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**Restoration Branch**

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**Four Statements of Agreement  
Following our 2024 Kirtland  
Experience, as Agreed Upon 11-2-24**

**Item 1:** We recognize our great need to be one with Jesus Christ.

- a. We see ourselves as part of the church of Jesus Christ and recognize that God's love must guide our actions for God is love and He that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God and God in Him.
- b. We accept Christ's admonition that every kingdom, city, or house divided against itself shall not stand.
- c. We recognize on various levels that there are differences/divisions between us, and we desire to see them mended that we might be one in Him. (see item 3).

**Item 2:** We are willing to make changes to come into God's presence:

- a. By repenting of our individual and corporate sins, and forgiving one another.
- b. By praying against the spirit of pride and rebellion.
- c. By living our baptismal covenant; that we will walk with and support any of our members who suffer physically, temporally or spiritually.
- d. By laying down and burying our weapons of warfare...changing how w and who we are battling.

**Item 3:** We are willing to come together to ask God what He wants us to do.

- A. We acknowledge that as individuals, we do not know, in and of ourselves, how barriers are to

**Religion says:** *I messed up, my dad is going to kill me!*

**The gospel says:** *I messed up, I need to call my Dad.*

be removed, and thus sense the great need to be directed by the Lord's voice in this matter.

**Item 4:** We are willing to do whatever God directs.#

**No Women's Meeting  
in December**

**Called of God**

*Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called. For he that is called in the Lord being a servant, is the Lord's freeman; likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ's servant. (1 Cor.7:20-22).*

We are all called to share Jesus with those who don't know Him. We are all called to help build Zion. These are a given. However, the path before each individual person to succeed in these callings has many different ways of being accomplished. In this issue of the WARB Women's Ministries newsletter we will discuss our specific calling unique to each one of us, even as gifts are given to us individually, God provides a way for us to fulfill both of the above callings.

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*I say unto you, listen to Me, As the five wise virgins did in the parable of the last days,  
Gather and sanctify your oil, before the cry at midnight.  
Prepare yourself through scripture, prayer, fasting, and humble service.  
**You must take the Holy Spirit as a guide in all things that you do in your life.***

Kirtland, 2022.

## **Are You Living the Measure of Your Creation?**

*Therefore, it (the earth) must needs be sanctified from all unrighteousness, that it may be prepared for the celestial glory; for after it hath filled the measure of it's creation, it shall be crowned with glory, even with the presence of God the Father;.. verily I say unto you, The earth abideth the law of a celestial kingdom, for it filleth the measure of it's creation, and transgresseth not the law. Wherefore, it shall be sanctified; (Dc 85:4c & 6a-b).*

If the earth is living out it's full measure of it's calling, we most certainly are to also, as well. This *measure of our creation* or *calling* is the subject I have felt impressed to dedicate this newsletter to.

The concept of a **calling** is something many of us want to know we are doing, but how do you know if you are living out the specific calling in your life? Patriarchal Blessings, given in the past, have often shed light on our gifts and talents and at times specifically spoken to a calling of the individual receiving the blessing.

### **Joy in the Work**

When you are living in your calling, there is joy found in the work, even if happiness is not present at the moment. There is a difference between *joy* and *happiness*,

though they are often considered synonyms.

- \* *Joy* is a quiet assurance of something or someone, despite circumstances or feelings.
- \* *Happiness* is a feeling that can shift or change on a whim; move with the feeling or sentiment of the day or levels of stress.

When you are living in your calling, there is joy found in the work, this is because your task is not rooted in emotion, but instead stability that even in the hard times, there is a fullness that things are as they should be. It is better to root ourselves in joy rather than feeling.

### **It is Challenging**

A significant aspect of living out a calling is finding fulfillment and excitement even in the face of challenges. This is not to say a calling must be a challenge, nor is it to say that it never is. Instead, even when challenges arise, there is a sustained desire to face the challenge head-on. These challenges will prove fruitful in helping us grow, will fuel new ideas or methods of approaching issues, and keep things moving forward into the future.

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***For the gifts and callings of God are without repentance — God doesn't renege on His word or gifts or decrees or promises.***

Romans 11:29

## **The Work is Never Done**

Living out a calling confirms the work is never done. A calling versus a temporary project goes on and endures. A project is for a season and typically has a time period of beginning and ending. A calling grows and changes with time.

## **You Are Inspired**

Passion and inspiration are a huge necessity when it comes to a calling. There is a sense of curiosity and intrigue in continuing on the path of discovery within a calling. What might happen if you keep working? What could be the outcome of going down this path? Where are places of potential growth and learning? Inspiration will take you far in your calling.

