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No matter where we are, who we're with or what we're doing, we are either living in fear or we are living in faith. Write it down, burn it into your memory: we are either living in faith or we are living in fear. There are only the two, it's black and white, with no shades of gray in between. It's the difference between good and evil. It's the definition of the first commandment, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and strength." The only way to do that is from a position of faith; from a position of total trust in God.

"I am the Lord and there is no other," the Spirit of the Lord said through the prophet, Isaiah. 14 times a variation of this phrase appears in the prophecy of Isaiah. Listen to just these few:

1. Isaiah 42:6

"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you

2. Isaiah 42:8

I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

3. Isaiah 43:3

For **I am the LORD** your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

4. Isaiah 43:11

I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no savior.

5. Isaiah 43:15

I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King."

6. Isaiah 44:24

Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, who formed you from the womb: "**I am the LORD**, who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself,

7. Isaiah 45:5

I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me,

8. Isaiah 45:6

that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; **I am the LORD**, and there is no other.

9. Isaiah 45:7

I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, **I am the LORD**, who does all these things.

10. Isaiah 45:18

For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it empty, he formed it to be inhabited!): "I am the LORD, and there is no other.

11. Isaiah 48:17

Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go.

12. **Isaiah 49:23**

...I am the LORD; those who wait for me shall not be put to shame."

13. Isaiah 49:26

...I am the LORD your Savior, and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."

14. **Isaiah 51:15**

I am the LORD your God, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar— the LORD of hosts is his name.

15. **Isaiah 60:22**

... I am the LORD; in its time I will hasten it.

In Jeremiah, the Lord declares this:

1. Jeremiah 9:24

but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands

and knows me, that **I am the LORD** who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD."

2. Jeremiah 32:27

"Behold, **I am the LORD**, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me?

Four times in Ezekiel the Lord says this:

1. Ezekiel 5:15

You shall be a reproach and a taunt, a warning and a horror, to the nations all around you, when I execute judgments on you in anger and fury, and with furious rebukes—**I am the LORD**; I have spoken—

Ezekiel 5:14-16 (in Context) Ezekiel 5 (Whole Chapter) Other Translations

2. Ezekiel 5:17

I will send famine and wild beasts against you, and they will rob you of your children. Pestilence and blood shall pass through you, and I will bring the sword upon you. **I am the LORD**; I have spoken."

3. Ezekiel 17:21

And all the pick of his troops shall fall by the sword, and the survivors shall be scattered to every wind, and you shall know that **I am the LORD**; I have spoken."

Ezekiel 17:20-22 (in Context) Ezekiel 17 (Whole Chapter) Other Translations

4. Ezekiel 17:24

And all the trees of the field shall know that **I am the LORD**; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. **I am the LORD**; I have spoken, and I will do it."

5. Ezekiel 26:14

I will make you a bare rock. You shall be a place for the spreading of nets. You shall never be rebuilt, for **I am the LORD**; I have spoken, declares the Lord GOD.

6. Ezekiel 30:12

And I will dry up the Nile and will sell the land into the hand of evildoers; I will bring desolation upon the land and everything in it, by the hand of foreigners; I am the LORD; I have spoken.

7. Ezekiel 34:24

And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. **I am the LORD**; I have spoken.

8. Ezekiel 36:36

I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.

TAMRA JEAN, LISTEN TO THIS! I almost wept when I read this, and it was the last one I found. It takes my breath away even now. I believe this is *especially* for you tonight, because you put your trust in Him more in these last 2 days than at any time in your life. You received *revelation*, both direct and through the spiritual parents God has placed in your life to train you in His ways. You *obeyed* the revelation; you followed His instructions and He *confirmed* mightily your obedience with signs and wonders; You *will* see the *blessing* BEGIN to flow when He brings you and your daughter into a land of total safety tomorrow – actually today, by His reckoning of time. God Almighty – El Shaddai – God, the One Who is sufficient – is showing you His mighty hand and His outstretched arm. You are living the principle we have seen so often: *Revelation, when followed by obedience, is met with confirmation, and the blessing flows.* The cycle repeats continually and will not stop so long as we meet each revelation with obedience.

Here's the scripture:

 Ezekiel 37:14 – And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

Notice the difference in word and tone between the Lord's declarations in Isaiah and Jeremiah compared to those in Ezekiel: the prophecies in Ezekiel which declare, "I am the LORD; I have spoken." Are both declarations of His judgment against Israel.

