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#### **Faithfulness**

Have you ever noticed the way people often treat those closest to them with the least amount of consideration? We get so preoccupied trying to meet our own needs and desires that we lose sight of the big picture. We forget how our actions affect those around us. It can be easy to overlook the other side of a situation whether it's with our family, our friends, or even with the Lord. It is easy to take the people we love for granted and not even realize it. We may also take the Lord for granted more often than we realize, and for many of the same reasons.

Sometimes, in order to change the way we live, we need to change the way we look at things. Adding a new perspective can help us understand how to accomplish this. Of all the examples in our day to day lives which can help us relate to our relationship with the Lord, marriage is one of the best.

A man returned home early from work one morning to find a strange truck parked on the curb in front of his house. Fearing the

#### By Elder Darren Bellamy



worst, he carefully entered the garage, picked up a gun he had hidden there, and then entered the house. When he could see that their home was not being robbed, his fear turned to anger as he then believed his wife must be having an affair. When he found his wife she was asleep in bed and alone. She later told him the truck belonged to someone from across the street and was parked on their side of the street because there wasn't room on the neighbor's side.

The man in this story is a former co-worker of mine. He later

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#### **FOREWORD**

**The Assured Way,** the official publication of THE CHURCH OF CHRIST WITH THE ELIJAH MESSAGE inc. comes to you as an expression of hope we have in Christ.

In its pages are found the thoughts and expressions of a united people, whose only aim is to promote the cause of Christ by spreading abroad to every nation, tongue, and people, the true gospel of Christ, that through obedience to his laws we might be found worthy of eternal life.

In this publication, <u>The Record of the Nephites</u> is quoted many times. This book was revealed and translated by the gift and power of God: The year 1828 marked the beginning of the restoration of all things. It is a history of the people who once lived in the Americas, some who are the ancestors of the Native America Indians. Though it contains a record of two other groups of people who once lived in the Americas, it is for the most part a record of the people of Nephi.

The Messages so often mentioned in this publication are messages from the Lord, brought to earth by his chosen servant John the Baptist, who comes to earth in a glorified body to finish the work given him of God; that of restoring all things (Matthew 17:11). The angel first came in 1829 and restored the priesthood authority of the Son of God, that The Church of Christ might be established as in the days of the Apostles.

In 1927, the angel messenger again appeared, and on numerous subsequent visits, has brought to us The Word of the Lord that the Church of Christ might be set in order, that a people might be prepared to be the bride of Christ. This "The Elijah Message" so many have looked for, "The midnight cry" has been proclaimed, a warning of destruction, but to the people of the Lord, a message that Christ's coming is near at hand. Fear God and give glory to his name, for the hour of his judgment has come. Awake thou that sleep and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.

We hope that whosoever reads these pages might make it a matter of prayer and fasting in humility before God, that they may know for themselves, that God has again spoken and revealed His will from Heaven. To this end we dedicate *The Assured Way*.

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The Quorum of Twelve recognizes the teaching and wording found in the <u>Bible</u> (Authorized King James Version), <u>The Record of the Nephites</u>, and <u>The Word of the Lord: Brought to Mankind by and Angel</u>, as our rule and guide as the stable wording of God.

It is the agreement of The Quorum of Apostles of this church that no minister of this faith is to ordain any man into the ministry of this church until said candidate has with all his heart and soul confessed he agrees with everything written in our *Articles of Faith and Practice*. It is each elders duty to seek guidance from and to keep the apostles informed of his works in regions he is laboring.

# **Special Notice**

The 2011 General Assembly of The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message will be held on:

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told me "If she had been doing what I thought she was, I probably would have shot and killed her!" The irony of the story is this particular man was a well known adulterer who entertained himself by pursuing the most attractive women he could. Having an affair and hiding it from his wife was like a game for him, but the very thought of his wife playing his game made him want to kill her. Was his anger justified, or was it justice?

In marriage, both the husband and wife belong to each other and depend on each other. They should each love and respect the other enough to trust and be trustworthy. Each one honoring the other by demonstrating faithfulness and treating their partner as he or she wishes to be treated in return. Being united as one in marriage the two should live in harmony, united in body, mind, and in spirit. "Therefore shall a man leave his Father and his Mother, and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh." (Gen. 2:24)

When either the husband or the wife dishonors the other, the mutual trust they once relied upon becomes broken. As the trust is lost, unity and harmony are lost with it. If nothing changes, kindness, happiness and eventually love may also be lost with it, ultimately splitting the two apart. Only through sincere repentance



for the wrong that was done, can true forgiveness be granted. Without forgiveness, there can not be unity. When two people enter into the covenant of marriage they are making a commitment to each other, each belonging to the other, pledging to honor, trust, serve and be faithful to each other.

