



SkyMail



Devotions from the Clouds

*... and for your pleasure, I was
and I am created.*

Revelation 4:11



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*Please note that unless otherwise indicated,
all scriptures are King James Version
(KJV).*

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Dear Ones,

Greetings in His most precious name.

My 2013 has been one of intense travels. During these times amidst the clouds, it was a joy listening to Father as He poured out teachings that so blessed my heart. I have gathered some of these messages into this book to share as many have requested. I pray that each message blesses you for what it is worth at this time of your life.

God is indeed wonderful and truly all we will ever need for total peace and happiness. I have humbly come to realize that we do great injustice to each other when we place expectations on anyone to help us feel complete. No one can bring us to our zenith of joy but God through the Fruit of His Holy Spirit: Love that is joy, peace, longsuffering, goodness, mercy, temperance, meekness, faith - the true wealth that brings total fulfillment and is available to all human beings – perfect equality.

Love, Dale



Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye
the Lord.

Psalm 150: 6



***God's Creation!
Photo Collection***

You will notice a series of photos being shared with you throughout this book. They are all originals and represent God's beauty. These are scenery and objects that mean so much to me.

Enjoy! ☺



*My Tamarind Tree (tropical fruit)
in Loxahatchee, Florida*



GOD'S STORY CONTINUES TODAY THROUGH US

*38,000 Feet Sharing: Miami to Guyana
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As I read the Book of Samuel today, I could not help but notice the strong backdrop of its era - the city and the people of that time. The way in which the Hand of God moved in those lives and how some responded to the Word of God while others did not. The pain and suffering of that age, the joy and happiness of those who embraced God's Will for their lives.

I learned what happened then and I am blessed as always to see what God did at that time. There is no doubt that we can grow from so much of it. But somehow, I started wondering ... Where is God's story of today? Where are our present stories that those in the next era can come and read so that they too grow from our experiences?

How is God walking on His earth today? If we gave pad and pen to Jacinta, Eric, Jerry, Jim, Ann ... what would the Book of Eric say? Same with you – if a pen were placed in your hand to continue writing God's story today, what would that look like? How would this be different from the Book of Ruth or the Book of Samuel or

the Book of Job in the context of importance, timely relevance or God's inspiration? Oh dear, each would be just as important and just as timely since it is the same God at work now as back then.

What is different? Was there something written then that does not exist today? Is God in His Trinity form not still in operation now as He was then? Is His written story locked in the past or ... is He longing for us to keep unveiling Him through our lives today?

What struck my heart is that a progression took place from the days of then to now. In fact, today we are seeing a higher level of His DNA being materialized in and through us as we see a world unfold unexplainably before our eyes. Some of the past is still happening but for the most part, we are no longer waiting on Moses to provide manna, we are getting up and earning it with our gifts and talents. We are also told in the following scripture that we will see even greater things:

For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel (John 5:20).

While we are no longer seeing physical idol-worshipping in most streets, there are still idols all around us ... as we place each and everything above God. We sometimes do this consciously and unconsciously. Can we willingly do as Abraham did back then - place our Isaac(s) on that altar should God require this of us?

What are the many *Isaacs* in our lives today that are more important than God? These are the people or things we hold on to that come between us and our relationship with God. People and things that can never give us the stability and joy that God can give to us. Are they then worth it? No.

Put Him first in all that you do and see how He will ensure you have all that it takes to experience daily joy no matter what is swirling around you. Oh, He is everything we will ever need for a complete life on earth. Let us increasingly move toward serving a God for who *He is* and recognizing that He is a jealous God (Exodus 20:5). He will not give His glory to another (Isaiah 42:8).

So much has progressed from the days of old to now as we knew things then and now. While we learn from Paul's writings as they relate to his time and his backdrop, how are we applying and living that story for this time as we see God manifested in and through us in and for this season?

Oh, how I enjoy reading the Bible as we reflect on how our forefathers served God. But, I also long to read about what God is doing today through our lives – your life, my life.

Love, *Dale*

Reflection Exercise

Individual and/or Group Exercise

1. Today I challenge us to check our filters ... what is the current state of these filters? How can He help us cleanse these filters so that we let the pure concentrate of His DNA flow through us to His creation positively thus bringing life eternally?
2. Are we ready for this level of cleansing even if it means stepping out of our comfort zone and the things we still embrace?
3. Are we ready to claim the prize of the High calling of Christ Jesus through a deep and personal transformation that will set creation free and in so doing, release us from that which has bound us for so long?
4. Are we ready to continue God's story through our lives today?
5. Do we feel we can? Why? Why not?



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God's Creation!



*Arriving in Freeport, Grand Bahama
Aerial View*

For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth
him all things that himself doeth: and he will
shew him greater works than these, that ye
may marvel

John 5:20



ONE WITH HIM MEANS ONE WITH YOU

38,000 feet sharing: Miami to Guyana.

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It is truly something to come to a place where we definitively believe and can utter that it is all *about* Him, it is all *for* Him.

It is a place where we can enjoy all of His creation, especially the loved ones whom He has added to our journeys with Him. But ... these loved ones are only who they are, what they mean to us and what they do for us because and only because He is the Author of them in our lives. Yes?

Today, I go a step further in asking: what does it mean when we say that it is all *about* Him and that it is all *for* Him. What does it really mean?

Before we even awake to a new day recognizing that we are alive through the fact that we are still breathing ... did we also give those humanly unconscious hours to Him while we were resting our bodies in sleep?

Before we fell into that sleep, did we yield our heart and spirit to Him? Did we invite our *First Love* to enjoy our sleeping moment as our spirit communed with Him? Did we do this in the sweetest possible manner fully allowing Him to build our mind, body and spirit in such a way that we are nourished during our sleep and ready to serve Him during our waking moment? What an opportunity!

This became a reality the day I realized that I cannot live a *single* day without Him. As such, I need to be constantly one with Him ... constantly. This reminds me of the old song, "Because He lives, I can face tomorrow."

It is no longer about praying in and out during the day. It is not about putting aside a few minutes to talk with Him such as carefully allocating ten or fifteen minutes for Him per day. No ... we do not work Him around our day. Rather we work our day around Him. He *is* our Day! Yes? ☺

Once I grasped this, I realized that my life is all about Him - it is the rest that I need to make time for as part of my relationship with Him. I do not make time in my busy schedule for Him. As He leads, I include in *our* day (His and mine) people and tasks that He desires for His honor, for His glory and for the manifestation of His Master Plan on this earth. Do you agree?

