

## Bits and Pieces

A collage of scriptures nuggets and sayings:

*“a Righteous man may have many troubles but the Lord delivers him from them all” Psalm 34*

*“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land”*

*2 Chron 7:14*

*“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases”*

*Psalm 103:2-3*

Each Christian is a temple of the Holy Spirit, a person in whom Christ actually dwells.

But how often we sit next to other believers. Eat with them, sing with them, yet fail to see that we have been in the presence of Christ Himself

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Why not go out on a limb? Isn't that where the fruit is?

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There are 2 types of giving. Giving that glorifies God and giving that doesn't.

Do it in secret, where only God sees.

“Blab it and grab it” is based on the Truth. Don't be deterred by this mockery.

I am *not* saying that I go along with the 'over the top' use of the Word to promote it.

Do you need a new car? Can you ask for it and use the scriptures?

How else are you going to receive it from God, your loving Father?

*You don't have because you don't ask God..... James 4:2 but check 3*

Is it wrong to ask? No! that is the key!!...with thanksgiving (gratefulness), let your requests be known to God.

Remember He already knows. But God has chosen not to force anything on you.

He has given you choice. Even the choice to receive Salvation or not. He needs your permission.

Mark 11:23 says you can **command** a mountain to throw itself into the sea (with **Belief/Faith** and **no doubt**)

I think a car is more practical.

Mark 16:15-18 Signs followed the preaching of the Word. (not the individual)

Rom 10:10 *“For with your heart you believe and are justified, and with your mouth you confess and are saved”*

This is the key. This is how you get saved. This is how you receive anything from God.

You believe (faith or trust) His Word. You confess (proclaim or ask) based on that Word.

Then what? If there is a doing bit....do it. This is where the miracles are.

Jesus told the lepers to go show themselves to the Priests. As they went they were healed.

But usually Thanksgiving. How long? Until you have it. Remind Him of His promises.

*His Word does not return to Him void. He stands by His Word to perform it.*

The shield of Faith (trust in your relationship with God your Father who gives you His Word)

Lets play with this. What is the shield, of Faith? eg What is the shield of Kevin? Not Kevin

While you have Faith in Gods promises, your request is safe. But why does the shield fail?

Faith has a shield too.....Patience. Don't doubt...it is a liar, an enemy.

*But what does it say? The word is near you, even in your mouth, and in your heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;*

Your Destiny is in your mouth. As Hagin says “Confession comes before Possession”.

What men learn from history, is that men do not learn from history

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No experiment is ever a complete failure. It can always be used as a bad example

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Many Christians do not reach the heights that God has for them, in their walk with Him, because they are afraid to let go of the security of their own determination and things they know and understand.

They want to have their hands on the steering wheel of their life, reluctant to trust God with their future, their destiny. They want to learn to swim, but they won't let go of the side of the pool. You can't do both.

Is Jesus our Lord, our Master, our Future, our goal?

Is God the one in whom we put our trust? Have we given Him our life, our tomorrow?

How many of us hop in our row boats and push out into God's 'River of Life', His will for us, (supernatural) but don't untie the rope that holds our boat (our life) to the River's edge (the natural)?

Are we deceiving ourselves when we say "I walk by Faith"?

How can our Heavenly Father take us where He is going, include us in what He is doing, when we won't let go? Where the possible and the abilities end, the Supernatural begins, the impossible, the miraculous.

Remove the ties to the securities and limitations of the 'natural' realm, and give the reigns of your life into His able hands.

Push out from the water's edge and your confidence in it and move out into the middle, the main flow of His will for your life. Be surrounded by Him, feel His Strength, His Power, the Peace. Be carried along as and where He takes you, with power and ease, the fastest route.

Do not crawl along the edge, for there are many hindrances, hazards, and snags.

Fear, double-mindedness, lukewarmness and compromise, fallen trees, reeds, marshes, sand banks and rocks.

The flow is slow at the edge and **you** will need to do the rowing to get anywhere.

You will do it in your own strength.

You will take wrong turns along tributaries of life that go nowhere except dead-ends and stagnant swamps.

You WILL tire and give up.

In the middle of the river you don't need to row. Do it in His strength, not your own. His will, not your own.

Today's mighty oak is yesterday's little nut that held its ground.

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There is no limit to the good a person can do, if they don't care who gets the credit

not mine

I was pondering those things of the past that I would rather have not done and prefer to forget.

As our enemy did his slide show of photos of the past I said out loud "Lord, I wish I hadn't done that".

The clear and immediate reply was "Did what?!"

Yes, the Lord has no record of the forgiven things of our past, although our enemy, frequently, has no qualms to remind us.

When our God forgives and says that He will "take those things far from Him as far as the east is from the west"  
He means it!