Is the same not true of our relationship with Christ? "Therefore as the Church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own Husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ

also loved the Church, and gave himself for it." (Eph. 5:22-33) How long should we expect Christ to remain one with us, when we are unfaithful to Him? After all, we know He is faithful to us; so faithful that He willingly suffered and died so that we may have eternal life, in the greatest act of love ever known.

When we are baptized unto Christ we are making a commitment to Him. We accept Him as our Lord and Savior, and submit our lives to Him as our only master. We belong to Him because of the price He paid for us with His own blood. "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are Gods." (1 Cor. 6:19-20) The Lord made his commitment to each of us a long time ago, and He still honors it today. "Verily, verily, I say unto you. He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." (John 6:47) As our master he grants us the privilege to live with Him, and even inherit his kingdom, but also the freedom to choose not to. "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand. Come, ye

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blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." (Matt 25:34) We are granted the freedom to live however we choose. Even though we belong to the Lord, (our Shepard) we are like sheep in an open field with no fences or boundaries. If we follow after Him not because we are forced to, but because we want to, and commit ourselves to serving Him, trusting and believing in Him, then He will pour out His love and blessings upon us. "And behold, all that he requires of you is to keep his commandments, ye should prosper in the land; and he never doth vary from that which he hath said; therefore, if ye do keep his commandments, he doth bless you and prosper you." (Mosiah 2:20-24) He will always be with us, living in us and we will become as one with Him. "...For two saith He. shall be one flesh. But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit." (1Cor. 6:16-17)

However when we choose not to follow after Christ, but rather the world, which is the enemy of God, then we are being unfaithful to Him. (Jer.2:20-21) (James 4:4-8, 17,) We are bound by the

master we serve, and we are subject to the will of that master. When we follow after Christ and serve Him. we make Him our master. But when we follow after the world we allow the world to become our master, breaking the commitment we made to our Lord Jesus Christ, who bought us with his blood and is the reason we have a choice of who we will serve. We can only serve one master. It is not possible to serve the Lord while we are subject to another master. "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one. and love the other: or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." (Matt 6:24) "For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit..." (Luke6:43) Now if we know that a good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, then how can we, as servants of God, also be servants of the enemy of God? "...How can I rely on the untrue and unfaithful? Their prayers and their tears and their efforts are not accepted of me" (Message 30:7)"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but (only) he that

doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matt.7:21-23)

Another casualty to a broken marriage is a broken home. Children see the actions of their parents and although they may despise their actions, the children will often grow up to become like their parents following the example they set. When we betray the Lord, it can destroy not only our lives but also the lives of our children. Children often take on the nature of their parents. When we subject ourselves to the will of Christ, he will by His Spirit living in us, change our nature to serve him and keep his commandments. But when we subject ourselves to other things, they begin to rule our lives, and our nature changes to serve that ruling force. We can pass this nature on to our children to either serve the Lord, or not. "...The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after

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We should be mindful of who we are serving and what we are embracing; either the things of God, or things of the world. By studying the scripture and keeping the Lord on our heart, we can change our way of thinking from carnally to spiritually. The spiritual mind has no need

for the world and desires only to serve the Lord. The closeness we share with the Lord depends in part, on the level of commitment we show to Him. Real commitment is not about being perfect; it's about making choices that reflect the commitment you have made. The Lord knows our hearts and forgives us when we come to him in sincere repentance for our

sins. He loves us so much in fact that he not only forgives us, but he actually rewards us for turning our lives to him. (*Luke Chapter 15*)

Let us faithfully serve our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, with the hope of one day standing before Him and hearing those precious words "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

## **The 2011 General Assembly**

Are you looking for something to do the third week of July? Are you looking to strengthen you relationship with God? Are you feeling the need to meet and talk to other believers? If you answered yes to any of these questions you need to make planes to come to the 2011 General Assembly. It will be four days of praise, worship, learning, and growing. Message 69:6 "Let the Assembly meet in peace, let rejoicing be in your hearts. Pray earnestly and the Lord will meet with you by his Spirit, and great peace shall flow to all—and the faith of the faithful shall be heard. Power shall come as your hearts shall be prepared."

If you are not able to attended the General Assembly you can listen live. You can log on, listen and watch the General Assembly live at http://www.instantpresenter.com/cocwtem15.

What: 2011 General Assembly

Where: Lone Jack Civic Center, 591 S. Bynum Rd, Lone Jack, MO 64070

When: July 17-20, 2011

**Accommodations:** Comfort Inn located at 607 SE Oldham Parkway, Lee's Summit, MO. Ask for the Church of Christ rate when making your reservations. You can call (816) 524-8181 reservations.

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# **May Report from India**

#### Disciple A. Abraham

Dear Apostles and Bishops greetings to you in the most precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Really I considered as my great privilege to get in touch with you through this report the month of May 2011.

