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**Do not speak against people.
Your words can bind them
and hinder the work of Jesus
in their lives.**

I recently found this article among my papers written by Kevin Zadai in January 2017. This is my understanding of what he experienced.

He went through an out-of-body experience when undertaking minor surgery. His spirit left him and part of his experience had to do with the words he speaks or others speak. Among the things he was shown was how hurtful others' words are to his soul.

He was shown the impact of untrue words that had been spoken over me. A lifetime of words spoken against you continue to affect you. He was shown a panoramic view like a large screen which appeared when shown the occasions when those words were spoken. The pain created by those incidents welled up as he relived them in fast succession. It wasn't long before he began to cry as each incident increased his grief.

At this point, Jesus stopped the review and told him the purpose of this experience wasn't to upset him but to reveal to him that the hurt was still there. Jesus showed him the contrast between the beauty of the spirit of man and his damaged soul. Hurtful words of the past were obscuring who he really was. Many of the people who spoke those damaging things did not understand they were **not** speaking the truth and were hindering my God-ordained destiny. In a sense without intending to, they were speaking the enemy's intentions over me. I believe

everyone has similar hurts that need healing.

Jesus focused on the effects that words have on his life, both good and bad. He then revealed four ways that Jesus heals our souls:

1. Jesus can wave His hand over a person and heal them immediately.
2. We can listen to the truth, continually renewing our minds until the lies we have believed about ourselves are replaced with truth.
3. We can pray in the Holy Spirit until our inner man becomes so powerful that He overthrows it's soul with its mind, will, and emotions and becomes the dominant influence.
4. We can also receive healing through the process of godly counseling.

Let Jesus have all your hurts. He cares so much about you that Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, wrote, *casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you* (1 Peter 5:7).

Don't speak against people. Your words can bind them and hinder His work in their lives. Don't even speak against unsaved people, because Jesus is doing a work to bring them to a point of repentance and salvation, and our words can slow down the process.

Pray for others. Prayer is like an atomic blast, the power of prayer is in the ensuing shockwave that moves along the ground sifting, displacing and moving everything out of its path. The shockwaves are the effects of our prayers. Always believe that prayers are effective and never give up.

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The impersonal hand of the government can never replace the helping hand of a neighbor.

Be willing to remove all barriers and hindrances to the achievement of Zion ... This would include the groups and associations you have formed, and the responsibilities that you carry. Kirtland, 2022.

From Dec. 2024 WARB Women's News:
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...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 and submit themselves to be guided and directed by His will, ,,,(LoF6:4).*

Absolute Surrender

Over a year ago the Lord laid upon my heart to yield everything to Him, He repeatedly told me: *"Give Me Thy Heart"*. Since then I have been prompted to study **Absolute Surrender**. I've had books placed in my hands, hymns come to me, and spoken words from friends I respect, all about **Absolute Surrender**.

This newsletter is completely devoted to our need to *"Be willing to remove all barriers and hindrances to the achievement of Zion"* (Kirtland, 2022). It isn't a culmination of my study because I believe I haven't reached an "end point," I am still learning what Absolute Surrender means.

This has caused me to do some soul-searching, deep study and a lot of prayer. I have felt compelled to share what I have learned in hopes it enlightens someone else and we move closer to the unity that the Lord has asked of us.

Definitions: Absolute—unconditional, unlimited, **Surrender**—to yield to the power of another, to give

It is natural and normal to fear rejection. The only thing wrong with it is if you allow the fear to dominate you so that it holds you back from fulfilling your potential in your life.

up, to resign in favor of another.

Examples of Absolute Surrender and the promises given to those who do are prevalent in scripture. Some examples are Helaman 3:115-130, Mos. 7:28-9:29, DC 81:3b, Alma 10:28, Matt. 6:38, & Col. 3:1-5.

I the Lord am bound when ye do what I say, but when ye do not what I say, ye have no promise.

While attending a Sunday worship service at another R.B. a woman met me in the foyer and said to me: *This morning when I woke up, I thought I really don't want to go to church. I just didn't feel like it. I prayed, and that feeling left. And here I am. I thought you would understand.* She was asked to offer a special prayer that morning in church which turned out to be a blessing for others. All because she surrendered.

Characteristics of Absolute Surrender:

Humility, meekness, patience, sacrifice, yielding, keeping His commandments and resignation to the will of God.

Absolute Surrender is accomplished when we are doing the will of God, fulfilling our calling, the full measure of our existence. It is critical to everything, the covenant we made and renew at sacrament, Zion, everything.

Characteristics of a Surrendered Heart

- ⇒ Alma tells us: ... *cast off your sins and do not procrastinate the day of your repentance; ...humble yourselves before the Lord and call on His holy name and watch and pray continually, ... and thus be led by the Holy Spirit, becoming **humble, meek, submissive, patient, full of love and all longsuffering, having faith on the Lord, having a hope that ye shall receive eternal life, having the love of God always in your hearts; that ye may be lifted up at the last day and enter into His rest*** (Alma 10:27-29).
- ⇒ *...receive the truth in the love ...submit themselves to be guided and directed by His will* (LoF4c).
- ⇒ Willingness to **sacrifice all earthly things...** (LoF6:7). *Those then who make the sacrifice will have the testimony that their course is pleasing in the sight of God, and those who have this testimony will have faith to lay hold on eternal life, and will be enabled through faith to endure unto the end, and receive the crown that is laid up for them that love the appearing of our lord Jesus Christ.* (LoF6:10a-c).

