

## **2016 Readiness Check!**

### **Part 2: "Readiness Check!"**

**AS NEW CREATURES IN CHRIST TAKE A LOOK OLD THINGS ARE GONE, ALL THINGS BECOME NEW!**  
2Corinthians 5.17

**BEGINNING THIS NEW YEAR RESTATING BASIC ELEMENTS AS A READINESS CHECK FOR MINISTRY IN 2016**

**Restating... Army Base Hospital! Everyone saved part of the Army of God! Existing to put people back together to return to the field! Going for fit, capable, not pretty! Mind on the mission, not ourselves!**  
**Our civil life is out ahead of us, where life is truly civil... until then we will be serving in uncivilized territory as soldiers on a mission for souls!**

**NO MAN AT WAR ENTANGLES HIMSELF WITH THE AFFAIRS OF THIS LIFE SO THAT HE MAY PLEASE THE ONE WHO HAS CHOSEN HIM TO BE A SOLDIER! 2 Timothy 2.4**

**Readiness Check 2016! Worship Attentively! Read steadily/studiously! Serve exemplary! Give consistently! Forgive Father-ly!**

**"In the new covenant I will remember their sins no more!" Heb8.12 "Forgive as you have been forgiven or you will not be..." Lk 6.37 Mk 11.26**

**THIS UNFORGIVENESS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH LOSING YOUR SALVATION! IT HAS TO DO WITH SEVERING YOUR FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD! WE FORGIVE TO REMAIN IN THE DWELLING OF GOD! ENTRUSTING OURSELVES AND THE PEOPLE WHO HURT US INTO GOD'S CARE SO WE KEEP THE CONNECTION THAT SAVES US!**

**Readiness Check 2016! Connect relationally! Not religiously, but intimately! Not superstitiously, but knowingly! Not traditionally, but adventurously!**

**"Let every detail in your lives — words, actions, whatever — be done *in the name of Jesus...*" in His name... signed off in His name... Colossians 3.17**

**"In the name of Jesus..." *Words:* as the expression of His authority... "*so says the Lord!*"**

**"the worlds were framed by the word of God!" Heb 11.3 (power) "if any man speaks let him speak as the oracles of God!" 1P4.11 (use) "Out of the abundance of the heart man speaks!" Mt 12.34 (source) *What if the words you spoke came to pass under His power? "death and life are in the power of the (your) tongue..." Pr 18.21***

***What's in our words? Vanity, bitterness, anger, deceit, meanness, empowerment for our enemy? Or, wisdom, grace, love, truth, the eternal life of God?***

**"In the name of Jesus..." *Actions/activities:* our testimony to his nature and character?**

**"If any man ministers let him do it with the ability that God gives, *so that God, in all things, is glorified thru Jesus Christ!*" 1Peter 4.11 "For this purpose was the Son of God manifested, *to destroy the works of the devil!*" 1John 3.8**

***Jesus name is part of our family relations, employment, private, social and civil lives... Glory for God or aid for the devil?***

Our actions, deeds, and activities, should be done in faith, submitted to His authority, suggested by His model, certified by the Holy Spirit!

**“In the name of Jesus...” “Whatever”** we do: can we connect Him?

He is Savior: is it REDEEMING? He is Friend: is it helpful, serving? He is GOD: is it accurate? What impression do we leave of Him by our “Whatever?” What Bible version do people read when they see/hear us?

**Whatever we do... should be done with consciousness of our connection with Him and regard for His good name!**

**Connecting Relationally... It begins with reading the Word!** Must see Him at work! Snap pictures when His name is mentioned! **It continues to develop thru prayer!** His power was not eloquence... It was His relationship with His Father and His will! **It clinches in “conversation!”** “I say/do what I hear the Father saying to me!”

**Conversational Prayer...** Disciples knew Jesus power came from His prayer life... But they had hundreds of ritual prayers that did nothing... His wasn't ritual or religious, it was conversational... Every “Father” connected by love, and scented with home! Informal, momentary, comfortable, knowing, telling, exchanges...

**Telling Prayer...** From the way we “converse” we can tell a lot... How you talk about someone tells others about your relationship! This is my boss... This is Mr. Smith... This is my best friend...

How you talk to, and about, God tells a lot about your relationship! Subjugated... Formal... Intimate...  
**Your prayer/conversations, should tell us that you know Him, trust Him, love Him, worship Him, commend Him... and welcome Him in life!**

**So, conscious of our connection with Him and conversationally intimate we should be okay with His intentional presence with us... all the time!**  
**whatcha' doin'?**

**This intimate connection...** Should not feel condemning but convicting! **R8.1 J16.13** Should feel correcting and comforting! **Heb 12.5-13** Should feel safe and affirming! **Pr 3.11-12** Is proof that God has moved in to make you His Masterpiece!