We thank and praise the Lord that he kept us through the month of April and has given us this opportunity to step into the month of May, by the God's grace and his immense mercy. We praise and thank the Lord Jesus Leading and guiding through the Church of Christ, with the Elijah message Inc.,

The funds you sent during month of May 2011, by money order have been received here and very wisely utilized for the payment of the Church, what ever tithing collected spend towards others expenses concerning the Church Ministry and helping the widows and poor people of our Church members and others, which was maintaining a separate accounts.

**Notice:** I really feel sorry to send the report delayed. There is a Hindu family the

husband name is Murali and wife name is Latha. she is a pregnant lady nearly 9 months. Some times and some days she used to come to the Church, (The Church of Christ, with the Elijah Message). My wife Stella and I will visit them and pray with them. They went to hospital to examine her, but doctor told her she would have to undergo an operation, we shared about Jesus Christ, and we prayed for her in the house and the hospital. By God's Grace she given birth, she got nice female child, we really praise and thank God for his miracle works in her life. We are going and visiting the hospital, so please pray for them, let them come to the Church.

May 01, 2011 Sunday
Church service: The
Apostle Paul said in 2<sup>nd</sup>
Thessalonians 2: 1- 10 that
before the return of our
Lord Jesus Chris, "...there
should be a falling away
first, and that man of sin be
revealed, the son of perdition. Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that

is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God" That is what the Catholic Church has done with the Pope. They believe his words to be the same as if from God.

May 08, 2011 Sunday
Church service: Then

Church service: Then we have the words of the prophets contained in Amos chapter 8:11 - 12., " Behold the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but for hearing the words of the Lord. And they shall wander from the sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord and shall not find it." God had showed the prophets of the day we live in today and that the people would suffer for lack of the Word of the Lord and run to and from and not find it. We live in that time dear friends.

May 15, 2011 Sunday
Church service: Jesus
Christ himself told us the very
same thing. We may read in

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Matthew 24: 1- 2 and find," and Jesus went out, and departed from the temple; and his disciple came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, see ye not all these things? Verily I say unto you, there shall not be left here one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down.

**May 22, 2011 Sunday** Church service: Who was the chief corner Stone? (read Ephesians 2: 20). Jesus Christ was the chief corner stone and he himself, said that mankind would fall away from the very foundation which he had created for us to follow. So we can see the Apostles (One part of the foundation which we are to be built upon in our Christian Faith) told us the entire Church would fall away from the Word and Doctrine of Christ. Then we can see where the Prophets (another part of the foundations which

we are to be built upon), said we would fall away from the Word and Doctrine of the Lord Jesus Christ. Then the Lord Jesus Christ (the final part of the foundation we are to built upon), said we would fall away from the Word and Doctrine for Christ. In the Word of God all of this was told unto us that we might be made aware and understand the time and place we live today by the Word of God.

May 29, 2011 Sunday Church service: We can the understand words of 2<sup>nd</sup> John verse 9, wherein it states, "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in are doctrine of Christ, hath not God....." if we do not have God's Doctrine, then who's doctrine do we have: the answer is simple: the doctrine of devils as is stated in 1st Timothy, chapter 4 verse 1. We truly need to understand God wants mankind to follow him and

not the devil. Doctrine (the Word of God) is very important and very needful for us to follow and understand. It is in reality the difference between eternal life with Christ and eternal life in hell.

The Lord's Prayer begins with "Our father, which art in Heaven". Indeed, the Lord is a loving father and a just father and a father whom has paid for our souls with his sacrifice upon the cross. He seeks truly to save us and have us abide in his Words and his Doctrines. He desires us to not wander in darkness. rather to walk in his light and his word and his salvation. It is for that reason he promised he would send someone to restore his Church, that his people could worship him in spirit and in truth (Gospel of John 4: 23 – 24), "the hour cometh and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the father in spirit and in truth: for the father seeketh such to worship Him".

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## Message 56

The Messenger of the Lord, John the Baptist, appeared to me in my room while at the home of Elder Thomas Evanson, 315 Woodland Avenue, Jackson, Michigan, at 2:30 a.m., October 11, 1942, and instructed me to write the following message. He spoke kindly yet with firmness as one having authority. He spoke slowly and repeated at times as I wrote the words just as he gave them. The light of his resurrected presence filled the room.

- 1 "Arise and write the message I will give you.
- 2 I come to you at this time with words from the Lord your God. I am the Messenger of the Lord and I am sent to do his will. I am commanded to bring the instructions; to direct; to point the way to the Christ, and my name is John. I am the Elias. I come that the Church may build upon the foundation Christ has laid. There is safety in the light I have brought and will yet bring. Therefore, follow the instructions I have given you.
- 3 Read the messages I have brought from time to time; study them. Moreover, heed

the warning that is given, abide by the doctrine of Christ, teach it to all people, be ye united in your work. He that will heed the warning will gain thereby. Those that heed not will lose in the end. Be at peace with all men for the Lord will gather his elect and they shall have peace with him.

