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Spirits of Fear and Doubt

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Passions Narration

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God reminded me of something last night. How when I started being so sick I was totally bed bound I was fighting him all the way. I could not see the benefit of talking to him for hours. I was impatient, angry, frustrated and confused. I told God at that time, "Its not that I don't love you its just that I could be doing things for you." I saw the time I spent with God as less important then doing things for God. Now where and how did I learn that teaching? The only thing I could figure is from the church. But as the months have progressed God began to show me some very unusual things. The burdens, the evil spirits, my friendship and relationship with God were going through major changes. The burdens were dropped, the evil spirits were all being overcome and the relationship with God was going through mega changes for the better. The clarity of hearing him was going up and continues to go up. And the changes that a week ago I was stating would take years to make are now happening in days.

I wanted to share a dream I had yesterday that explains this. I was with a group of people and we were trying to make our way home. We finally came to our neighbors house and everyone wanted to visit with them so they came out. But I wanted to get home. That was my priority and I came to the white door and the two white steps that went up to it. I noticed there was some towels or canvas tops scattered on the first step and I reached down to remove them. Two large light brown dogs were hidden under them. One bit me hard on the left hand and the other dog just stood there quietly. There I was with this large dog biting my hand and everyone, including the neighbors stood by and watched. And then it seemed everyone had advice on how to get the dog to let go. The advice was good and proverbial, "he'll let go eventually" or "Be patient" or "Just hang in there" and on and on. But I waited and I waited and nothing happened. So finally I said, "I'm not going to put up with this anymore" reached over with my right hand and gripped the teeth of this dog and forced the mouth open and my hand was released.

During the day yesterday God would not tell me what they represented. But last night we talked again for hours and I kept asking him what the dogs meant. Finally he said

Fear and Doubt(or despair) Now these were the two spirits I've had the most problem with and I could not understand why. Nor could I understand how I was the one who overcame them with my power because that is what the dream said.

In a sense I had to wrestle with God about this for more then an hour before I got the break through in spiritual understanding. And when I finally understood again I thought how simple.

First I wanted to mention the spirits. God says they have many names. They are known as hindering spirits because their work is to hinder you from achieving total victory. They are also lying spirits. Doubt comes in, the passive dog in the dream, and makes a statement or a question to begin the first level. Once you heed that voice then fear comes in like an attack dog to make you feel despair and then the two 'feed' somehow off the negative thoughts you produce.

What God seems to be sharing with me is that many of these spirits seem to work in groups of two or more. Riches and Poverty, Sickness and Disease, Fear and Doubt. I've always assumed these last two were totally human emotions but God seems to be saying that Satan is behind a lot of it. How many people are on drugs or in hospitals because Christians don't believe these things are spirits?

I also asked God why these dogs were on my doorstep? His answer was wonderful. He said they were also known as familiar spirits. Their job is to know everything about you that they can so they can influence you. They are familiar with your life and ways.

Now getting back to how I overcame. The answer was so simple that I could not figure it out for the life of me. Over the past four months I've had to deal almost nightly with fear and despair. It would take me up to 1.5 hours of prayer just to get back to the level of faith where I had no doubts. But the past few days especially I struggled with those things as God encouraged and uplifted me. As I mentioned I did not see what I was doing as a battle but God differed with me last night. He told me that when I brought these things before him I was the one that was overcoming. In other words I did not have to bring doubt and fear before God but I did. And as a result God gave me the victory of these hindering spirits.

To explain further, because I really struggled with this one... By seeking God first and putting Him first these outside influences came to nothing. This is so simple. All my life I've been fighting against fear and doubt on my own. But they always came back. Like bad friends.

But what is happening is something people just don't understand in the church. That when you put God first in your life there are real changes that take place.

God keeps saying the spiritual first and then the natural. But not everyone can or will accept these things because they are like the men in Paul's day who are insisting circumcision is essential to salvation. There will always be those who add to the complexity of the gospel instead of making it simpler. All I know is that God is saying I'm being given victory over these spirits by bringing those things to him.

In a recent dream my body and the bodies of other men chosen by God were wracked with worms. It was horrible and no one seemed to have a cure until I met a mechanic who said, "I was in your shoes. I suffered as you suffered and I give you this cure." I looked and there were two pills. One read, "The fathers love" and the second "A Child's innocence"

A child brings their needs to their father because they expect him to meet their needs. They do this in faith believing in their fathers love.

Now on to faith for a moment. Something happened last Friday night that changed my life forever. God showed me what faith really was and gave me an understanding of it I had never seen before. Again a simple view. He revealed that fear and doubt were having a heyday with me because my prayers were not being answered. "Your faith is weak" "Your faith is poor" And so on. God showed me that what he had been doing for the past 7 years is pushing my faith to new levels. I can still remember 7 years ago God showing me the future and I spent years arguing God over it.

And then when I got really sick in August 2003 God took my level of faith to what I can only call 'out of the box' faith. But it did not make sense to me. Here God was showing me overcoming all of Satan's forces. He was revealing deep and secret things to me in my prayer time. I was growing by leaps and bounds. Multiple dreams of health and prosperity. But fear and despair were telling me my faith must be weak. Because God had not answered a specific prayer in over 7 years. And its true in a way. I've been in the driest desert of my life.

God showed me something interesting. That He had not allowed any signs and wonders into my life for a purpose. He told me that once the doors started opening my level of faith was set. I didn't fully understand that but he said "once I heal you, bless you financially and so forth you are not really basing things on faith but on things I've done." By getting me to believe in Him fully before I receive a single answer, now that is true faith. He also reminded me that 100 times if not more He had said that the battle was no longer mine as far as getting these doors to open. That I could let go and let Him be in charge. It was then I realized something incredibly simple. I did not have to pump up my faith in all these huge things God had showed me. I could just let go and let Him take control. And immediately I understood this was the answer all along. Letting God take control of my life and circumstances. That was the first moment I realized I was free. That all I needed to do was trust in God. It was not my responsibility to make

those doors open. It had nothing to do with my faith in myself or what I could do but my faith in God. A simple yet powerful life changing moment. I had let go and let God and God met me where I needed him. And most incredible of all I realized why God had said to take him out of the box and not lean on my own understanding.

A statement of shock for the readers!

I had actually reached a level of faith that was as big as God. I know that sounds terrible but its not because my faith was IN God. I realized there was no doubt or fear anymore at that moment and my faith in God was complete and absolute. I've tried to explain this but the Natural Man lacks words to explain it fully. The kind of faith I'm talking about is not just the faith to move mountains but galaxies and universes. God and I did talk about this and he said something unusual to me. He actually agreed that I have faith in large things but still need the faith in everyday circumstances or for the little things. Sounds crazy in a way.

And God also explained why faith has nothing to do with why some prayers are not answered. That almost sounds anti-god but He explained that there is something called His timing and His will that must be accomplished above all things. Especially for those of us who are being prepared for what is coming. That preparation and the time it takes is far more important then getting our way even if we must suffer. And last night he also mentioned that the time of tempering which is coming up is when he will teach me to really love others.

Part of this has to do with a request I had made for knowledge. I had wanted to be able to speak to scientists and other smart people on their level. God said to me that he would not answer that prayer until I had learned love. For if I had knowledge without love I would bring only harm to others. So love is the next big spiritual teaching and its one that really could take years to fully learn.