Believe me precious ones; I have been blessed to enjoy fulfilling love in this life. I know what it is to come as close as possible to agape love on this earth.

I know what it is to enjoy a relationship that is stripped of the ills of this world and to experience Him in and through another but...

Even this level of love on earth is ephemeral. Until we are perfected in Him as Matthew states in 5:48. His love is the only lasting one that is stripped of all insecurity, of all pain, of all disappointment. His love is flawless.

I have come to realize that we do great injustice when we expect others to fill the depth of need that only God can fill. Everyone around us is merely a fellow journeyer on this road to Him. Some have zoomed ahead at a terrific speed and they are to be admired for this but they are still in transit. Let us give them space and time and not overload them with our weight. Let us *each* come before the throne of God as we sit at His feet to learn and grow.

I have come to realize that the strongest human relationships and the most sustainable ones are those where *each* one is complete in God - pulling their weight and contributing equally. When this happens, there is less possibility of either one feeling drained. It is a type of relationship where one is constantly feeding positively into the life of the other. Both are strong and keep growing even stronger.

So often we have heard it said: "Let me introduce my *better half* to you". As I reflected on this comment one day, I realized what it means to me is that I am incomplete – that I am only half and the other person is better than me so they are probably carrying the heavier side of the relationship. Yes?

What a difference it could make if we can say: “Let me introduce you to the other whole in our relationship”. You see at the end of the day; it does not matter how much we love and depend on each other, we must stand individually and complete in Him. We owe this to God, to ourselves and to each other.

But now I ask the question ... Yes so, we know it is all *about* Him and it is all *for* Him? What is it we are offering or giving to Him? When we say it is all for Him, what is all for Him? Do we know what it is He wants or are we giving Him what *we* think He needs or desires of us?

Ah ... so before I can think about it being all for Him, I must first take time to get to know Him intimately so that I know how to please Him as commissioned in Revelation 4:11 (And for *His* pleasure I was and am created).

So far what I gather is that He desires a oneness with us that He declared in John 14:20: “*On that day you will realize that I am in my father, and you are in me, and I am in you.*”

Now we know that He of himself is perfect ... then, now and forever. He is not the issue here. He did not fall from grace ... we did. So, we need to find the journey to this oneness with Him ... our First Love.

He birthed us to fully enjoy being in *The Garden* with Him. A perfect love and union between God and us and the same love and union between us and others..

That which He first intended must happen. But wait ... how can we return to that perfect Garden of oneness and love with Him until we become one with each other? He did not create a world with just Him and me alone. He created a world for *us* to live as one.

So, to say it is all for Him means that I am committed to restoring creation for Him ... a return to The Garden. But in order for this to happen ... by default, as I do it all for and with Him, I must do it all for you and with you so that *together* we can return to our original state with Him. Yes?

As such, it is not a journey where I race ahead of you; it is not a journey where I compete with you for His love and blessings. I must take you *with* me as *we* enjoy Him together.

Yes, I do know that this is all easier said than done. The reality is that our love for and oneness with God seems to come so much easier than our love for and oneness with each other – herein lies our struggle. Observe next time when you are praying in a group. It is so much easier closing your eyes as you all pray. What would happen if you look at each other as you pray? Knowing that each one is the true manifestation of God on this earth in human form ...

Yet we read in scripture: *For he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? (1 John 4:20)*

So then, there is no *me as God* without Him and no *Him as human* without me. In the context that Jesus was placed on the earth as both God and Man. We are privileged to enjoy this oneness with Him that He has offered to us, meaning that He ordained a union with us. Without this union, He is just perfect spirit nonexistent in human form on this earth without me and without you whom He created to make Himself present here amongst us!

I value you at the level in which we are called to walk with Him and for Him. So for me to say that it is all about Him means that it is all about you as well. We are one with Him. I am incomplete without Him. I am incomplete without you. Now I see why it meant so much to Jesus to respond to Simon Peter's confession of His love for Jesus: "Then, feed my sheep" as evidence of Simon Peter's love for Him (John 21: 15-17).

So let us love each other. Let us forgive each other as He so lovingly forgives us no matter what we do and how often we do it. He just loves unendingly. We must do the same as mandated by Him ... love one another as I have loved you (John 13:34).

Thank you sincerely for walking with me as *we* re-enter ... The Garden with Him.

Love, *Dale*

Reflection Exercise

Individual and/or Group Exercise

Today I challenge us to reflect on the following and to check our temperature gauge when it comes to answering what is being asked of us through these scriptures:

1. For he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? (I John 4:20).

Do we love our brother? All of them?

2. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep (John 21:17).

Are we feeding His sheep? Even those we do not like or those who do not like us?

3. What would it take to move our eyes from others to Him so that we love Him more than we hate others? Hating destroys us all. And forgiveness is truly 90% for us and 10 % for others?

Do you agree?



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God's Creation!



*Baganara Resort, Essequibo
Guyana, South America*

I, even I, am he who blots out
your transgressions, for my own sake,
and remembers your sins no more ...

Isaiah 43:25



MY EYES BEHOLD ... THE GLORY OF THE LORD.

*36,000 Feet Sharing: Guyana to Trinidad
May 14th, 2013*

Today I reflect on the true value of our spiritual eyes. As I do, I realize that there is no one made blind in this realm. Here I am talking about the sight mentioned in John:

Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God (John 3:3).

At this level, we are equally given full choice regarding the health and state of our sight ... full choice. We decide the cataracts, the retina deficiencies, and the extent of our far-sightedness and short-sightedness. We determine what we will allow to blur or clear our spiritual vision.

As I entered the plane this morning, I felt my heart racing with joy while my body longed for just a full night sleep. Oh, this is one of the moments when I felt the weight of Moses' arms (Exodus 17:12). I felt sore. But in spite of all of that physical fatigue, the joy overcame the tiredness as I started to focus on the glory of The Lord within me.

I watched the turmoil and hiccups at the airport. I smiled at the many processes that could be improved to make the lives of passengers so much easier. I heard the frustrating cries of my fellow travelers. I too felt that fatigue. I was there *physically* during the chaos but *spiritually* ... my eyes beheld the glory of the Lord. As I did this, I was reminded that we are what we see, we are what we behold. In this state of thinking, what was happening around me along with my physical state were being transformed as I changed my focus to Him!

Oh, what a difference it made once my eyes were crystal clear about its focus area. I then realized what our Jesus who was physically in the world may have meant when He stated that He is not of the world.