Absolute Surrender and Our Calling

In our last newsletter discussion centered on our calling, that task or tasks the Father has endowed us to accomplish to be able to fulfill the full measure of our creation.

We Are All Called

Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. (Mark 16:15) and *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...* (Matthew 28:19).

How do you know where God wants you to go and what He wants you to do? First, you say *yes* to God's path for you and only then does God reveal the calling!

How do you find the courage to say *yes* to God? By giving up of *self*. Courage is not the absence of fear, **it's the absence of self!** Absolute surrender!

It is nonsense to say there is not time enough to be fully informed. Time given to thought is the greatest time-saver of all.

Almost every hymn we sing is about Absolute Surrender when you look at them carefully.

All to Jesus I Surrender

All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give; I will ever love and trust Him in His presence daily life.

All to Jesus I surrender, humbly at His feet I bow. Worldly pleasures all forsaken, take me Jesus, take me now.

All to Jesus I surrender make me, Savior, wholly Thine; let me feel the Holy Spirit truly know that Thou art mine.

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee, fill me with Thy love and power, let Thy blessings fall on me.

I surrender all, I surrender all, all to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

How to Absolutely Surrender

The way to absolute surrender is Patience, meekness, humility, and resignation to God. It begins in and can only be found in the heart.

Recognizing that God gives us a new heart when we covenant with Him and rejoicing continually in this new heart because that is where the Holy Spirit dwells.

Letting go of every single dream. I heard a song recently and the chorus went something like —*when you don't move the mountain the way I think it should be moved,— I wait.* This to me is absolute surrender—waiting.

Summary

I firmly believe that in order for us to be ready for Christ's return, to have a part in His kingdom—and Celestial Glory, to be able to dwell in Zion we must have given our all, Absolute Surrender, to Him. Let's ask Him to open our hearts to receive what is needed individually to give Him our hearts.#

Humility

As mentioned previously one of the characteristics of Absolute Surrender is Humility.

Some definitions of Humility

Humility is to subdue. To reduce arrogance and self-dependence.

Synonyms of humble are lowly, submissive, reserved, defers to another, free of pride.

From A Theological Dictionary by Charles Buck, 1807 and published by Forgotten Books 2015 we find the following: *Humility* is the effect of divine grace operating on the soul, and always characterizes the true Christian.

An **antonym** of humility is Pride:

- * Pride doesn't care about humbly serving.
- * It wants control
- * or to receive a *pat on the back* for service fed by external success,
- * it thrives on attention.
- * Pride exhausts us. An example is if we are ailing and don't accept help with our needs.
- * Pride is a burden to us. It leads to dependence upon self and an unwillingness to yield to help, even God's help.
- * When we think we've done it all without giving the honor and glory to Christ who is working through us, then our attitude is the opposite of humility, it is pride.
- * Pride leads to despair.

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them (Eph. 2:10)

- * Pride leads us to only think of ourselves, not others.
- * Pride deceives us, makes us think we can handle anything.
- * It stops humility—we don't even recognize it!

Observations on humility:

- * Humility does not oblige a person to think of himself worse than he knows he is.
- * It does not oblige a man to give every body else the preference to himself. A wise man doesn't think of himself as inferior to others nor a virtuous man not as good as others.
- * Nor does it oblige a man to treat himself with contempt in his words or actions.

Humility consists of:

- * Not attributing to ourselves any good which we do not have..
- * Not over-rating anything we do.
- * Not taking an excessive delight in ourselves.
- * Not assuming more praise of our actions than belongs to us.
- * An inward sense of our many imperfections and sins.
- * And ascribing all we have and are to the grace of God.

The Curry's Endowment on Humility

- * Humility is lowliness of heart with great love, sacrificially and in great faith.
- * We receive the unlimited power of God in spiritual growth when we exercise faith, discipline, love and humility.
- * God would gladly reach anyone and richly bless them if they repent, and are humble in spirit. (Endowment Study Guide, ZRF pub. Pg 92-94.)

True Humility Will Express Itself:

- * By the modesty of our appearance, conversation, and behavior.
- * Humility is not obstinate, forward or hasty.
- * In listening first.
- * A humble man will consider his age, abilities, character, function etc. and act accordingly.

In the constant confrontation between the rock and the water, the water wins finally. Not because of its power, but by virtue of its perseverance.

The Advantages of Humility are:

- * It is well pleasing to God (1 Pet 3:4).
- * It has great influence on us in all our tasks, praying, hearing, conversations ...
- * It indicates that more grace will be given (James 4:6 and Ps. 25:9).
- * It yields great tranquility and contentment (Ps. 69:32-33).
- * It makes us patient and resigned under afflictions (Job 1:22).
- * It enables us to exercise moderation in every thing.