Mark 4:

23 *If anyone has ears to hear, **let him hear.***"

24 *"Consider carefully what you hear," "With the **measure you use**, it will be measured to you--and even more.*

25 *Whoever has **will be given more**; whoever does not have, even what he has **will be taken from him.***"

This is regarding parables, but not a parable. This is a summary break in-between Jesus speaking the parables to His disciples. It is about 'hearing' 'taking heed' "measure you mete" "given more" or "taken".

Read it again. A bit 'out there'. What is He saying to His disciples (us)?

Lets go back a few verses.

Mark 4:9 *And he said unto them, "If anyone has ears to hear, **let him hear.**"*

11 "The **secret of the kingdom** of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables

12 so that, "they may be ever seeing but **never perceiving**, and ever hearing but **never understanding**; otherwise they **might turn and be forgiven!**"

13 Then Jesus said to them, "Don't you understand this parable? **How then will you understand any parable?**

Firstly He says that non-Christians should find salvation before they gain understanding.

heard that before? No. But that is what is says. There is an order and preparation to how and when the Holy Spirit brings us to that place. Then our eyes are opened and we repent and seek redemption.

Ever wonder about the parable where the "wedding guest" is not properly dressed and is kicked out?

He had the Word and understanding, even Belief, but hadn't gone to Jesus and received His righteousness.

Remember, our eternity in God, doesn't start at the Wedding.

It starts after Judgement day which is over 1000 years later (day of rest).

Don't get me wrong, it starts after we receive Jesus. But legally after Judgement.

We are accused, let out on bail, then attend the courtroom, and the case is thrown out, we are free.

Now, to give it away from the start.....for us, the above scripture is all about understanding.

Knowing what the Word says is not enough, but "**take heed what you hear**".

If you don't understand the parable of the Sower, you will lack understanding of the others.

All about the Kingdom.

The Kingdom isn't starting in the future. The Kingdom isn't in some far away place. The Kingdom has always been here and is where God is...everywhere (Omnipresent)

Just like after you finish school and go out into your adult life. The adult life has always been there.

But you can enter the Supernatural Kingdom and be an active Citizen in it NOW.

The Supernatural laws work better there unhindered.

I know, .....you vaguely get it. I'm with you.

Sow and reap. Give and receive. Measure. Proportion. Soil (state of the 'heart'). Natural or Supernatural. Kingdom or the "world".

There is more in this than meets the eye, even without reading the parables. For both of us.

But to leave you with it, when this first jumped out at me, I wrote:

"As your understanding increases, your position, or ability to receive increases".

From knowledge, you can then gain Understanding (revelation) and then from understanding you can gain Wisdom (on what to do with it) and this comes free.

Another ps. I haven't checked the concordance but: 'ear to hear'?

*Rom 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Hearing not reading.*

So when ever you read the Word of God out loud, you prophesy, and His Word (with Faith) does not return void, and Faith eventually comes. You know Ask, and keep on asking... Hear, and keep on hearing.....

*"no-one listens to poor people" Eccl 9:13*

*"Money answers everything" Eccl 10:19*

*"Remember the Lord- He gives you power (not skill) to obtain wealth that He may establish His covenant"*

*Deut 8:17*

*"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. 1 Tim 6:10*

Money is not good or bad. It takes on your personality.

Money that we earn has a greater dimension than the life we laid down (sold).

It pays for things we can't do. We can be a plumber, electrician, pilot...anything.

It also can do many things at once.

Getting wealth enables us to be anything and do anything (and have anything).

So lets not be religious. Wealth in the hands of Christians has great influence for the Kingdom.

By selling your life, you are able to pay your bills and hopefully more.

So when you give this money you are really giving your life...a living sacrifice.

*“Excel in the grace of giving. A test of the sincerity of your Love” 2 Cor 8:7*

*“Though Jesus Christ was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor, that thru His poverty, we might become rich” 2 Cor 8:9-13*

*“for if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from Him anything we ask, because we obey His commands and do what pleases Him” 1 John 3:22*

*“Do good and share, for with such sacrifices God is pleased” Heb 13:16*

*“...Faith without works is dead” James 2:17-26*

*“...without Love, you gain nothing” 1 Cor 13:2-3*

Word Picture: (from training notes)

There was a mother who had 2 young daughters.

the mother announced that she was going to make cakes, and asked her daughters whether they wanted to help her.

One wanted to play outside but the other wanted to help. So her mother got her a chair to stand on and started to organise the utensils & ingredients.

As the mother prepared the ingredients, she gave her daughter simple things to do, while she did the rest.

Sifting flour, placing the cups on the trays and filling the mixture into them.

When the cakes came out of the oven the daughter said ‘look at the cakes I made’.

Which daughter did the mother love best?

Both the same.

But who gets to lick the spoon?