... because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world (John 17:14)

His eyes were so one with the Father as He beheld the glory of His Father daily. His oneness was solely with His Father.

What happens when we behold the glory of The Lord? What happens when our spiritual sight moves toward a perfect 20/20? We simply see nothing else but Him. In seeing Him alone and as we behold only His glory, we too are moved from glory to glory.

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord (2 Corinthians 3:18).

It is not that we become oblivious to what is around us. Absolutely not. On the contrary, with a focus on Him, we are very much sensitive to His full creation but our retina remains clean, clear, in place. Jesus was focused on His Father yet very much sensitive to and aware of all the needs around Him.

Once we make that first step to focus on Him, He helps us fix our eyes on Him – like a blind-folded horse where we become totally single-eyed for Him. We love as He loves, we heal as He heals, we are compassionate as He is compassionate, and we calm the seas for others as He did. We can do this through His DNA within us.

But we operate from a place of glory where reaching *out* to the world does not affect our reaching *into* the Holy Temple as we feed ourselves daily on the glory of the Lord within us – that sweet river of life we feel as we behold His presence in our body, His temple.

We reach out to so many but this outreaching does not affect the peace and joy that we experience in our dwelling place with Him that happens in the Temple: our body.

Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's (I Corinthians 6:19-20).

Oh, what a life when we become spiritually determined to not allow anyone or anything to affect His sweet sleep within us ... His Temple. What this does for us too as He sleeps sweetly within us is provide that peace we feel ... a peace that humans can barely understand. Alleluia!

We are able to reach out more as we keep reaching into the temple to be refueled. Without this revitalization, we cannot do much. Here is where we need to be cautioned ... when we are drained, we tend to act out of our human state that is very limited. When we keep refueling from that *Well of Life* within us, we are more likely to be flowing out from within Him.

The world is what it is - there will be so many things that disturb us, deplete us, confuse us, hurt us, and puzzle us. But it is precisely in these times that He beckons us to enter His sanctuary with Him where He makes sense of it all to us:

*Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then
understood I their end (Psalm 73:17).*

Love, *Dale*

Reflection Exercise

Individual or Group Exercise

In this exercise, I ask you to do a seven-day reflection as you closely observe your 'focus' for each day.

1. What makes your journey with God easy or difficult for you?
2. What is your life like as you shift total focus to Him?
3. What changes for you? What changes for others as you redirect your focus?
4. How much of your day is about you and how much is about and for Him? Graph this daily for 7 days using a scale from 1-10 with 10 being the highest score.
5. As your day becomes more and more about Him, do you feel the difference in your mind, body and spirit?
6. As He fills your day, do you retire at nights feeling a higher level of fulfilment?

May you enjoy that special moment of metamorphic change as you feel your entire body move from being controlled by the world to being in the warmth of your Father.



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God's Creation!



*My Morning Prayer spot in
Montego Bay - Jamaica*

And this is life eternal, that they might know
thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ,
whom thou hast sent.

John 17:3



HE MAKES THE INVISIBLE ... VISIBLE

*38,000 Feet Sharing: Guyana to Miami
July 27th, 2013*

Hello again, just enjoying the beauty of His creation as I sit amidst the bed of these clouds. Sharing with you for what it is worth at this very moment of your life. Oh my – at these altitudes, we see His creation at a whole different level. Did He ever miss one stroke of beauty? I do not think so. What a perfect artist.

Each time I share with you, I find myself going deeper into my own life's experiences and those of others. I have come to realize that even these experiences are not ours but His as He uses each one to bless His people as He sees fit. As such, our experiences are to be steward and used for His glory ... lovingly and willingly.

Today, I reflect on a little girl who was so full of energy, who chatted freely, who laughed heartily, who would skip around like a little bundle of light. Then reality struck her. It was questionable whether or not she was part of a family she came to adore from such a young age.

Not included in most things and very unnoticed, she took her place behind the lace curtains (drapery) in the home as she looked through at life in high social gear among her family members. She longed to be noticed. She questioned her invisibility while she tried understanding how her home could ignore a child so cute, so full of life and so longing to love and be loved.

She was alive but simply not noticed. It was as if she were part of the furnishings in the home. But in reality, she was not, for while the chairs and tables could not cry out; she did deep within her heart as she longed daily for even a little attention ... for someone, anyone to remember that she was there.

Eventually, she went into a silence that disturbed many. As much as she tried, she became and remained emotionless. She had made herself an inhuman piece of matter that, like the furniture in the home, it would not matter whether or not she was noticed. Finally, she was okay for a while as she had found a safe place of existence. Despite the silence, she reached out daily to her family and many around her to help in any manner possible. She just loved God and His people from that tender age. A love that flowed from great depths.

As she grew older, she convinced herself that maybe she was wrong. She was being noticed but people were just too busy to overtly acknowledge her. This was how she consoled herself. This consolation did not last long as further reality hit her. Her sister who was now married one day came to visit the home and was chatting nonstop about how her husband admired each of her siblings for

various reasons but she skipped over this little girl. Unable to withstand it any longer the little girl asked '... and what does he say about me?' Her sister suddenly went quiet at first then said: "You know he does not ever talk about you; it is as if you did not exist. Now I realize this as you asked'.

That was the first time this little girl realized that heartbreak was not just a word in a song ... it was real. This girl never understood how a soft tissue such as the heart could break so she figured it was just singers hallucinating. It was not. Wow... hearts do break.... it is a deep pain that one feels as the pain triggers tears that may or may not show overtly. It is that depth and place of loneliness where no one goes with you but God.

However, the silence and heartache were not in vain. Someone was looking out for this little girl. Someone noticed her. Someone was determined to make this little invisible child ... visible!

The silence and withdrawal led to deep meditation as this girl started feeling an awareness of God and the depth of His love. It just happened! A higher authority had grabbed her up and wrapped her in His arms. No words can explain this. She gave her life to God while hiding and reading the Bible - a book that was forbidden in her home. Her reading plus listening to the radio program: "Christ is the answer" resulted in her falling in love with Jesus under her bed at the tender age of seven and she never turned back.

All doors to deeper church experiences were closed to her while God invited her into His secret place and started teaching her. Her knowledge and understanding of the Word continued to grow until she felt seven feet tall spiritually at her physical four feet height! However, she remained unnoticed. Amazing as her prayers were for others, amazing as her accomplishments were ... she remained invisible.

She fell ill at age 10 and as memory recalls, was the only one of many children who survived this deadly epidemic. Also, she was the only patient who showed no natural cause of the illness. No one understood. She was given nine hours to live. She became blind and lost most of her brain-hand coordination.

