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Greetings, Friends ~

It is with great love and extreme urgency that I deliver this message this month.

God is preparing the Body of Christ for things to come. If the things that are to come were to happen right now, the Body of Christ would be found lacking. We would experience these things the same way the world experiences them – in pain and despair with a great sense of hopelessness, which is not God's will for us.

God's will is for us to be the light in a dark world, to show those who don't know Him the way, and to be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks us for a reason of the hope that is in us. The Body at large is not prepared to do that right now. God is calling us to a place of humility that recognizes Him as the Head of our lives and promptly obeys Him, giving Him the honor He is due.

As I write, I hear the Lord saying to us: Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy; for I am the Lord your God. And you shall keep My statutes and do them. I am the Lord Who sanctifies you (Lev. 20:7-8, AMPC).

May you have ears to hear and a heart to understand, in Jesus' Name.

Last month, God had me to teach about the importance of the Body of Christ coming to a place of humility so we can walk in the authority God has given us. He is having me to continue this message this month.

I attended a virtual prayer meeting recently. My pastor, Pastor Terri Copeland Pearsons, shared this statement:

Don't get wrapped up in authority and forget your humility, because the authority we exercise is not self-generated. It is delegated.

The Lord has been showing me that much of the Body has adopted a casual view of His authority. We, as the Body of Christ, seem to ~ [dramatic pause] ~ *forget* that the authority we have has been delegated to us by God.

We're quick to say, "God is sovereign." "God is in control." "God is in charge." "Jesus is my Lord and Savior."

But listen to what Jesus is saying:

And why call ye Me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

Luke 6:46

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Could it be because we don't recognize God for the Authority that He is? Do we just take for granted that He is God – the Creator of the heavens and the earth, the One Who sits high and looks low - and neglect to recognize the authority He holds?

I know what it is like not to recognize the authority someone holds. Picture it: Band class. First day of high school. There was this young-looking man in the classroom. The "cool kids" took to him immediately; he talked with them and laughed with them. When the bell rang indicating that class was starting, this young-looking man stood in front of the class. He told us the classroom rules and expectations; he organized our class by sections: woodwinds, brass, percussion. When the time came, he held up his baton and began to conduct us as a band. I'm sure he introduced himself to us in the beginning of the class, but for some reason I could not remember his name.

When class was over, I went to him and asked, "What should we call you?" He said, "Mr. Rob."

"Mister?" I thought to myself. He must have seen the puzzled look on my face because then he offered, "Or you can call me Mr. Robinson."

"Mister?" I was still confused. All of a sudden, the light came on. "OH!!! MISTER! I get it! He's the teacher!" See, the reason I hadn't remembered his name when he told us in class is because I could not conceive the fact that this young-looking man standing before me was a "Mister." I could not fathom that he was an actual teacher. His standing in front of the class and telling us what to do should have been my first clue, right? Or at the very least, his conducting us with his baton. But noooooo! I was clueless. Despite all the obvious signs, I still did not recognize him as the teacher or as the authority in that class.

God is showing me – that is what is happening within the Body of Christ. Though God is standing in front of us as God – all powerful, all knowing, and ever-present – establishing order through His Word, it just does not register at times that He is **GOD**. We don't recognize Him for the Authority that He is in our lives.

Therefore, many times when God speaks, we take what He says as a good suggestion rather than as the supreme rule and direction that it is. Not recognizing God for the Authority that He is results in our esteeming other voices and influences just as much as we esteem His, if not more. Neither His voice nor His Word hold the special place that they should. Hence, we are just as likely to act on outside influences as we are to act on God's. This lack of esteem for God as the supreme Authority in our lives results in our doing things in ways other than the way God prescribes, and ultimately ends in defeat.

Listen as Jesus explains in Luke 6:47-49:

47 Whosoever cometh to Me, and heareth My sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like:

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- 48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.
- 49 *But he that heareth, and doeth not*, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and *the ruin of that house was great*.

Luke 6:47-49

The sooner the Body of Christ recognizes God as the Authority in our lives, the easier it will be for us to receive instruction from Him and obey Him (which leads to blessing – see Is. 1:19). The more we obey Him, the better things will be not only for us, but for our community, our nation and our world.

Why? Because. By recognizing and esteeming God as the Authority of our lives, we:

- 1. Place ourselves in a position of humility where we can receive instruction from the Lord,
- 2. Position ourselves for prosperity and success as we meditate the Word we have received from the Lord, *purposing to do all that He has told us* (see Joshua 1:8), and
- 3. Influence those around us as we let our light shine before men that they may see our good works (i.e., the carrying out of our *God-given* assignments) and glorify our Father Who is in heaven (Matt. 5:15).

Why is this important?

God is teaching us the importance of RECOGNIZING His authority so we can COME UNDER His authority so we can WALK IN His authority and change the world around us. We need to realize that walking in God's authority includes more than just speaking with power or speaking in faith or taking dominion. If we can't come *under* authority, we cannot walk *in* authority. **More specifically, if we can't come under <u>God's</u> authority, we cannot walk in <u>God's</u> authority. Remember – this authority we have is not self-generated. It is delegated. <u>BY GOD</u>.**

I was in Bible Study the other week. We were discussing our authority and how it is released through our words. Jesus said in John 14:10, "...the words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, He doeth the works." Jesus was saying that He was not speaking in His Own authority. He was speaking in the authority that His Father had given Him and was saying what His Father had given Him to say. When He spoke what God wanted Him to say, God did the work: God manifested His power through Jesus.