To Achieve Humility we Recognize:

- * The example of Christ (Phil 2:6-8).
- * That heaven is a place of humility (Rev.5:8-14).
- * Our sins are numerous and deserve the greatest punishment (Lam. 3:39).
- * That humility is the way to honor (Prov. 16:18).
- * That the greatest promises of good are made to the humble (Isa 57:15, 66:2, 1Pet.5:5, Ps. 147:6, Matt 5:5).

How Does Humility Please God?

When we are humble we are teachable, open to receiving God's enlightenment and understanding. We are not absorbed in ourselves, our carnal, selfish wills and desires. 1 Cor. 2:14 says when we are humble we spiritually discern. Mosiah 1:1118-120 tells us when we are humble we are child-like, teachable, yielding and not selfish which opens us up to the Holy Spirit being able to work in us.

God has desired this kind of relationship with His creation since the beginning of time. He wants to

walk and talk with us and humility is the way this is accomplished.

Every aspect of our lives, whether in prayer or meditation needs to be entered into in humility. This results in a resignation to God, giving up of ourselves to God's hands. This humility will become a part of who we are and is the foundation of a life of grace. We'll see that all other virtues (ie. peace, love, joy, faith, service...) have their beginning in our dependency on God.

Promises Given to the Humble

Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Matt. 18:4

A man's pride shall bring him low; but honor shall uphold the humble in spirit. Proverbs 29:23

And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted. Matt 23:12

When men are cast down, then Thou shalt say, There is lifting up; and he shall save the humble person. Job 22:29

Also, Proverbs 16:19, 3:34, 22:4, James 4:6, Ps. 10:17, 1Peter 5:6.

Summary

The only way to become humble is through Jesus in us. Nothing we can do, no internal argument or sense of duty or deep conviction or personal resolve or effort on our part, no matter how sincere can cast out pride. It is only by the indwelling of Christ in His humility that we can become humble.

We need the humility that gives God the place He deserves—we are content to receive everything from Him alone.

Humility is surrender. It requires a willing and humble spirit to allow us to let go of wounds and allow God's grace to heal.#

Jesus Freaks

by dc Talk and The Voice of the Martyrs

Stories of those who stood for Jesus — the ultimate Jesus Freaks

Published Bethany House Publishers 1999

What will people think when they hear that I'm a Jesus Freak? I don't really care because you cannot disguise the truth.

This book is about martyrs, those who choose to give absolute surrender to Jesus in the face of persecution.

There are more Christians martyrs today than there were in the days of the Roman Empire. According to the World Christian Encyclopedia, there were close to 156,000 Christians martyred around the world in 1998. An estimated 164,000 will be martyred in 1999. An estimated 165,000 will be martyred in 2000.

The word *Martyr* is from the Greek word for witness: *one who chooses to suffer death rather than to deny Jesus Christ or His work. One who bears testimony to the truth of what he has seen or heard or knows, as in a witness in a court of justice. One who sacrifices something very important to further the kingdom of God. One who endures severe or constant suffering for their Christian witness. A Jesus Freak.*

The purpose of this book is not to try to explain away the deaths of the martyrs, but to honor their conviction, commitment, and faith—and to build ours. Each of us must follow Jesus for ourselves. You may never have to face the decision of whether or not to die for your faith, but every day you face the decision of whether or not you will live for it.

Jesus Freaks is filled with stories of the very young and aged willingly giving of their lives in the midst of persecution, persecution we in this day and age in the U.S. have not known. But it's not about persecution only, it's about being willing to absolutely surrender ourselves to the Lord and stand up for

what we say as Christ followers.

One of the recurring themes in this book is praying for the persecutors. Jesus said to love our enemies, Matt 45:44, and to forgive them Luke 23:34.

Remember the Lord's people who are in jail and be concerned for them. Don't forget those who are suffering, but imagine that you are there with them. Hebrews 13:3

Jesus Freaks can be purchased on Amazon. Read it, you'll be glad you did.#

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Jesus also showed him how much Jesus wants permanent habitation with each of us. When Jesus lives with us and in us our environment is impacted and transformed for Zion's sake. We will have so much in common in our heart with Jesus that we won't get in the way of His work. He will gently teach us until we are transformed and habitable. We won't be contaminated by unholy activities and thoughts. As we grow in Jesus, the Holy Spirit will begin to purge us of the practices that do not benefit or edify.

When we yield to the Holy Spirit He will operate in us through words of knowledge, wisdom, prophecy, discerning of spirits — the gifts of the Spirit, God's ultimate goal in habitation is to include you and me in what He is doing on earth. Jesus can take each of us to a place where we are way beyond your years, way beyond what people have planned for you, way beyond any and all of what can be imagined by the natural man. We have the capacity to do the impossible, and the only reason why is because we have allowed Jesus to talk to us and influence us. Let your next step be the one that places you in absolute surrender to Him.#

The greatest help in meeting any problem with decency and self-respect and whatever courage is demanded, is to know where you yourself stand (E.E. Cummins).