To her surprise, the hospital was flooded with people including family. Many were screaming as the clock was ticking her last few proclaimed hours. Her Catholic Church family including priests and nuns were beginning to declare her a modern-day saint. It was all confusing and noisy. But amidst the turmoil, she clearly heard the Lord call her out of the bed. She answered the call and walked toward His open arms. That was it!

She lived and was fully healed but became faster than she was before. It were as if someone had placed a racing engine within her that could not be stopped. She was moving and achieving what took about three persons to achieve. Many declared her healing a miracle. Both sight and body coordination fully returned.

Her next and most beautiful miracle happened at 12. No one in the home had remembered her birthday. Her bright little pink dress, her effort to play happy birthday on the piano and all other efforts were in vain. Fast asleep in her pink dress that night, a light illuminated her room as a voice asked her what she wanted for her birthday. She responded, "a heart of love that would never stop loving even in extreme pain and affliction.". She clearly did not understand then what she was requesting. But ... she received a birthday gift that has sustained her throughout and even now, she continues to touch lives deeply with a *love* that could only have been birthed by and through God.

However, she remained reserved. Very reserved as she cautiously tested the waters of life ... scared to trust, expect, hope, want, need. Others started approaching her. Many eventually longed to be in her presence. She had something special that was drawing others to her. She did not understand.

Some befriended her deeply but it was all ephemeral as she realized they were just trying to live out their life's fantasies with her ... as it seemed a safer place of love for them. They all walked away from her leaving her again in a state of deep pain. Once more, she was just there ... once again she had peeked out bravely to love and embrace but ended back in a vacuum. The vacuum lasted a while as all things stood still in her life. But somewhere once again God grabbed her and continued teaching her.

Years passed by. Deep pains were there but slowly they all disappeared as she completely surrendered it all to God. She has accepted that the greatest gift given to her was and is that of ... *love*. Now that she has gone even deeper with her First Love ... Jesus, she has found eternal joy. She has found true wealth ... the fruit of the spirit that is lasting, that no one can touch or destroy. This brings such context to the scripture that addresses true riches:

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also (Matthew 6:19-21).

Now she fully understands that true wealth is not about the things the world fights for daily – things that are so ephemeral. Perfect wealth is found through God. His blessings stay with us now and throughout eternity. Oh, if the world can grasp this, there would be such deep joy as the constant fighting reduces to nothing.

We hear so often that money is the root of all evil. Yes, it is. But this is because we see money as being synonymous with wealth, class, happiness. No. Money is the lowest form of physical wealth. It does not bring lasting love, joy or comfort. It cannot create an upper or lower *class* structure in God's Kingdom. Class truly lies in the very *fabric* of our beings.

Have you ever encountered a very poor person (poverty as defined by the world) but something seems so classy about them? I have.

I once had a teacher in high school – she was so plainly dressed amongst the other teachers. Most of her clothes came from donation-type resources. But she was the classiest of all! She loved God and emanated Him in all of her being like someone Royal and Majestic. She is such an example of God on this earth. Oh dear one, money never has or never will create joy (maybe temporary happiness). Joy is something that comes from deep within. It is that deep feeling we have at the sacred altar within us where we commune daily with our Creator throughout the day. Joy is God. Joy comes from God.

Once we have found the source of this inner joy – He provides all the worldly comfort we need – not wants but needs so that we can enjoy a life with Him here on this earth and eternally! He is truly an abundant God indeed but how do we define His abundance?

So back to this little girl – her pain of feeling invisible is getting better each day as she senses high visibility with Him. He is opening doors that are beyond words. She has found her home with Him. That little 2-year-old now much older dances again as she awakes daily feeling her heart racing joyfully above the pain that may exist in this world around her. It is there but she is not touched by it.

She now has no desire to be visible unless it is for and to the glory to God. Her life is all about and for Him.

But, He has made her visible! While some in the world may continue to ignore her presence, He is taking her places that she never thought she could go. All for His Honor and Glory which is what delights her most of all.

That little girl can no longer be invisible as the permanent light that He is within causes her to laugh and dance again with the never-ending joy that is constantly bubbling within her daily. She has inherited a storehouse that is overflowing with joy, peace, hope, love. Her emotions are no longer controlled by man but by God who has reached out and made the Stone His builders rejected ... one of His Chief Cornerstones (Psalm 118:22).

Hers is truly a *love* ministry He has gifted her with that which causes many to be drawn to her as she sees daily that in a world that is hurting, many are seeking solace from intense loneliness. Indeed, the greatest of them all is ... Love (I Corinthians 13:13). She believes that if a survey were done to find out what human beings desire most of all, the majority would say ... Love!

There are times when she is still quietly observing the world from behind a curtain (drapery). There are times when she is still made invisible by the world, but the pain does not last as long. She takes quick flights from these as she holds on to the one true love that has sustained her throughout ... the one true love to whom she is never invisible. It is the one whose love is unconditional, the one true love who has made the invisible-visible for His glory. God!

Love, *Dale*

Reflection Exercise

Individual or Group Exercise

1. Have you ever experienced that place where you felt invisible? What caused this? How have you dealt with it so far?
2. Do you believe that God can move you from being invisible to being fully visible?
3. Do you think that we move from invisibility to visibility based on our focus?
4. For as long as we make the mother (who hurt us) our focus and not God – can we really exit her shadow?
5. For as long as we focus on that partner in our life who crushed our hope for love, can we really escape this? How?
6. Has this reading today given you hope for life as you put God first?

May God's unconditional love fill your heart with the visibility and security you desire. May He remind you daily that He is your all in all and with Him, your every need is met.



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God's Creation!



Freeport, Grand Bahama at Night

Behold, what manner of love the Father
hath bestowed upon us, that we should be
called the sons of God: therefore, the
world knoweth us not, because it knew
him not.

1 John 3:1-2



GOD AS OUR FOCAL POINT

*38,000 Feet Sharing: Miami to Guyana
September 19th, 2013*

These past days I have been reflecting on the importance of making God our focal point. I pondered over what this actually means in reality.

Once again, I am reminded that we are what we see, we are what we behold, and we become that which we focus on. So, what we behold is very important and cannot be taken lightly.

We live in a world where there is constant activity from the very moment we awake to another day. We find ourselves in a place where so much seems to be vying for our attention. We plunge into our day juggling as best as we can, managing at times and not coping at all at other times. We make all types of decisions, many ad hoc. We say and do so much in a 24-hour day and 26 hours for some of us who try stretching the day beyond where it can go.

