



Sharing Love...Living Christ

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Hello, Brothers and Sisters,

It brings me such joy to write this letter to you!

I am so grateful to God for blessing me to take a 2-week vacation to spend time with my family in the Carolinas. It was especially refreshing to visit what I would call my home church – where it all started for me in North Carolina. Seeing familiar faces, being embraced with love, and hearing the wonderful testimonies of how God has blessed... what a treat!

While I thought I would visit lots of people or have lots of people visit me, it ended up being a time of much-needed rest. I slept the entire first week! No exaggeration – from bed to bed and chair to chair, visiting with my godparents in between naps. I give God glory for my godparents. They showed me hospitality beyond measure and love more than words can say - they are the epitome of God's favor to me!

God blessed me to spend the second week with my family in South Carolina. It was such a blessing to see my parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephew! What a joy it was to celebrate Mom's birthday with family who drove from miles around. Pampering Mom... spending alone time with Dad... sharing special moments with my sister... loving on my niece and nephew... reflecting on these memories, my heart continues to overflow with happiness! God's love overwhelms me!!!

My favorite moments were watching Dad receive when God had me to minister to him and pray for him, sharing the salvation message with my stepdaddy, watching the service at Eagle Mountain International Church with my Dad on the internet – (the ENTIRE service!), seeing my mom and stepdaddy get engrossed in teachings on the Believer's Voice of Victory Network when they had shown little or no interest before, and having my nephew receive a BLESSTIVITY t-shirt from me that he normally would have declined. The BIGGEST moment happened as I was packing to leave: Mom came to me and said, "Before you leave, I want you to anoint the house. And when you finish, I want you to anoint ME." **HALLELUJAH!**

What a wonderful vacation it was! Free from worry. Free from care. Overflowing with joy and abundance – just as God wanted it to be. Was there opportunity to worry? **Yes**. Was there opportunity to carry the care? **Yes**. Was there money in the bank? **Not much**. Was there money in my wallet? **Very little**. Was there faith in my tank? **Absolutely!!!**

God provided everything I needed:

- Rental car – The gentleman at Enterprise rented me an SUV for the price of the cheapest car on the lot. God blessed me to pray for him and to sow into his life. He was very appreciative and received, saying, “That was just what I needed.”
- Transportation – My godmother said I could use her car whenever I needed it. My mom and sister arranged for me to use their cars while I was in South Carolina. I was able to return the rental car having paid a whopping \$32.59! 😊
- Food – God blessed me to go to lunch with one of my dear sweet sisters from church the first day I was there. My godmother told me that while I was there with them, I was not to spend any money. I was their guest. Every time we went out to eat, they treated. When we ate at home, my Godmother cooked for me every time. (She’s a wonderful cook!!!) She would listen for me to wake up. As soon as she heard me stirring, she would start cooking. Can you say “FAY-VUH!!!”
- Miscellaneous – Whatever I needed, God had someone there to give it to me or provide it for me.

Despite the “not much” money in the bank and the “very little” money in my wallet, God blessed me to take care of incidentals and to sow into others. I am convinced that if I had taken that “not much” and “very little” money to try to provide for myself, it would have run out and I still would not have had everything that I needed. I believe that trusting Him to provide for me opened the door for Him to bless me with **more than enough**, and to cause me to be a blessing in the process.

Trusting in Him moved everything from the natural realm to the spiritual realm. In John, Chapter 3, Jesus said:

... “I speak an eternal truth: Unless you are born of water and Spirit-wind, you will never enter God’s kingdom realm. For the natural realm can only give birth to things that are natural, but the spiritual realm gives birth to supernatural life!” (vv. 5-6, TPT).

Verse 6 in the King James Version says, “That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”

I am sure that had I tried to get the provision I needed through my own self-effort (i.e., through natural/fleshly means), *if* I were able to secure it, I would have secured enough for me and me alone and there would have been toil attached to it along with anxiety at the prospect of running out...again. However, by trusting God (i.e., receiving provision from God’s kingdom realm/the spirit realm), I secured enough for me and others besides. I was blessed not only for my own sake but also for the sake of others. God was able to manifest His goodness and glory in and through my life.

For us to receive from God’s kingdom realm, we must enter in through the Spirit. Whether desiring finances, health, improved relationships, peace, joy, or anything else – if it is to have lasting effect for the Kingdom of God, if it is to extend beyond more than just ourselves - we must access it through the Spirit. When we choose to use natural means to secure finances,

obtain health, strengthen relationships, find peace, experience joy, or anything else – it will only be temporary, as our resourcefulness will eventually run out. Or if it doesn't run out in our lifetimes, people will see us as being our own source and we will have robbed God of the opportunity to display His glory in our lives. Paul tells us in II Cor. 4:16 that the things which are seen are temporary (referring to things of the flesh or in the natural realm); but the things which are not seen (referring to things of the Spirit or in God's kingdom realm) are eternal.

That which is born of flesh is flesh. If we seek natural means to secure the things we desire, we will achieve temporary and short-sighted results brought about through our self-effort. But that which is born of Spirit is spirit. If we seek first God's kingdom and His righteousness all things will be added unto us (Matt. 6:33).

Through seeking God and relying on Him, we will access the things we need through the Spirit. When they manifest here on the earth, though they take the temporal form, they will have an eternal effect. They will be manifested in such a way as to give us a testimony and allow others to see God's glory in our lives. They will be ministry tools, putting us on display as God's show-and-tell. We will live evidence-based lives proving that God really does give His children all things that pertain to life and godliness... that God really is good... that God really does love us... that God really is able... that God really [you fill in the blank]. The list goes on and on!

I am so grateful to our loving Heavenly Father for giving us every opportunity to trust in Him. May you be encouraged to receive by faith everything you need straight from God's kingdom realm, allowing His glory to be revealed in and through your life as you take your rightful place as His show-and-tell in this earth.

Loving you with the love of the Lord,

Katherine

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