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LIFT UP YOUR EYES!

(John 4:35)

Because our Heavenly Father loves us so much and has revealed Himself in **JESUS**, it is easy to set our gaze on Him. No greater love should capture our hearts like **His Perfect Love!** The Apostle John puts it this way, *"Behold, what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!"* (1 John 3:1). I encourage you today to lift up your eyes and **BEHOLD HIS LOVE!** It is only from this place of intimate relationship, that we can receive more personal revelation of His Person, His Provision and His Power. All of this comes to us as we submit to Holy Spirit, Who transforms us by the revealed truth of God's Word. (2 Cor. 3:18)

It is this God-Kind of Love that moves us to see what God sees pertaining to our lives and the lives of those around us. Every plan and purpose of God is **SET-ESTABLISHED** in Heaven. It is the responsibility and privilege of every believer to lift up our eyes and receive God's revealed will. His will is ALWAYS GOOD because God is only **GOOD!!**

How much does He want to reveal? **ALL THINGS!** In 1 Cor. 2: 9-10, God tells us through the Old Testament prophet, confirmed by the Apostle Paul, that the natural human person cannot see nor understand (revelation) what God has prepared for those **who love Him. BUT (verse 10), God has revealed them to us by His Spirit!** **"THANK YOU LORD, FOR HOLY SPIRIT!!"** The Apostle Paul goes on to say in verse 12, that we have NOT received the spirit of the world, but the Holy Spirit Who is from God. Here is a very important assignment given to the person of Holy Spirit – to reveal to us, God's Person, Provision and Power so we can KNOW the things that have been freely given to us by God. **LIFT UP YOUR EYES AND SEE, BELIEVE AND RECEIVE!**

Last week we listed four helps that would keep us faith-focused. The first was, *"What I know may hinder me from received what I need to know"*. If I live only in what I know presently, of experiencing God, then being a Christian may become dull and tough going. Staying where I am in my relationship with The Father and with Jesus will hinder me from receiving in my experience, the things that have been freely given to me by Him. Please don't miss what He has for you. **GO FOR THE MORE! ... MORE OF HIM, MORE OF HIS PROVISION AND MORE OF HIS POWER** (Eph. 3:20). In Eph. 3:16-21, we can see that point two of last week's list is very true. *"Greater revelation makes greater anointing available"*. The more we see Him and experience Him by the Spirit and the Word, the more of His love and power fills us and flows through us to people and situations around us.

Today, many Christians are very busy serving and helping and that is a very great blessing to churches and communities. However, as stated in point three, *"Intimacy supercedes being a servant"*. As Pastor Bill Johnson (of Redding California) points out in his book, *"The Supernatural Power of a Transformed Mind"* (pg. 142), servants aren't co-labourers, but friends are. God has lifted us up to a higher place than just being a servant/worker. He wants **FRIENDSHIP** (Jn. 15:15). Jesus so wants to speak to us the Father's heart and allows us to ask for anything we desire (Jn.

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15:17). That's intimacy! We don't lose our heart to serve, we just go much higher and walk as close partners and friends with God.

Finally, point four simply says that "*TIME IS SPEEDING UP!*" Jesus **IS** coming soon!! This truth helps us to stay faith-focused because God's promise to His people is that we will see (if our eyes are lifted up) greater Glory in **HIS HOUSE**, His people than in the former **HOUSE** (Hag. 2:9; Isa. 60:1-3). He is coming back for those who **LOVE HIS APPEARING** (2 Tim. 4:8).

As our eyes and our hearts are locked into Jesus and His Kingdom, I believe greater Glory and Power will be released in us and among us to get His work done. As we lift our eyes up to Heaven, **FAITH** will rise and be strengthened to bring Heaven's Glory to this Earth!

WE ARE SO BLESSED TO BE INVOLVED IN MAKING JESUS FAMOUS!!

~Pastor Joe Moniz