Then alas, the day is finally over. We hear a sweet, gentle voice asking the following questions from deep within our hearts...

- *How much of what you did today was of me and for me?*
- *Who placed all of that in your tired hands?*
- *Whose voice did you follow today?*
- *What did you do today that brought me pleasure?*

Hmnnn ...wow, most of the time, we do not even think on these questions. We suddenly become still as our minds quickly review the day and then, we remain speechless as we process and try answering these questions.

My dear ones, I have come to realize that even if I build soup kitchens in every city to feed the poor, I may still miss His Will for me. We are told in His Word that it is not about good deeds. It is all truly about His mercy and doing the Will of the Father.

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost (Titus 3:5).

This is a sobering fact when we line up this reality with the busy-ness of our days that sometimes leave us breathless, drained, and stressed and we know this stress can lead to all types of illnesses. We become so exhausted yet we have missed His Will for that day.

I encourage us all to keep finding time to seek His face so that we get to know Him well enough to understand exactly what it is that pleases Him. In bringing pleasure to Him, we too are pleased.

Oftentimes we make the best effort to find a few minutes or hours daily to give Him some undivided time. One day I found the secret and I humbly leave this with you. I no longer have to squeeze time for Him amidst the mad bedlam of my day. *He is my day!* :)

Once I came to this realization, my life changed metamorphically! Wow ... He is my day. I live for Him. There is no purpose outside of Him. I have no life of my own. I own nothing. I am His and I merely steward all He has given to me through the guidance of His Holy Spirit. It is not perfect but I am growing each day in this new life and walk. Oh ... and I am enjoying every minute of it! ☺

What changed? Instead of trying to make time for Him by working Him around my schedule and tasks and people; I now work all else around Him! He is the focus of my day and as I seek Him, my day is guided by what brings pleasure to Him. Hmmm ... and this may mean relaxing on the beach instead of working in soup kitchens and on another day, it may be working in these soup kitchens and not on the beach.

It all depends on what He desires of me. Whether it is to rest this temple for Him or whether He desires to use the temple to bless His people in one way or the other. Yes?



Again, this journey is not perfect but oh, what a lovely life it is. It takes away all cares as we rest these on Him as He requested of us:

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you (I Peter 5:7).

It is His life working in and through me so whatever He desires of me, He will provide. He will see me through. We need not have cares since this journey is His ... not ours.

Much love in Him, *Dale*

Reflection Exercise

Individual or Group Exercise

- Have you too been struggling to find time in your day for Him?
- Do you feel you have to be on every committee to serve Him?
- Do you feel the only way you can please God is to feed the poor every day without missing a day?
- Do you feel restless when you have nothing to do for Him?
- Do you feel guilty when you spend time or money on the care of yourself?
- I challenge you to come up with a 21-day plan as you monitor daily the journey of coming to that place where you feel that He has truly *become* your day. Do you feel this some days more than others? What do you think causes this? What a walk it could be for you.

I wish you success with this!



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God's Creation!



Landing in Lethem, Guyana

And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless, not what I will, but what thou wilt.

Mark 14:36



“MY OFFICE REMAINS EMPTY ...”

*32,000 Feet Sharing: Miami to Jamaica
October 20th, 2013*

I was in Brazil a few weeks ago assessing the possibility of starting the branch of a university in Lethem, Guyana that would mainly serve the people at the border of Lethem and Boa Vista and beyond, with an education grounded on the message of transformational leadership.

I was blessed to travel along with a group that was there on foreign affairs matters - a few of them served as Ambassadors and Consulates. They were so kind and welcoming to me. I was grateful. It was my first time heading into Brazil so being with this group helped a lot.

While in Brazil, I was reflecting one early morning on the whole idea of serving as an ambassador and other types of top leadership roles on this earth - Business, Church, Education, Government, NGOs and so forth. Oh, the outcome of this reflection!

While reflecting deeply, I heard these words so crystal clear: "... and my Office remains empty".

I kept repeating these words ... “And my Office remains empty”? I started to seek God for meaning and clarity.

What I heard is that many are clamoring for title, fame, power and control at all levels of leadership. They do this as they endlessly fight to take the highest possible office they can get. Yet ... God's Office remains empty.

What is His Office?

His office is of the highest Calling. It is The Office where His Royal Ambassadors are housed and where the Holy Spirit is their only Voice of Authority - their daily Mentor and Coach. We know that serving Him will never be in vain (I Corinthians 15:58).

What is His invitation to us?

Today He invites us to accept one of these vacancies for while the harvest is bursting in full readiness, from all sides of the earth – North, South, East and West. But, sadly, the laborers remain so few (Luke 10:2).

What is this job description like?

This role is about the manifestation of God's Master Plan. It is Royal in nature. We report to the Holy Spirit. The location is global. The duties are in accordance with our special Gifting and Calling. It is with the understanding that we can do all things through Christ within us (Philippians 4:13) so ... no limitations. If He chooses to detour us, we have all it takes to rise as we trust with the heart of a child that He will not take us where His grace cannot keep us.

What is our compensation?

Our compensation is His abundance – that is, His great wealth to us which are the lasting fruits of the Holy Spirit. This is a compensation that cannot rust or be destroyed by man. These fruits bring forth the earthly comfort we need. Take no thought for needs are fully covered in this compensation package. Watch and you will see that no earthly or heavenly need will be unmet (Deuteronomy 8:18).

How valued are we in His workplace?

So much happens in the earthly workplaces that hurt many causing them to feel unappreciated and even lose self-esteem. Yet they must tolerate it all just to take care of their financial responsibilities. You do not have to be concerned about being valued in His workplace! He made us as His greatest part of creation. His value for us is made so clear in His scriptures (Luke 12: 7).

What does our budget look like?

It is infinite based on what *He* needs to have done. The operative work here is *He*. The budget is as small as or as large as what His task at hand requires. We do not have to stress or be concerned. This is not our work. It is His Work, His journey; His Master Plan so let Him provide accordingly. His Royal Treasury House of provision is clearly stated (Ezra 6:8).

Precious One, when you start stressing and losing sleep ... Stop! Realign with Him ... something may be offline for He never adds sorrow to His joy: The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it (Proverbs 10:22).

What is our job security?

Completely secured and untouched by man's decision
Wow! It is as everlasting as our journey is with Him. We
were and are created for His pleasure (Revelation 4:11).