Thanksgiving/Praise: to speak out, to shout out, to sing your gratitude to Jesus and to the Father for what **they have given to you and done for you. ie who He is to you.**

“Jesus you are my Champion. Thankyou for dying for my sin so that I could be reconciled to our Father.....” **NOT** singing about Praise... or “I will praise you”

Worship: to speak out, to shout out, to sing your appreciation for **who He is** (whether you walk in it or not) for He is Worthy to be praised. “Father you are the only living true God, Almighty God, the Alpha the Omega.....ever present, all seeing....you are Jehovah Jireh, The Provider, you are El Shaddai, Our God more than enough.....”

This is enthroning praise. If you build it they will come. *Sorry*, just an example here.

If you enthrone Him He will come and we will be in His presence. He wants to be with us, it is up to us.

In 2 Chronicles 16:9 we are told: **For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.** Then, in John 4:23 we find: **But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.**

The very reason that God created Man....that's us, was that we might CHOOSE (all by ourself) to Worship Him.

*And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be cloven footed, yet he chews not the cud; he is **unclean to you**.*  
Lev 11:7

*In which were all manner of four-footed beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat Acts 10:12-13*  
Is God skitzo?

No. The Law (a list of rules) before Jesus, was a way for the Jews to attain a heavenly status. Which they could never achieve.

If God said I want you to fast hyena there would be much hallelujah. Fast pork???

He said “to you” it is unclean.

In Acts after Jesus was crucified

“*What God has cleansed you must not call common.*” Acts 10:15 I believe he was pointing at the Gentiles not only that the law was cancelled.

But still for us today, God didnt tell us but the Jews under the law, not to eat Pork. There is now no law anyway

I was asked about **Faith. Like how do you get it.**

I was surprised at what come out of my mouth to that person, who I believe, needed to be corrected.

“Faith (trust) comes thru Relationship”

To trust anybody, you need to get to know them and (over time) observe their actions reactions and attitudes.

To see whether they are trustworthy and have Integrity.

How can you just trust Gods Word let alone the God (who wrote it) who we dont see or touch without “spending the time” to get to know and trust Him?

*So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Rom 10:17*

Marketing knows that they must bombard us with the message.

“Woolworths the fresh food people”, or now “thats why I shop at Woolies”

In the old days “Coke, the real thing”.

How many can you run off? Hearing and hearing and hearing. Brainwashed you could say.

But you have the choice who brainwashes you.

Adam and Eve heard the same message.

Yet Eve didnt quite have a handle on it. She added to it. “shall not even touch it” and was deceived.

But God didnt tell her, Adam did.

God told Adam, but the enemy didnt bother testing him, but Eve instead.

You will not go far on someone elses revelation.

When God talks to you, especially if he reveals something to you, apart from from being over the moon, it will never leave you.

An exmple: Would you run in front of a bus to save your child? Most probably.

Would you do it for someone elses child. Probably not.

What's the difference? God gave you a love for your child and not to the other. The God factor.

Bottom line: Do you want Faith (trust) in God or just Belief?

Go to the Source.

*ps.btw. Ever heard that “all the Church wants is your money”??*

*but ever heard that “all that Coca-Cola wants is your money”?*

*The devil doesnt care less if you give it to Coca-Cola, but doesnt want you to bless or be blessed.*

**Broken Marriages and Broken homes is fast becoming the Norm.**

**Pregnancy out of Gods preferred sequence.**

Then there is the joining of families thru new marriages and relationships.

The “STEP” families where you have a “stand-in” parent or a “pretend” sibling and so-on.

You could easily think “Why Me?” or feel hard done-by or find it hard to fit in.

Walk around with a chip on your shoulder and go down the blame game path.

It's not new.

*Jesus was a stepson.*

*Joseph was a stepdad.*

Mary (by her own choice/permission) was pregnant while still at home (but betrothed).

By the time of the census they were in marriage, as they travelled there alone.

Why were they put thru that?

“Sin is in the blood”

The blood is in the sperm.

Both Mary and Joseph (and us) needed to know that it wasn't sex with each other that brought Jesus here.

From Adam on, we were all born contaminated by sin and needing Salvation.

The children of slaves are owned by their master.

The only way they can be freed other than the master setting them free (don't hold your breath)  
is if a Free Man purchases them.

Jesus could do that.....and did.

When responsible for **Catering and Hospitality** at Southside (EDGE), Adelaide I was led to do most of it  
using platters of finger food as a floating buffet. Also savoury platters of meats, cheeses, olives etc.

It became my specialty.

WE have moved on since then and no longer have this responsibility.

My wife has a personal heart for Hospitality and creates great platters.

I have NO desire to do it.

All the organisation for functions before during and after. No longer there. Even a dread.

Why?

Before any of this, I had never had anything to do with food.

I had prayed to do something that I couldn't do, to test the God factor, that I would need to tug on Him.

The Pastor came to us and said that God told him that we were His catering team.

Back to why.?