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While meditating this scripture together, a sister shared a revelation that she received. She said, "My authority is affected by my hearing. We must speak the Word that we have been authorized to speak."

YES!!!

Now the question becomes, "Why is our hearing so important, and how does it affect our authority?"

We must understand, hearing in this context doesn't just refer to sound waves going into our ear. Hearing is *listening with the intent to obey*. Let's revisit Luke 6:47-49, but this time in the Amplified Classic translation:

- 47 For everyone who comes to Me and *listens to My words* [in order to heed their teaching] and does them, I will show you what he is like:
- 48 He is like a man building a house, who dug and went down deep and laid a foundation upon the rock; and when a flood arose, the torrent broke against that house and could not shake *or* move it, because it had been securely built or founded on a rock.
- 49 But he who <u>merely hears and does not practice doing My words</u> is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation, against which the torrent burst, and immediately it collapsed and fell, and the breaking and ruin of that house was great.

Luke 6:47-49, AMPC

When we hear God with the intent to obey, heed His teaching (v. 47), practice doing His words (v. 49), or carry out what has been spoken - there is a humility that is involved. A humility that says, "Yes, Lord, I am willing to hear what You say. Yes, Lord, I am in partnership with You. Yes, Lord, I will say what You tell me to say. Yes, Lord, I will do what you tell me to do. Yes, Lord, I expect to see Your desire in and upon the earth. I thank You, Lord, that Your desire is my desire. Your will be done."

You know what the cool thing is? The hearing goes both ways. Check this out:

II Chronicles 7:14 – as if God is speaking directly to us. Got your fresh ears (to hear) on?

If *you*, *Body of Christ*, who are called by My name, shall humble yourselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from your wicked ways; then will I <u>HEAR</u> from Heaven, and will forgive your sin, and will heal your land.

II Chr. 7:14

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When we pray God's Word God's way (which happens when we turn from our wicked (i.e. twisted) ways that result when we don't do things His way), He HEARS us - with the intent to carry out what we have said! Wow! How awesome is that ??!!

Look with me at I John 5:14-15:

And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, **He <u>heareth</u> us**:

And if we know that He <u>hear</u> us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him.

I John 5:14-15

God created us in His image and in His likeness. He did not design us to do anything that He does not do Himself. Just as He does not instruct us to be cheerful givers without being a cheerful giver Himself, He does not command us to hear His instructions with the intent to carry them out without having the intention Himself to hear us and carry out our faith-filled prayers, supplications, and commands.

We can walk through life living the same experience and getting the same results as Jesus did when He walked the earth – hearing God, saying what He has authorized us to say, and being a conduit of His power here in the earth as God carries out our faith-filled prayers, supplications, and commands:

...The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in Me, Who is doing His work.

John 14:10, NIV

But we must recognize God for the Authority that He is, humble ourselves before Him, hear Him, and do what He says.

My prayer for you, for me, and for the entire Body of Christ – as saved, sanctified, and Holy-Ghost-filled as we may be – is that we:

- 1. **RECOGNIZE** God for the Authority that He is,
- 2. **BOW** our knee to the Name of Jesus and confess Him as Lord (Master and Ruler) of our lives (See Phil. 2:10-11, Luke 6:46), and
- 3. **LIVE** under the Lordship of Jesus *in spirit and in truth*, **doing what He tells us to do**.

I pray that we receive the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; and that we become of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord (see Is. 11:2-3).

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I speak to the Body of Christ right now, in Jesus' Name:

I speak a spirit of humility (John 3:30). I speak a fresh fear-of-the-Lord (Is. 11:2-3, Ps. 34:9). I speak alignment with the will of God. I speak increased awareness of the Holy Spirit. I speak increased yieldedness to the Holy Spirit, and an immediate willingness to obey in Jesus' Name.

I speak that all that *will* receive (i.e., have it in them to receive, even if it is deep, deep down) *do* receive, in Jesus' Name.

I speak "Light Be!" to you, in the Name of Jesus:

May you receive a fresh revelation of the authority of God and allow Him to have supreme authority in your life, in Jesus' Name.

If you agree, say "Amen!"

To God be the glory!

If you have been blessed by what you have just read, **OR**, if you have been *challenged* by what you just read - I would like to encourage you to give, or to "sow on it." Sowing in this context is a spiritual principle where one plants their finances in the Kingdom of God to receive a harvest of what they are believing for. Many would equate this kind of giving to giving an offering, but it is so much more.

When sowing a financial seed into a ministry or church, etc., you are not just giving an offering or making a charitable donation. Sowing a financial seed is what one does when one personally receives the Word that was delivered and earnestly expects to see that Word come to pass in his or her life. It is your *faith expression* that says you believe the Word you have heard. It is also the impetus that *activates the operation* of that Word in your life. It is NOT a form of buying a blessing. NEITHER is it a selfish motive of giving to get. Rather, it is a spiritual law – the law of sowing and reaping.

As you prepare to sow your next seed (sowing outlets are listed at the end of this letter), sow it in faith as demonstration that you believe you receive a harvest of this Word in your life. Be blessed knowing that I am praying for you and speaking <u>PERFECT VISION</u> to you, in Jesus' Name.

Lovin' you with the Love of the Lord,

Katherine

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