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Dear Friend,

In all the years I have spent in ministry praying for the sick, preaching the Gospel, and teaching on the love of God, once I discovered the vital role that praying in tongues plays in fulfilling a believer's God-given call, I found myself more and more encouraging people to begin, continue, or get back into a consistent prayer life.

You see, whether you need direction in your life this week or for the coming year, for your personal checking account or regarding the economy as a whole, if you will consistently spend time in prayer, you are giving God the avenue He needs to help you. But there is one thing you have to remember as you draw closer to God by making your prayer life a priority: **YOUR PRIMARY TEACHER IS THE HOLY SPIRIT**, for it is His divine commission to guide you into all truth. After all the preachers have preached and all the exhorters have exhorted and all the teachers have taught all that they can teach, the Holy Spirit remains the only One who is ultimately the Instructor of your wisdom.

Think of what Hebrews 8:11 says: **And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.** Why did God say that? Because the only way the spiritually dead Old Testament saints could know God was through the ordinances, instructions, and sacrifices of the Law. Only when they got everything just right would He show up and manifest Himself to them. Then they'd exclaim, "Wow! That's God!" Under the Old Covenant, these saints knew **OF** God, but they did not **KNOW** God.

But now, every one of us who are Christians can know God, from the least of us to the greatest. Why? Because He wrote His laws and His nature on our hearts the moment we were born again!

Before we were saved, it was absolutely impossible to know God because we didn't have a nature capable of knowing Him. But now, every one of us who are children of God can know Him personally and intimately.

Yes, human preachers and teachers are instructors of our faith. But no one on this earth can replace the instruction we receive directly from the Holy Spirit. This is why Jesus said what He did in John chapters 14 through 16 when He was giving His disciples their final instructions before He was taken away from them. In His final instructions, Jesus emphasized the role of the Holy Spirit, who had up to that point dwelt with them but would soon dwell **WITHIN** them:

**And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;**

**Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.**

**John 14:16,17**

This was the promise of the Cross that the Old Testament saints had waited for—the day when God would come and take away their old nature and give them a new nature that freed them from sin. For thousands of years, the Old Testament saints waited. They lived and died and went to a place called “Abraham’s Bosom,” an Old Testament type of Heaven, and they continued to wait through the different dispensations leading up to the Cross.

Luke 16:22 briefly mentions this Old Testament type of Heaven when it says, **And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried.** That term “Abraham’s Bosom” refers to the place everyone went after death who in life had embraced the promise God made to Abraham: that in Abraham’s seed—which was Christ—all the nations of the earth would be blessed (Genesis 22:18). Anyone who died while resting in that divine promise went to Abraham’s Bosom until the waiting period was over.

Then Jesus came to earth and completed the plan of redemption. Finally the day had come when God was able to give the Old Testament saints a new nature that once and for all freed them from sin. Finally it was possible for them to leave behind the shadows and the types of the Old Covenant and go on to Heaven itself to be forever in the Presence of God.

But in our case, there is no waiting involved, for we were not born under the dispensation of the Old Covenant; we were born under the **NEW**. We are not like the Old Testament saints, who had to wait for the change of covenants in order to be born again. The moment we embraced salvation, God gave us a new nature. And because we have a new nature, there will be no waiting period for us when this life is over. Immediately we will be ushered into Heaven, into the very Presence of God.

Hebrews 11:39,40 talks about this difference between the two covenants:

**And these all [the Old Testament saints], having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:  
God having provided some better thing for us [the new birth],  
that they without us should not be made perfect.**

Think about this amazing covenant that we have with God! We live in the dispensation of His redemption plan when He is able to impart the born-again experience to our spirits. And in the creation of our new nature, so thoroughly has God cleansed us from our sins that we are now able to receive His Holy Spirit. That is how pure and guiltless we have become in His sight!

God has sent the Holy Spirit, in all His holiness and purity, to move into our new natures. And now that the Holy Spirit lives on the inside of us, He has become

what no man can be to us—the Instructor of our new nature and the Minister of our understanding!

Yes, in your walk with God, the Holy Spirit is your primary Teacher. And after all the preachers and teachers have taught you all that they are supposed to teach you, the Holy Spirit is still the One who will give you what no man can give you. Upon your invitation, He is ready to take up His ministry on the inside of you to guide you into all truth, help you overcome your flesh, help you renew your mind, and help you conform to the image of Christ. Changes will begin to take place in your life that you never even imagined were possible.

So determine to set aside time every day to fellowship with the Minister of your understanding and the Instructor of your new nature. As the Holy Spirit teaches you how to move up higher in God, I guarantee that you will be astounded by the results!

Your friend and co-laborer,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave". The letter "D" is large and stylized, with a loop at the top. The word "Dave" is written in a cursive, lowercase font.

Dave Roberson

## **The Family Prayer Center Present-Day Speaking**

**PT110626 – Jun 26, 2011**

### **I Am the Father of Very Tender Mercies**

I am the Father of tender, tender mercies. Many of My own have a place of reserve in their souls where they find themselves at times leery of approaching Me or hearing from Me, and this keeps them at a distance from the place of comfort and strength that is found in Me. There is no reason to be afraid of Me. I am Father, and I am the Father of very tender mercies.