While our security in His Office is lasting, our positions,
roles or locations can change based on His need and His
guidance. It depends on where He desires us to be and
when and what He wants us to be doing for Him in the
world. Our daily work is His daily walk on this earth – for
me, this is true Joy at Work. To work for God!

But please know that *He* is the decision maker and source.
Not your earthly job! We are never out of work – we just
change positions. So, leave a job when He tells you to and
not wait to be kicked out. Sometimes we hold on to a
chair longer than we need to because we feel that we are
the only ones who can do that job well.

The difference in serving His Royal Office is that we have
to move when He says move! Imagine ... a job security
that cannot be touched by human hands including
anything we may do to affect that job!

*How are we able to train and empower others in this
office without fear of losing our jobs?*

Because we have full job security! Once we train and pass
our leadership classes with Him, He then takes us to the
next level. In our Father's House, there are many
mansions (John 14:2). Let us rise up and enjoy each of
these mansions (experiences) as He lovingly guides us.
Stagnation is not a part of this Royal Walk.

I have answered this Call now more seriously than I ever did before. Please reflect on this sharing as you too decide what you will do with *His invitation* that allows you to enjoy what is lasting and durable not ephemeral like the offices of this earth.

So, we serve the offices on earth by His command. He decides where, when, how and why. Just focus on Him and remain committed to His face! Keep your ears hitched to Him ... you will know each of your roles and the details. Whether paid or unpaid ... go forward as He leads. He will cover you. I immediately think of a dear brother of mine who was called to volunteer for 22 years with a wife and children. They never went hungry. When time came for a home or car or anything else – it was provided in high style! Praise God!

Please know that once He assigns us, no one can take our place in this Office. If or when it is time to release a position we hold, it means that another role is awaiting us with even sweeter blessings and challenges that take us even deeper in and with Him.

I humbly leave this with you. May this experience bless and transform your life as it has done mine.

Much Love Fellow Journeyer, *Dale*

Reflection Exercise

Individual or Group Exercise

Dear ones, please take some time to reflect on these:

- 1. Are you tired of having other humans decide your job faith?*
- 2. Are you tired of trying to please your supervisors only to find out that it is all in vain?*
- 3. Are you tired of living in fear that you may lose your job no matter how hard you try?*
- 4. Are you tired of being controlled and long for some empowerment by a leader who wants you to have it all!*

You can enjoy this right here on earth! Just give your job security to God as you take power out of the human hand! Assume a role in His Royal Office. There are multiple vacancies!



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God's Creation!



Scenery from the plane!

And we know that for those who love God
all things work together for good, for those
who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28



OUR WORKS ... OR GOD'S WILL?

*34,000 Feet Sharing: Jamaica to Miami
October 27th, 2013*

These past few weeks I have been meeting with some lovely people of God. Oh, I fell in love with their Spirit!

What touched my heart was the inner struggle they are experiencing as they hear God's voice to move on but still cannot move forward. Have you been there? I have.

Have you experienced a time when you lovingly answered God's Call to be in a particular place with a specific group of people? As you answered His calling, it became a glorious spot in your journey.

You gave everything while in that place to do it right for Him. You invested your heart, your time, your love, your commitment, your whole being. You left no stone unturned for Him. It may have been 2 weeks, 4 months, 15 years. Oh, so much has happened during this time. You formed so many strong and valuable relationships. You have learned how to trust and be trusted. You have grown others and have grown yourself.

You have enjoyed the wonderful times and also learned how to rise above the many challenges. Wow ... what a journey it has been. You now feel so at home in this spot of your journey. Somewhere inside of your being, you wish you could stay put and finally enjoy the fruits of your labor. Any of this sounds familiar?

Ouch what happens next?

The time comes when you know deep within that you have to move on for Him. The time has come when you must gracefully release what you have built for Him. You know this with great certainty since you heard it clearly from Him. You feel it strongly within that the time has come to move on. Your passion and desires for that which you once enjoyed have now changed. You no longer feel the same fulfillment. You sense emptiness and somewhere within, you feel such a craving for that new place.

There is now such a level of spiritual discontentment! Yes? This is what I feel when the time has come to enter that new mansion in His House (In this context, I think of *mansion* as a new place or experience in Him):

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you (John 14:2).

But oh ... how can you walk away from years of your work in that place and with that group of precious people? How can you leave those who have come to depend on you so much?

Who will carry on this work? Will they do it as well as you? Will the people respond to the new leaders as well as they responded to you? Will leaving cause pain and disillusionment?

So ... how about if you stick around a little longer? It cannot hurt. Yes? You are doing something good. You are doing God's Work. These are thoughts that tend to flood your minds and your hearts.

The clock keeps ticking ... you will stay around for another 6 months until you find the right person to replace you. Hmnnnn ... it is now 2 years then 4 years then 6 years. Just a little while longer as you tell yourself: "The people need me. I can use the money. I still don't know for sure where I am heading next. All I know is that I need to leave but just cannot release myself! " Familiar words?

Precious One ... let go! Get out of the way so that the next precious leader whom He is ushering in can take his/her position. Vacate their seat. Clean it up nicely and let them walk in there so that you can walk out and into that next part of your journey perfectly designed by God.

Alas ... you have answered His Call. You came to realize that previous spot was His, not yours. His people, His work, His resources, His timing. It was never yours. It was and is all His. All that He had asked of you was to steward that opportunity for a season - for such a time as that (Esther 4:14).

It was a spot in your journey that was never just about your emotions, your attachments, your growth or your needs. All of these were precious parts of the journey but not *the* Journey! Yes?

Therefore, you can move on with peace. He has His journey covered and He has the best interest of His people at heart ... with or without you being there! All He needs you to do is to keep moving forward to avoid causing a traffic jam or depriving other drivers from reaching that place of the scenic journey that is so beautiful and ready for them. You have enjoyed it already.

Just move on ... the next spot for you is even more beautiful if you believe He is the Author and Finisher of your journey. He makes no mistakes. Embrace it all. Do not deprive Him or yourself or those waiting for your arrival of the further unfolding of His wonderful journey in, for, with and through you. Let your ultimate focus be God's Will for you not just your good works for Him.

You see what makes this moving forward with Him so much easier is when we return to the core, the purpose, the only reason for our existence: *And for His pleasure, I was and am created (Revelation 4:11).*

The challenge comes when we move our eyes from Him and assume it is about us. It is not. It never was or never will be. It is about Him!