I did it all under the anointing for the task. The task is no longer there, neither is the anointing for it.

For you?

God always gives the Supernatural enablement for whatever he asks you to do,  
and to Ministry who ask you, and to whoever serves you.

God provides this anointing which flows all the way down while there is permission and a heart to serve Him.

**When the responsibility ends, or where the heart for it ends, the anointing for this also ends.**

When you read the Word, remember it is not a novel.

**Study the Word.** It has been written deliberately.

Know who is speaking and to whom and what is the purpose, and the lesson.

Jesus said that He came only for the lost sheep of Israel. Samaria is part of Israel but not to them as you know.

So what chance is there that he was sent to us? So we look in as watching and listening thru a window.

Of course it is what He did that brought us in to the new covenant.

Don't forget that the new covenant didn't start at Matthew chapt 1.

It started at the Cross. So Jesus was living and speaking to the Jews still under the old covenant.

eg. a favourite for the offering, is that Jesus told the Pharisees to continue tithing.

Yes. To them under the law and not us looking in.

**What is a covenant?**

**A deal.**

Jacob did one with God when running away from Esau.

Keep me safe and make my way successful, and you will be my God and I will tithe to you.

So He wasn't his God, yet Abraham was his grandfather!!!

what I am saying is God is open to deals, with his own and to unbelievers.

You do a token something you can do for Him and He will do something you want Him to help you with.

Eg my unbelieving Sister wanted to sell her house and buy near the city.

No sale after 6 months on the market. She asked me to pray and I asked her to do a deal where  
if He sells it she goes to church 3 times. Sold in 1 week.

Same for trying to buy an apartment. Again I said, do another deal. 1 week all done

She is a believer now.

Matt Stevenson from Edge Church spoke on “the good going to Heaven” as in , not so his punchline is that “**only forgiven people go to Heaven**”

We all have unsaved family and friends

Depending on their past, they can feel excluded from any chance of going to Heaven. They need to know that it is not their goodness that gets them there, but what Jesus has done, His Goodness. We all fall short, but we only need to get right with Jesus and we are included. He has a FREE ticket Home for everyone. Remember it is **how you finish**, not how you started or the journey of life inbetween. Ezekiel 18 Matthew 21:28-32

I have had some health issues for over a year now. Before I start, we need to embrace all of the Word. He says “by His stripes we are whole” and also says, “you reap what you sow”. I attended a Gold Coast church years ago, with a reformed Canadian hard core prisoner as guest speaker. Rod Anderson? He spoke mostly from John and on Love. He was fantastic. I remember him saying how the Lord would have him skip people sometimes in the prayer line. His revelation was “you cant deliver someone who is reaping what they have sown”. I had a scan for a problem I was having, nothing found, but by accident (Godincident) they found stones in my left kidney and a 32mm growth on my right kidney . Nothing to do with why I had the scan. Surgeons had to remove my right kidney (couldnt get at the growth) but remove the stones first in the left. I didnt want to go thru it and claimed my healing. Didnt get it but a word from “Dad” saying I needed to go thru with it, He had my back, and “you will see why”. Not happy Jan. The stones, I needed to drink more water. YES I never looked for water. Both now done but have an issue causing continual need for antibiotics and have found some “haema?” blotches on my bladder wall now , that they intend doing a **biopsy on soon**. (as at Jan 2020) In the desperation to come out of this whole, I have been tugging on Our Dad more than ever.

Some changes along the way.....

More water (I leave a bottle on the counter to remind me as I pass it)

Walk

Real coffee but have something in my stomach. (I assume so it is included in digestion?)

Same for wine....” “

My Wife and I have wine together while she cooks in the morning...part of the atmosphere.

But no drinking after lunch and 2 alcohol free days.

Drinking cranberry juice.

Started deliberately eating smoked and cooked salmon or sardines.

Omega 3 and targeting of free radicals.

I started taking vitamin C supplement (as I rarely eat fruit) after finding the blotches.

Vitamin C is so important to your flesh there should be a law that you take it!

Now Vitamin D as I have been low on it before and works with C.

Started eating some fruit.

What is being said here?

In short “Do what YOU can and I will do what you can't!”

Bad habits reap bad results.

If you dont change the habit He will need to rescue you again.

So He expects us to make some CHANGES first

Now, someone may consume way too much Diet Coke as a habit, and God tells them to “give it up”.

Thats their revelation not yours. You don't need to do the same. **Ask Him and you will receive**.

Please pray that I heard right and heard it all, that He be able to restore me....thanks 28Feb2020

.....*space here for testimony*.....

Yes I have one. Went for bladder biopsy today. Nothing found! Bladder wall normal. 18Mar2020

Thanks for the prayers and **GLORY TO GOD!!** *“Do what YOU can and HE will do what you can't.”*

Hope there is something to encourage you amongst this.

Kevin