## **A Sense of Assurance**

When one lives out their calling, there is a sense of knowing confirmed within. This is often an unspoken feeling, a deep peace not contingent on outward circumstances. This is why it is important to be in tune with your inner self when pursuing a calling and asking God is vital. This sense of assurance is something no man can buy, contrive, or invent; it is something freely given from within.

***...that every man may improve upon his talent, that every man may gain other talents; yea, even an hundredfold, to be cast into the Lord's storehouse, to become the common property of the whole church, every man seeking the interest of his neighbor, and doing all things with an eye single to the glory of God.***

DC81:4f-g

## **Confirmation From God**

A true calling comes from God, so it is important to connect with God when investigating where you are called to and for what reason. Consider those in the Scriptures who were called into specific missions or quests for a calling. These callings often came directly from God, through verbal command, revelation, dream, or an invitation of the Lord.

Jeremiah 33:3 reminds us to-

*"Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."*

It is the delight of the Lord to reveal to us what He has for us to accomplish in life. Seek Him to truly see and know what it is that He has to bear fruit through your life.

## **Fruit**

The fruit that is produced from a calling will prove indicative of the plant, the plant being us. Matthew 7:17-20 explains,

*... Therefore, by their fruits you will know them."*

The fruit from your calling will be directly influenced by what you sow, plant, and water. This is not to say that drought or storm may arise, but there will be evidence even in difficulties.

The fruit of your calling can be produced sevenfold from what is planted when you invite the Lord within it, but it falls on us to invite the Him to abide in your calling.

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## **Your Calling is NOT Your Profession**

As was pointed out by Dan Hood recently: *Being a musician is not my calling. What happens if I'm in an accident and lose my voice? Or have brain damage and cannot write lyrics? My calling is —"Man is that he might have joy, rejoice, pray without ceasing that our joy might be full"—as this is God's will for you* (Dan Hood, 9-22-24).

How you live out the *why* behind your creation is such a large part of the short lives we live. God has a very specific plan that you are invited into. Tolkien spoke of how as human beings; *We are invited to be sub-Creators* (Co-Users of God's creative powers) *as we are made in the image of the Creator God Himself*. Co-creator status can be seen and fulfilled in how we live out our callings. You will know you are living out your calling by the fruit that is born, the sense of assurance within your heart, and confirmation that God Himself will offer you. If you are unsure you are living out your calling—**read your Patriarchal Blessing** if you do not have one ask the Lord.

Romans 12:2 ...***that ye may prove what that good and acceptable and perfect will of God is.***

### **Why it's Important to Have a Knowledge That the Course of Life we Pursue is the Will of God**

*This knowledge supplies an important place in revealed religion; for it was by reason of it that the ancients were enabled to endure .... An actual knowledge to any person that the course of life which he pursues is according to the will of God, is essentially necessary to enable him to have that confidence in God, ...it was this that enabled the*

*ancient saints to endure all their afflictions and persecutions, and to take joyfully the spoiling of their goods, knowing (not believing merely) that they had a more enduring substance Heb. 10:34. (LoF 6:2c -3c).*

They **knew** they were doing the will of God; therefore, they were absolutely surrendering to the will of God. *Having this knowledge allows one to receive the truth in love of it and submit themselves to be guided and directed by His will, and drive them to such extremities that nothing short of an actual knowledge of their being the favorites of heaven, and of their having embraced that order of things which God has established for the redemption of man, will enable them to exercise that confidence in Him necessary for them to overcome the world, and obtain that crown of glory which is laid up for them that fear God* (LoF 6:4).

*This discussion will be continued in the next few issues of the WARB Women's Newsletter.*

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## **Standing on the Promises of God**

*And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season, his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.*

Ps. 1:3

## Buzzed

I read the testimony of a woman, who, in her 40's had a stroke. Recovering was slow, many days were met with frustration and struggle. One Saturday, after a very difficult and grueling day she plopped herself in bed that night, relieved that the day was finally over.

Then she realized, her alarm clock was clear across the room and she had forgotten to set it to go off at 8:30 a.m. the next day so she could go to church. *Father, there is no way I can get back up. If you want me in church tomorrow, you will have to wake me.*

The next morning she was awakened by a loud buzzing. As she sat up, a fly flew away from her ear. She looked at the clock and saw it was exactly 8:30 a.m.!