Love, *Dale*

Reflection Exercise

Individual or Group Exercise

Dear Ones,

1. Are you at that place where you know you need to move on but just cannot do so?
2. I encourage you, based on what was shared in this message, to reflect on Revelation 4:11: “And for your pleasure, I was and am created”. What does this mean to you at this time of your life?
3. Do you feel the peace that He has you covered no matter where He calls you?
4. Do you desire His Office where you will always feel valued, respected, supported and protected?
5. Are you at a place where nothing else or no one means as much as your Call to bring Him pleasure?

His calling is so sweet. His presence is powerful as we come to believe that He is ever present. No matter where we are in our walk. He is there.



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God's Creation!



*Our Lucaya Hotel – Freeport, Grand Bahama.
I love entrances.*

Let your conversation be without
covetousness; and be content with such
things as ye have: for he hath said, I will
never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Hebrews 13:5



FILL MY CUP LORD

*13,000 Feet Sharing: Fort Lauderdale to
Freeport, Bahamas
November 5th, 2013*

I have listened to the song: "Fill my Cup Lord" so many times this past year. I am especially blessed when a dear sister of mine sings it.

Each time I heard it ... I would think of the Lord filling my cup with His blessings - the precious fruits of His Holy Spirit. 'Fill it up and make me whole'. Again, when I get to these words, I would think of the wholeness I feel from His blessings and more importantly, His sweet life that He has deposited within me. The oneness with Him. Simply glorious!

Then ... this past week, my entire being reacted differently to this same song that I heard again. What a new and fresh meaning was birthed within me! Fill my cup Lord is no longer just about how His filling my cup could bless me or make me happy and whole as a result of the blessings I receive as I drink from this cup.

Now it is all about His filling this Cup with all that I can use to bring Him pleasure. Remembering now that it was and is for His pleasure we were and are created (Rev 4:11).

[Oops... forgot I am heading to Freeport, Bahamas which is only 20 minutes away. Landing soon. Bye for now ... will conclude this message when I arrive.]

Okay ... I am back with you. As I was sharing ... so now just as how He does not have to vie for my attention amidst all of the endless things I do per day since He has 'become' my day then likewise, He does not have to vie with other pleasures that may surround my life. He has 'become' my pleasure. Once I have this straight then there is no question that I find pleasure as I bring Him pleasure. I become complete and all my needs are met as I focus on Him. You too may have experienced this – yes?

So tonight, I listened as Cece Winan sang this song so simply, so beautifully. Oh, the line she sang ... "Come and quench this thirsting in my soul". Is it not something awesome when there develops such a thirsting and craving in the depth of our soul to serve Him and not ourselves? A longing to live for Him and not for ourselves? A desire to focus on Him and not on ourselves. It is where He increases and where we decrease.

Oh, dear fellow journeyers, so much of the stress in our lives will be gone when we no longer have to juggle a hundred things per day wishing we can have time for Him.

Or we feel incomplete and frustrated because those people and things that we have made our 'Gods' simply cannot fill our yearning and longing. They cannot – no matter how much we try. Only *one* Beloved can fill us up to capacity. When He reaches His right position in us ... the stress leaves and our days are finally in order as we put the right horse before the cart of this journey (sorry to call Him the 'right horse' – I meant ... Leader & Beloved).

Thank you for allowing me to share this with you for what it is worth in your life at this time. Please take what I have shared with you to Him in prayer. Embrace it all as He reveals to you and as He guides you on.

Love, *Dale*

Reflection Exercise

Individual or Group Exercise

Dear Friend,

1. Are you tired of the daily stress that cripples your days?
2. Have you had enough of wishing life could have more meaning?
3. Are you at that place where you simply feel you cannot depend on another human being?
4. Are you ready for Him to fill your cup with all that He is?
5. Are you prepared to use that full cup for all that brings glory to Him?
6. I encourage you to take time to reflect on what it truly means to be born for His pleasure (Revelation 4:11).
7. What pleases Him? Do you know?

Come away awhile as you reflect on this message ... what has it done for you?



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God's Creation!



I like staircases!

Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my
head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Psalm 23:5



YOU ARE BECOMING ME

*33,000 Feet Sharing
Miami to Guyana; 11-26-13*

I am sharing this with you for what it is worth at this time in your life. I feel that some of you are walking this journey with me.

The two main things being addressed in this sharing are Part A) our grieving as a result of the state of the world and Part B) our deep love relationship one with another.

Part A: Our grieving as a result of the state of the world

Let me first mention (so that you have some early context), that while I consider myself to be a caring and loving person, I am not emotionally expressive in the sense of crying a lot, etc.

I can count the times I have cried in the sense of grieving. Not that I do not deeply feel others and I go through but it rarely gets to a grieving stage. This is because God remains a constant 'lifter of my head' if you know what I mean ☺. His joy is so steadily constant in me that it swallows up all else very quickly.

Sadness just cannot linger too long in the midst of His joy!

So here goes ...

I can barely explain it but these past months, I cannot stop grieving. My heart is constantly breaking as I look around me and the world in general. A few weeks ago, I came to the sad realization that there is nothing in this world - nothing - that would make me laugh with joy. Nothing. Pitiful, eh?

I pondered much over the state of the world at all levels but especially our youths and the elderly. I wonder about these young people who will be our leaders of tomorrow. So many of them are still trying to define themselves. Unfortunately, quite a few are finding their identity in what we call the i-Generation. A world where the values of yesterday, including quality communication, are fading. They are becoming obsolete.

It is a world to which many of us do not belong or understand. We are struggling to build a bridge that will allow us to save whatever still connects us to these precious young people. So precious to us but so distant as their minds and fingers build a world of texting that detours them from mastering proper language grammar and spelling. It is a language we simply do not know.

Why bother when with a few short letters and numbers, they fully understand what the other is expressing such as 'i c u'?

This same level of speed in communicating via text is resulting in an overall desire to get things quickly and to do things with speed such as earning fast money. Why go to school for years then make 10 or 12 dollars per hour or lower? So, they embrace means of acquiring money that continue to devalue them and society as a whole.

The speed then infiltrates all areas of their lives - need for quick education, relationship, marriage, intimacy and so forth. As such, we see the divorce rates meet an all-time high. We see exponential high-school dropout rates as the walk to graduation is not quick enough. Then horrendously, we see education responding through desperation by advertising quick degrees in 9 months - some in even less time.

Then I reflect on the elderly - those precious shoulders on which we stand today. I am talking about the elderly who lovingly went ahead of us to clear the way for so many with a lot fewer tools and comfort than we have now. They toiled all day long turning many nights into days. These are the people of substance. Today they have grown older. Their bodies are no longer able to carry what they did before.