- 4 Remember the destructions have come and are coming, for the great controversy between Christ and Satan is on. Men will be tried and many will not be strong to stand because of fear. Remember to be humble, the Lord wants a tried people. Be true to the trust the Lord has placed upon you.
- 5 Let not contention be found among you. Let it not be that you contend over points of the doctrine of Christ. Let the Voice of Warning carry only that which will be peace. My message is one of love; let it gladden the hearts of all that will hear.
- 6 Thus saith the Lord, 'I will lead my people if they will be humble and keep my

commandments. Hear ye that are honest of heart and will be humble before me. You shall be tried as Job and many shall learn obedience.'

- 7 I speak the Lord's words and I come that the word might be fulfilled, and the Kingdom of the Lord may be among mankind to redeem them.
- 8 Let all that seek to be the Lord's come all the way. Shape your lives by the words I bring and it will be well with you. Preach faith in the written words and the full plan of salvation and unto the will of the Father. I come that a way might be for man to endure.
- 9 Verily, thus saith the Lord, 'I have sent my messenger for to prune my vineyard even this last time. My Zion shall be redeemed as the prophets of old have spoken. I have led the children of Israel in days of old, so will I lead my people now as you come near unto me and obey my voice in the instructions I send for your cleansing. Yea, I am God and I change not.

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10 Yea, verily, I have plead with you yet few arise quickly to obedience. Blessed are all those who drink of the water of life freely. Lift up, ye faithful for I am he who dwelleth on high. I will not leave you, therefore, lift up in faith and move in the strength I shall give, for I am your Redeemer and I will cause thee to stand.

- 11 Yea, I will cause strength to be upon you that my strange act may be brought about. Nations shall yet know I have spoken and sent my Elias that all things may be in my planning. Bring forth my Zion and the righteous shall have victory over the oppressors. Enter in at the strait gate, abide and endure unto the end that ye may obtain life eternal. Repent in a contrite spirit and bring your sacrifice of a broken heart. Let all pay their oblations to me and I will be your reward, saith your Lord.'
- 12 Let the servants counsel together much as you have been warned. Let all be sedate in a seemly manner.
- 13 Much of the instructions has not been followed. The weakness and slothfulness of man has caused the work to

suffer. Therefore, the Lord commands that you heed the instructions I bring for it will be well with all those that obey.

- 14 There are those that are delusive to this cause. There are those that have denied my coming and speak lightly against this cause. The Lord has taken the authority and trust from them. Let Spilsbury and Bronson know that the authority and trust is taken from them because they have desired to walk no more with it, they have denied my coming and the Lord gives it unto others.
- 15 Let these that I shall give you be set apart as apostles in the Church of Christ that the quorum may again be full. Oliver Kenneth Goff, Warren M. Nellis, and Alfred Van Leuven. Let them know this office and calling is sacred and holy and must be kept so. Let them be at work. Let them go to the field for good shall come thereof. The way shall be opened.
- 16 There are those that have failed. Their faith is not strong in the Lord's work. Their minds become

full of doubts and go in darkness. Some know not the Lord's Spirit nor the power of the Lamb slain. Some have their own way and will fail if they do not repent and abide by the instructions given. Man cannot deceive the Lord; he knoweth their hearts. He is merciful and longsuffering for he knoweth their desires. Some have failed, not being humble nor willing to obey. Fear not, for some will repent; some will fall by the way. They do not watch and pray.

- 17 Let the message be taken, let it go to the ends of the earth. Let it go for the Lord will provide and open the way. The message I bring is one of love to those that obey it.
- 18 Many shall be made white and tried and have on robes of righteousness, but where the people will not study and learn the words I bring from the Lord they will grope in darkness. The Lord calls many that know not the plan of God, and the unlearned to bring about his decree.
- 19 Let Donald Dobson and Carl E. Pape be set apart as elders for the work of the Lord has need of them. Let them

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be humble and the Lord will bless by his Spirit.

20 Let D. T. Chapman, Earl Ewing and Wayne R. Richardson come into this work and be set apart as elders for the Lord knows their hearts and has heard their prayers and if they will not be dis-

couraged over the weakness of man the Lord will lead them in all things.

21 Let E. G. Glaeser arrange to go into the field for much is to be done. The Lord will bless him.

22 Be at peace with all men

for the gathering shall be and the dispersed will find refuge for the Lord hears the cry of saints and the righteous.

23 I leave peace with you, be not moved. I will come again. Amen."

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