There is only one thing to be mindful of, and that is that you can always draw near to Me. I will never turn away the one whose heart is reaching to Me, looking to Me for what he needs. I am the Father of tender, tender mercies. I am your Strength. I am your Peace. I am your Everything. You will always leave with more than what you had when you draw near to Me.

I am not the Father who delivers you to My wrath. My wrath is reserved for My enemies. There is no wrath for My family. There is no wrath for those who reach for Me and look for Me. I am God and I am good, and the tender mercy you need is found in Me. There is only one thing to be mindful of, and that is My love and My tender mercies.

My arms are the place of safety to run to when weaknesses continually have the upper hand, for I am your Strength, and My love and truth will deliver you. Do not stop giving Me what is needed to bring change to you. Continue to fellowship with Me, even when condemnation is the voice that continually speaks to you. My voice calls to you in the midst of that noise, and My voice is the one that calls for you to come, for I have what you need to bring permanent change within you.

Do not give up coming to Me and fellowshiping with Me, for I have everything you need to see more of your life turned over to Me and to see greater success in walking with Me. I am the love and tender mercy that you need, and My love and mercy are always available to you.

**PT110630 – Jun 30, 2011**

### **Putting Away Childish Things**

I have said that the fast will go faster and the slow will go slower. I have said that the path is getting narrower and a narrow path is My delight for all, but a narrow path does not have as much “wobble room” as does the wide path.

The narrowing path requires the leaving behind of those things that are not found on the trees in My vineyard which will be heavy laden with the fruit of who I am in them. The narrowing path will require a leaving behind of childish things and a growing into the knowledge of My love and all of its ways. This is a walk full of wisdom and understanding in who I am and who you are in Me.

The wise in Me get wiser and the strong in Me get even stronger as they continue on the path that is getting narrower each day in this walk with Me.

I have said that the time to wake up has come. I have said that the time to pursue Me has come. I have said that My return is nearer than you think, and I still say these things. The fast are getting faster, and this includes understanding things you must come out of in the mind of the flesh and the importance of wanting—more than life—the pursuit of who you are in Me and the understanding of these things, for to understand fully is to walk in who you are in Me.

It is not as hard as it seems to continue into this narrow place of growing that so many are experiencing, for there is grace for all things. There is always grace for all things.

Grace is you depending on Me instead of depending on you, for My life in you has the strength that you need. It is a matter of developing your dependence on My life that is within you and leaving behind the ways of the flesh, for that is the way of childish things.

It certainly is a time of leaving behind childish things and picking up the strength that I give to walk into the fullness of the stature of the life that is of Me. It is a time of putting away childish things and putting on the fullness of the stature of the life that is in Me.

Follow your words into these things and speak forth the truth of who you are in Me. Speak the words of life that are in Me.

Speak forth life; speak forth truth; speak forth that which is good for edification in Me. Speak the truth in love in all things.

Speak in agreement with Me, for your new man grows stronger by these things. Don't speak what you see; speak what you hear in Me. Have My mind in all things. This is the way that is narrow and this is the only way to walk into the fullness of your stature in Me.

**PT040714D – Jul 14, 2004**  
**Purged of Deep-Seated Things**

*Editor's Note: The following prophecy is included in reference to the one preceding, "Putting Away Childish Things."*

In many ways, I take many shapes and many forms. But there will be a compassion poured out before He returns that will carry the life of all you have ever known the Word could be—all the signs and wonders and the miracles [the Word] promises—it [the compassion] will give "neon lighting" to "And nothing shall be impossible to you."

For wouldn't you know that it is those deep-seated things that are linked together with emotion, those strongholds, those things that have the power to lay under the surface until triggered by circumstances and events and cases generated by your enemy. But know you not that many of the things that will happen and many things that will come to pass will be because those things will begin to be

purged on a level and a power not previously—in your generations—known possible?

**PT110703A – Jul 3, 2011**  
**For the Time Coming, Do Not Be Moved**

For the time coming, *He said*, the world will be looking like it is getting the short end of things. Things will escalate and happen more and more on a world scale, but for you, you who know what I have said and what has been declared in My Word, you can begin to look up and know: The great times of sorrows and trouble, I will accompany and precede with a mighty, mighty harvest.

*The last part was*, Do not be moved by what you see or hear or even feel, but only be moved by what you believe, *which is His truth and His Word*.

*And yes, yes—you wait until the mighty hand of God reaches down and grabs hold of Tulsa.*

**PT110703B – Jul 3, 2011**  
**When Things Seem to Be Impossible**

When something seems to be impossible and has gone on and on to wear you down, when I move in on the situation, you must understand that you cannot look at the circumstances; you have to look beyond everything you saw before and trust Me. For when I add Myself to the problem, there will be results.

So pay no attention to the circumstances that surround it and even the chaos that seems to come. Hold on. Hold on and know that I am behind this. In other words, for what seems to be an impossible situation—sometimes you will see things that seem impossible, that seem hopeless—there is nothing too hard for Me, says the Lord.

**PT110706 – Jul 6, 2011**  
**Drink Deeply**

*Editor's Note: The following was after a time of worship.*

It is your hunger that has brought this. It is your hunger. It is your crying out for more of Me that has brought this. I am here to give you a drink, not just a small drink, but I am here to satisfy your thirst, your longing for Me. That is why I am here.

I want you to reach out to Me. I want you to lift up your voice to Me, and I want you to drink deeply. Drink deeply.