Today our elders are slower in movement. They are tirelessly trying to keep up with our fast pace. Some are cared for by families while many are put aside in nursing homes and so forth where they die lonely and heartbroken. I am convinced that the single answer is ... love.

The younger ones learning to love, value and appreciate the elderly and vice versa. In a way, we are all victims of a changing world - some things are within our control and others are not.

Oh, I can go on and on about the state of our youths and our elderly and also ask what we are doing about this and many other aspects of life in order to find some point of normality before we self-destruct. But, I will halt here. You get the point. It is what it is.

There is nothing outside of me that could cause deep joy in me as I look around the world hence my grieving. However, let me balance this. As shared before, it is a deep grieving along with a daily dancing spirit that I can barely explain. The depth of my being lives in total joy, totally protected from that which would cause grief as I look around me. It is as if I am peeping outside of me and sensing the deep pain all around me but it is incapable of disturbing the state within peace, love, joy, patience, etc...

You got it yes again, the fruits of the Holy Spirit. The type of joy that the world cannot touch. It is an inner joy that is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. It is a joy that can only come from God.

You see the Holy Spirit does not give us these gifts then take them back. But He is sweet and gentle not to impose or force them on us. We are the ones who decide if we will embrace and remain in the state of these fruits. Our decision.

It was during this time of extreme grieving mixed with extreme joy that I started questioning the Lord. A few weekends ago - at about 3:00 am one morning, I awoke to the words: 'You are becoming me'. I could not understand these words. What I was reminded of are the scriptures where Christ made us one with him (John 14:20) and the scripture that talks about our beholding in a mirror as we move from glory to glory (2 Corinthians 3:18).

As we become one with him, we take on His nature, we take on His heart, and we take on His ability from the DNA of being born in His image. As we take on His heart, we weep as He wept over Jerusalem (Luke 19:41). Yet this state of weeping did not touch the joy that He was and is. Yes? This explains how we can have a heart of grief with a foundation of joy. It is the joy that we are because He is! Alleluia! *We are becoming Him!*

Part B: Our deep love relationship one with another.

My other experience these past few years is loving God's precious people so deeply. Each relationship is precious. Each relationship is flowing from the throne of God with the knowledge that each is of Him and with a purpose. How does a person truly love this deeply where each person is in a safe compartment in one's heart with no one affecting the other? This is what we have with God as well – yes? Each of us enjoys a *dedicated* place in His heart and no one feels less loved.

But then I started wondering that while I feel this deep love for each knowing that I am sincere in this love with each one ... how do they feel about it? Can I really love so many people deeply? Do I have the capacity to satisfy the need of each relationship? Again, the words came as I questioned this. 'You are becoming me'.

Then I was shown how Christ can love 8+ billion without anyone feeling slighted. Remember? He made Himself one with us. He gave us not a part of but his entire DNA! The more we take on His full nature, the more He will show us how to be to each one as He is to us.

How we can enjoy solid relationships without feeling that we are depriving one by loving another? Oh dears, let us humbly remain in His classroom. He is teaching!

It is about taking on the mind, the heart, the very being of Christ ... our loving Friend and Brother who made us one with Him and the Father. It is about becoming Him ... as His *friend* that He so lovingly called us (John 15:15).

Praise God. Let us continue walking up the mountain. God's Word tell us that in His house, there are still many more mansions to visit or ... many more experiences to add to our life's journey as we become perfect as He is perfect:

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect (Matthew 5:48).

Dare to get to that place like He did – in the world but not of the world – He took you out!

If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you (John 15:19).

Oh, bless The Lord for He is good. May we forever put Him *first* as our Creator then the Universe that He created. I guess this is what **FOCUS** means:

First On Christ, Universe Second!

Love, *Dale*

Reflection Exercise

The two main things we addressed in this sharing are:

- *Our grieving as a result of the state of the world and ...*
 - *Our deep love relationship one with another.*
1. As you reflect on each of these, how do you feel now after reading this message?
 2. Where are you as you think of all that is happening in the world today?
 3. Are you able to ‘feel’ what is happening yet maintain your joy within?
 4. How are you handling your own love relationships with others in your life? How are you coping?

In all you do, seek the joy from God that is so deeply embedded in your being that all else remains outside of this.



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God's Creation!



My home Pond – love water!

If ye were of the world, the world
would love his own: but because ye are
not of the world, but I have chosen you
out of the world, therefore the world
hateth you.
John 15:19



MY BIRTHDAY PRESENT TODAY

21,000 Feet Sharing: Nassau to Fort Lauderdale
12-18-13: My Birthday
 ~ *My last day of travels for this year!* ~

Today I know that my best birthday present is ... ***“The Present”***.

This is where I completely live *today* with no thought for tomorrow. He does not want me to look back or forward but just to enjoy this moment with Him.

Oh, we miss so much when we worry about the past or wonder about the future - neither of which we have any control over. Hug the *present* only as you bask in His loveliness ... all else can wait.

May God bless you until we meet again soon.

Much Love, *Dale*

*As the sun sets, may you rest in peace ... another day in
Him is over ...*



Reflection Exercise

1. Are you able to focus on the moment putting all else aside?
2. What are the internal noises that hinder you from doing this?
3. What are the external noises that impact this?
4. Are you able to deal with these noises? Why? Why not?
5. Whatever it is, do you feel you can just sit and chat with Him about it? He promised you can talk with Him about anything – reason together with Him (Isaiah 1:18).
6. Do you know that He loves you in such a way that nothing you do can ever stop Him loving you?

*Today, accept the greatest present you can ever receive ... the **present** with God in all of His fullness.*





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God's Creation!



My Garden that I enjoy so much!

Wherefore he saith, when he ascended up on
high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts
unto men.

Ephesians 4:8

During 2013, I traveled often. The sky became my home and the airports my resting, shopping and dining areas. My times amidst the clouds were my retreat moments - for the most part, these were the times I really had alone. I cherished each moment.

Having started outreach ministry from the tender age of 2.5 in my kindergarten school but more consciously at age 10, my life became one of service. During my journey, so many questions came my way that I could not answer even into my adulthood. The world wanted answers but I was not always able to give these. So, these moments away allowed me time to listen quietly as I asked our Heavenly Father for so many answers for me and others. He speaks once we are ready to listen. In **SkyMail** I share the outcomes of some of my listening times with Him amidst those clouds that wrapped me with such peace and calm. Oh, His creation! :)



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