Here's an invitation for you: type the phrase, "I am the Lord" into the keyword lookup of Bible Gateway: You will find 183 passages of that declaration in the ESV. 183: add the digits up and the number is 12: the number of Divine Government. 12 adds up to 3, the number of sufficiency.

Why am I going through all this tonight? For Tamra Jean alone, perhaps, and God knows, it's worth it for you to know that God has gone before you and He is your rear guard. Nothing will stand in YOUR way. No one will be left standing who stands against you because you are His and He is Your Lord, your God, your Savior, your Redeemer, your Father, and your Friend.

In **Romans 8:31**, the Apostle Paul writes, "If God is for us, who is against us?"

King David, while He was yet a shepherd boy said, in **1 Samuel 17:26**, "who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

2 Chronicles 20:17

You will not need to fight in this battle. Stand firm, hold your position, and see the salvation of the LORD on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem.' Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed. Tomorrow go out against them, and the LORD will be with you."

Tamra Jean, the "tomorrow" spoken of in 2 Chronicles is not a literal tomorrow for you, but the tomorrow of August 8, when God will be Your counselor in man's courtroom. He will be standing with you and as you simply present, or allow to be presented the evidence you have received in just the last 2 days, your giants will fall down dead at your feet. Take these scriptures into your heart and stand, as the Apostle wrote in **Ephesians 6:10-17:**

For the rest, brethren mine [sister of mine], be invigorated in the Lord and in the might of His strength.

- 11 Put on the panoply of God, to enable you to stand up to the stratagems of the Adversary,
- 12 for it is not ours to wrestle with blood and flesh, but with the sovereignties, with the authorities, with the world-mights of this darkness, with the spiritual forces of wickedness among the celestials.
- 13 Therefore take up the panoply of God that you may be enabled to withstand in the wicked day, and having effected all, to stand.
- 14 Stand, then, girded about your loins with truth, with the cuirass of

righteousness put on,

15 and your feet sandaled with the readiness of the evangel of peace; 16 with all taking up the large shield of faith, by which you will be able

to extinguish all the fiery arrows of the wicked one.

17 And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit, which is a declaration of God.

I have been speaking directly to one of our family of God, a spiritual daughter for whom I am accountable to deliver the word of the Lord when He speaks it to me for her. However, this is an official meeting, called by God since April, 2010, and you who are listening to my voice right now, may find that these words apply directly to you today; if so, Praise God. In any case, these principles and declarations are for us all to see the glory of the Lord and to learn His ways; to see into His character, His personality, and to recognize our Father in heaven Who loves us with a vast, incomprehensible and unspeakable love.

Barbara taught me something even before we got together. It's been a standard by which we measure the degree of peace and harmony in which we live, but it's never meant more than it does tonight, in the light of everything we have just seen:

Proverbs 10:22 –

ESV: The blessing of the LORD makes rich, and he adds no sorrow with it.

CJB: The blessing of ADONAI is what makes people rich, and he doesn't mix sorrow with it.

AMP: The blessing of the Lord—it makes [truly] rich, and He adds no sorrow with it [neither does toiling increase it].

CLV: The blessing of the Lord brings wealth without painful toil.

You now know *HOW* the blessing of the Lord flows and what will stop it in its tracks. Remember the 4-step process we have established over and over in these studies, which we see demonstrated throughout the scriptures?

Revelation, obedience, confirmation, blessing.

Revelation, when followed by obedience, is met with confirmation, and the blessing flows.

The word, "rich" in Hebrew means "to be straight, to prosper, to be happy, to put together, and finally to enrich." (Gesenius) It can mean rich in the sense of financial wealth, but it is not limited to that.

A friend has been in serious trouble for months, but he may have only realized it, just in the past few days. Recently divorced, the kids have left the house to live with other families, he's only a few days away from moving but doesn't yet know where, his boss is leaving the company and my friend thinks that his job may be in jeopardy.

Tamra, if you didn't know the sovereignty of God, you might have thought that your recent discovery was the most horrible news you could have heard, but you DO know God's sovereignty and you have WITNESSED demonstrations of His wisdom and power like never before just in the last 2 days. So take heart, but also Pay Attention! Celebrate the victory, but remember Whose victory it is; give honor and glory to the One (O-N-E) who won (W-O-N) that victory; and do NOT become complacent, like the children of Israel who forgot the Lord who delivered them out of Egypt with signs and wonders, and Who brought them into the Promised Land with more signs and wonders.