**Repent — Live — Repeat**

## Fifteen Times When Praise is Crucial

1. When I am troubled by negative thoughts and emotions. Phil. 2:5, Ps. 30:11-12, Eph. 4:22-24
2. When I have anxiety, fear, and discouragement. 2Tim. 1:7, Deut.1:21, 1John 4:18
3. When I become sick, weak, or injured. Matt 8:17, Isa. 53:5, Jer. 17:14
4. When I struggle with doubt. Matt. 17:20, 1Pet 1:6-7, Rm. 10:17
5. When I do not see answers to my prayers. Gal. 6:9, Col. 4:2, Ps. 9:11-12

6. When I have problems in a relationship. John 13:34, 1John 4:12-16, 4:7
7. When I need to forgive. Prov. 19:11, Luke 6:37, Eph. 4:32
8. When I see things going wrong and I feel powerless. 2Cor. 4:7, James 1:2-4, 1Pet. 4:12-13
9. When I long to know God's will. Col. 1:9-10, Eccl. 7:11-12, Matt. 7:21
10. When I seek breakthrough, deliverance, or transformation. Isa. 43:18-19, Rm. 12:2, 1Tim. 4:18
11. When I need God's provision and protection. Ps. 91:4-7,9-12, 34:10
12. When I fight temptation to walk in the flesh. James 1:14, Heb. 4:15, 1Cor. 10:12-13
13. When I am attacked by the enemy. Isa. 54:17, Eph. 6:10-11, Prov. 10:25
14. When I suffer great loss, disappointment, or failure. John 16:33, 2Thes. 5:18, Matt. 5:4
15. When I sense that all is well. 1Tim. 3:14, Col. 2:6-7, Prov. 23:18#

The Prayer That Changes Everything, the Hidden Power of Praising God by Stormie Omartian, pg. 169-315. Harvest House Pub. 2004

## Julie's Testimony

I've been asking the Lord to make me aware of His provision. This morning as I was getting ready for church I realized that I haven't needed my heat or a/c for the past six weeks. Normally by this time (Oct.) it would be freezing in my house. Thank you, Jesus.#

## Read Any Good Books?

### Dying to Self

By William Law with  
Commentary by Andrew  
Murray.



This book combines the works of William Law who was a 16th century priest in the Church of England and Andrew Murray a missionary in South Africa and a prolific writer in the 1800s. It has only 157 pages and is published by Olahuski Books in 2021.

The authors discuss what self is and what dying to self really means. In Dying to Self the point is made that one real hindrance to life endowed with the Holy Spirit is *self* aka the *natural man*. It also discusses our Father's desire to have us with Him in a state of unseparated goodness and happiness brought about by dying to self. Jesus Christ showed this dying to self. The last part of the book discusses how dying to self may be accomplished.

As with all of the Andrew Murray books I've read this one is deep in philosophy and understanding, a book worthy of study.#

***Be willing to remove all barriers and hindrances to the achievement of Zion.*** Kirtland 9-2022

### Just For Today

*I will live through the next 24 hours and not try to tackle all of life's problems at once, on my own.*

*I will improve my mind,  
I will learn something useful.*

*I will not find fault with another.  
I will not try to change  
nor improve anyone else but me.*

*I will have a plan,  
I might not follow it exactly,  
but I will have it.  
I will save myself from two enemies—  
hurry and indecision.*

*I will do a good deed and keep it a secret,  
if anyone finds out, it won't count.*

*I will believe in myself.*

*I will give my best to others and feel confident that they will give their best to me.#*

## Sermon by Ammon White

, given at Gudgell Park, April 1941

*Study my law instead of the literature of the world. You idle your time away reading magazines, fiction, which study leads you nowhere. But in those things, I have given you as the God of Heaven, saith the Lord today, I have planted the words of life, truth ...vital forces which will make you alive in the Spirit of God, as you know it not.*

*Men whom I have entrusted with the sacred responsibility of leading My people, oft times have had their powers side-tracked into thing not of my choosing...both they and the people have stumbled time and again, and today my work is almost at a standstill so far as progress is concerned.*

*I will wait no longer. I will come out of My hiding place. I will shake the things that have no foundation and they shall stumble and fall. I will choose men and women strong and faithful, and who will study, and though few in number they shall know that I am God and able to succor. I will lead them by my unfailing hand for the accomplishment of my purpose, saith the Lord, for my arm is outstretched over you, for I am waiting the day I may send my Son to you in the Temple.*

*Then great things will take place. The world will be warned for the last time, then the sons of Levi will I send forth with mighty power to bind up the law and seal up the testimony for the last time. Those entrusted with this responsibility will be girded with instruments of my power, and many will return with many sheaves.#*