



CROSSIN' THE GULF
MINISTRIES CHURCH

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Inward Witness

Hello, Partners and Friends, grace and peace to you. The Lord woke me up at 3:00 am this morning with you on my heart and this Word for you. HE wants us to have a close relationship with His Son and His Word so we can hear Jesus speaking on the inside of us, so we can know what to do without thinking about it at times. Over the years, I've come to know this as living life from the inside out. Instead of making decisions based on what we see, hear, feel, etc., we make decisions based on information from The One who sees and knows all.

As I got a vision of what the Lord wanted me to share with you, I saw Jesus standing there at the entrance of a living room waiting to be invited in. He had a smile and shine in His eyes as though He had so much He wanted to tell us and talk with us about. He was eager to sit down with us and chat. So, why did He remain standing there? He's waiting for us to invite Him in. He's waiting for us to look to him and say, "Hello, Jesus, how's it going? What do you want to tell me?"

As a Born-again Believer of Jesus, we have Him living on the inside of us in the form of The Holy Spirit. Even though the Holy Spirit lives in us, He's not going to interrupt or barge in. He is waiting for us to give him an invitation to interrupt us when He needs to. An invitation to correct us when needed. An invitation to show us things as we go about our day. He is on the inside, not on the outside.

Do you remember Jesus and the woman caught in adultery? When the Pharisees tried to trap Him into a decision about what to do with her, He stooped down and started writing in the sand. What was He doing? I believe Jesus was stalling! He was shutting the 'noise' out and getting down so He could be quiet and hear what The Father had to say about the situation. And oh did the Father have something to say! Jesus was not reactionary. He was purposely peaceful. What do I mean by that? When there was pressure on His flesh to respond, He put pressure on His flesh to be quiet so He could hear from the Father. Can you imagine what the crowd must have thought when He stooped down to write in the dirt?! Sometimes, we have to pressure pressure. Put the pressure back on the situation.

How do we get to the point of doing this? Fellowship with Jesus. In this day and hour, there is no greater time than now to get to know Jesus more and have conversations with Him. I am on a plan to read through the Bible in a year. I did it last year and could not wait to do it again this year. I don't put pressure on myself to do it. I think of it as reading the most epic story ever written. I also ask the Holy Spirit to help understand what I'm reading and showing me things in each chapter when I sit down to read. Sometimes it's during a break at work on my phone if I don't have time to read all my chapters for that day. The Lord showed me to read if with eyes wide open. With a heart interested in finding out why The Lord found it necessary to write Leviticus and Numbers. I've actually come away with so much understanding and laughs. Yes, laughs. The Bible is so funny at times. *E.g., The people were complaining against Moses for bringing them out of Egypt. Moses was so fed up, he told the Lord, "Kill me now!" I could see Moses being dramatic about it!*

I don't care who you are. We all need Jesus in our lives. We don't need to worry about what we know or don't know. We don't need to worry about what we have done or haven't done. And, at times, we don't need to worry about what others have said about Him but find out for ourselves who He is. It's so easy to judge Jesus by the actions

of His children. I'd like to say that His children always represent Him as He is, but we all know that's not the case. The Bible tells us to judge each man according to his actions. Shouldn't we do the same for Jesus? His kids can miss it. He never does and He wants to be invited in. Even if we have made Jesus our Savior, there is still an invitation He's waiting on to move in our lives and be our Lord, our Friend, our Counselor, our Advocate. The more we spend time with Him, the more aware we will become of things around us. The more we will hear from The Holy Spirit what to do at every turn.

If you have never asked Jesus to come into your life. Please don't wait another minute. Say this prayer (say it even if you have!), "Jesus, come into my heart. I believe you died for me and rose from the dead. Forgive me of my sins. Take my life and do something with it."

Partners and Friends, you are truly precious to us. My family, our staff, and I don't take your prayers and financial gifts lightly. We know God entrusted us with your trust, your friendship, and your love. We pray for you daily for strength, protection, favor, wisdom, and increase in every aspect of life. I said it last month and I'll say it again, "You are family." As you give your financial seed this month, give it like a farmer knowing that you are sowing a BLESSING seed into the anointing to make a difference in this world. Believe The Lord for a mighty harvest of souls and a mighty harvest personally of favor and divine increase for you and your family. A good farmer knows he's supposed to both plant seed and harvest the crops!

Ministry / Personal Updates – keep an eye out for our first Ministry Newsletter with updates on what is happening in the ministry, words of encouragement from Bishop Rene' and Pastor Jordan, testimonies, personal updates, and photos! We are working to publish the first one this month via email and hardcopy for those who prefer. We're excited about what God is doing in Belize and doing in your lives.

Until next month, remember, your Heavenly Father loves you as much as He loves Jesus! Don't hesitate to reach out to us via email or our website for prayers or questions. We are here to serve.

With His Love,

Pastors Jordan & Melissa Mack

Psalm 23, **Psalm 91**, Isaiah 54:17, Ephesians 3:14-21, Exodus 3:21, Numbers 6:24-26, Ephesians 1:15-21

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