Any time life looks like something less than what we had hoped, what we had imagined on our best days, or what we would think is the Father's greatest pleasure and highest purpose, we would do well to take an objective inventory of the way we see things; the way we think, speak and act, when we're around other people and when it's just us and God.

During a phone conversation with my friend who is at a critical point in his life, Barbara spoke these words to him from the Lord: "Hasn't this cost you enough?"

I sat in stunned speechlessness. Later, the Lord called me to write an email with probably the strongest words I've ever uttered to anyone. I had to speak more this morning during a follow-up phone conversation. It is so important that we *ALL* get the seriousness of Hearing the Father, living in His presence, and walking with the Lord, being led by the Holy Spirit living in us.

Everyone on this line right now has stepped or is stepping into a new beginning, literally. Let me testify to the miraculous signs and wonders God is displaying before our eyes today: the family of God is about to meet in the Father's house in Dallas, Texas, on the first day of the eighth month in a year of divine government: 2012. 8-1-2012 adds up to 14 (perfection times two), which adds up to 5, the number of grace. When you who are making the trip touch down on Texas soil, know that you are standing on ground that has been prepared before for you to walk on it. God picked the house for us to gather in His presence and under His covering of protection and provision. Barbara and I are the stewards of His house and we are your servants in this land, sent ahead to prepare places for you, if and when the Lord leads.

Revelation, when followed by obedience, is met with confirmation, and the blessing flows.

Back to the conversation with my friend. I'm going to read from the actual email I sent.

In 5 words, the Lord encapsulated the outcome -- the fruit -- of your former thinking and acting: unhealthy at best, and destructive (to you and others) at worst.

The "*this*" in Barbara's word: "*Hasn't this cost you enough?*," contains most of your thoughts, feelings and actions to date: judgment, and a stubborn and obsessive focus on external shortcomings in others while giving lip service at most to your own.

What has been the cost?

God "ejected" you, from the life you once knew and from the lives of family, friends, even brothers and sisters in Christ. Why?

- 1. First, it was essential to get you out of the religious structure that ensnared you
- 2. Second, to protect others from the spirits you have entertained and manifested.

How did you end up here? How do you account for your life today? It would be well to take a hard, objective look from Heaven's View at what has happened over the course of your life that has led to where you are today.

God does not and will not honor the judgmental, nit-picking, fault-finding attitude that destroyed relationships with those who warranted your greatest affection, love, and Godly leadership and example.

You *must* not approach the door of your future with the soiled hands and the polluted thinking that has ejected you into what may look like a wilderness. Even toward the end of our conversation, you became side-tracked by extraneous wonderings. Barbara's picture of Satan toying with you was spot on.

If you continue to lean on the old ways, the door God will allow you to walk through will be absent of His presence, I fear.

"And straightway the spirit is ejecting Him into the wilderness." (Mark 1:12)

I pray that you will rely on the same thing Jesus did during His trial by the Adversary in desert, when He said to the Adversary during each trial: "It is written..."

Hebrews 4:12-13 says:

"For the word of God is living and operative, and keen above any twoedged sword, and penetrating up to the parting of soul and spirit, both of the articulations and marrow, and is a judge of the sentiments and thoughts of the heart. And there is not a creature which is not apparent in its sight. Now all is naked and bare to the eyes of Him to Whom we are accountable."

There is no condemnation, thankfully, as the Apostle Paul wrote in **Romans 8:1-2**:

"Nothing, consequently, is now condemnation to those in Christ Jesus. Not according to flesh are they walking, but according to spirit, for the spirit's law of life in Christ Jesus frees you from the law of sin and death."

However, your recognition, acknowledgement, and repentance from the steps that have led you to where you are today is *absolutely critical* for you to live in accord with God's highest purpose in, for, and through your life from this day forward.

Romans 8:5-8 says,

"For those who are in accord with flesh are disposed to that which is of the flesh, yet those who are in accord with spirit to that which is of the spirit. For the disposition of the flesh is death, yet the disposition of the spirit is life and peace, because the disposition of the flesh is enmity to God, for it is not subject to the law of God, for neither is it able. Now those who are in flesh are not able to please God."

