sharing deep spiritual insight from scriptures? Is he capable of taking away your fear and your doubt and restoring hope and peace? I think that is what it comes down to. Where Satan goes fear

and lies go. He does not tell you about the struggles and suffering that are to come unless he wants to create fear. He deals with desires of the flesh. I look at it this way. If I fear to listen then I will fear to do other things and pretty soon I'll be stuck on a road of fear and trepidation.

And that is contrary to faith because Faith is a move forward type of belief. Moving forward in my mind means growing, learning, maturing and it comes with peace, hope and love. Still, I can see why so many Christians never grow. As soon as they try to share a revelation some people cannot accept it. Don't get me wrong here. I've seen the devastation false prophets have made. I've been under their personal influence. That's why I'm so irritatingly cautious myself. But I still refuse to back down and am continually seeking that deeper walk with God. And that is something I refuse to back down on no matter who says what.