It pains me to write this, but God is requiring me to tell you that to the degree you have thought and acted out of your flesh, you have acted in ways that are openly and aggressively hostile to God. Your imaginings, desires, and attitudes have often led to words and actions that are counter to those of the Lord; in other words, Jesus Christ does not think like you have thought, say what you have said, or act as you have acted in many instances, even after repeated attempts at correction.

Thinking and acting in accord with the flesh puts you at enmity – open hostility – with God; you become His enemy, deny His new creation in you, and reject His invitation -- His entreaty -- to be conciliated to Him for Christ's sake. Worst of all, you mock the sacrificial blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ for your life and "receive the grace of God for naught" (2 Cor. 5:17-6:1).

These statements apply to anyone – they apply to everyone – and I've done these same things at various times. While there is no condemnation, I have experienced the judgment of God over *my* sinning flesh, and I know others who have too. Although His grace superabounds, His patience is limited. How much more will you try His patience?

Hasn't it cost you enough?

You *must* lay your mind at God's feet; your former ways of thinking and acting that destroy relationships and stop "the blessing of the Lord" in its tracks. Get off God's throne and let Him be God over your life. That requires you to lay aside what *you* think is best -- how has that worked so far? -- and ask the Father what He wants most for you.

God has honored your choices to date.

Let me stop right here a moment and say this to all of us: **God has** honored all of our choices to date. How does your life look to you right now? Do a quick inventory: Is the Blessing of the Lord what you're seeing? Is it what you're experiencing in every area of your life? Is it? If it isn't, where did you move off from obedience, because THAT is the only thing that stops the progression we've been looking at: revelation MUST be followed by obedience for confirmation and blessing to flow.

God has honored your choices to date, ejecting you and setting others free whom you failed to serve well on His behalf. On the one hand, it's all about the sovereignty of God:

"And my days, all of them, were written upon Your scroll. The days were formed when there was not one of them." (Psalm 139:16)

On the other hand, all of us are where our choices have led us:

"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you? Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great." (Luke 6:46-49)

So now what? DO the word of God! Don't just read it and agree with it; DO IT!

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding." (Proverbs 3:5)

"Yet seek first the kingdom and its righteousness, and these all shall be added to you." (Matthew 6:33)

Pour yourself into the word of God. Seek the Lord:

- "But from there you will seek the LORD your God and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul." (Deuteronomy 4:29)
- "Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!" (1 Chronicles 16:11)
- "My mother and My brethren are these who are hearing the word of God and doing it." (Luke 8:21)
- "But he said, 'Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!'" (Luke 11:28)
- "...from God you receive, not the word of men, but, according as it truly is, the word of God, which is operating also in you who are believing." (1 Thessalonians 2:13)
- "Having purified your souls, by the obedience of truth, for unfeigned fondness for the brethren, love one another out of a true heart earnestly, having been regenerated, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through the word of God, living and permanent, because

All flesh is grass, And all its glory is as the flower of grass." (1 Peter 1:22-24)

- "It is written that, 'Not on bread alone shall man be living, but on every declaration...of God."" (Luke 4:4)
- "Jesus, then, said to the Jews who have believed Him, 'If ever you should be remaining in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will be making you free." (John 8:31-32)

I cannot stress enough the urgency I sense behind all this. I believe you are dangerously close to Paul's description in 2 Timothy:

"Now this know, that in the last days perilous periods will be present, for men will be selfish, fond of money, ostentatious, proud, calumniators, stubborn to parents, ungrateful, malign, without natural affection, implacable, adversaries, uncontrollable, fierce, averse to the good, traitors, rash, conceited, fond of their own gratification rather than fond of God; having a form of devoutness, yet denying its power. These, also, shun. For of these are those who are slipping into homes and are leading into captivity little women, heaped with sins, being led by various lusts and gratifications, always learning and yet not at any time able to come into a realization of the truth. Now, by the method by which Jannes and Jambres withstand Moses, thus these also are withstanding the truth, men of a depraved mind, disqualified as to the faith." (2 Timothy 3:1-8)

To the degree that you are willing to let God be God over every aspect of your life, breaking all alliances with the familiar spirits that have tormented you because you have allowed them to rule, God will allow me to stand with you and speak into your life. I pray that you do not miss what I believe may be your last opportunity, at least as far as our relationship is concerned. Nevertheless, I pray also, that should this season of standing with you and for you end, that God will send someone into your life who will inspire you to repentance and restoration to all that the Father has in store for you, in this eon and in the day of the Lord Jesus.

Peace be with your spirit, and grace from God and from our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.