

A New and Living Way! **Part 8: "The Way to Be There!"**

"The word of God is living and active..." Hebrews 4.12

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We are pursuing the living words, the energized words, of God on the way Jesus re-opened for us! Because we don't want to be fooled into foolishness... but live with the truth that sets us, and others, free!

Freeing Truths... *Get our families in order, have the "way" to step up further!* God designed the "successful rule over our worlds" on the family foundation! Crazy times ahead for us and our kids! Our homes must become our sanctuary... Cities of refuge in troubled times! Building ever better marriages! Improving our communication skills! Doing the homework to make home work!

Commercial Break... (again!) Love Languages! Commercial Break... (again!) Maximum Marriage!
Commercial Break... (again!) Reset!

Exercises... *Learning to speak our mates language again so we can show our love!* Words and actions go together for God and people! ***Building strong homes/foundations by fading the heat! No (E+S = EEW)***
Not going to release demonic influences into our homes... Going to deal with our struggles before making it home!

In fact, we deal with them as they come...

Going to deal with the emptiness, stress, hurt, fear, disappointments, failures "of the day" before we get home...

So that when we get home we can really be there... for whoever is there and whatever is next!

To Reiterate... We build strong homes, homes that are sanctuaries, by dealing with *our stressors as they come...* Relationship stress... Ex-relationship stress... Money problems... Future forecasts... Health issues...

So that we can have presence, and presence of mind for whoever and whatever is next! That is the new and living way!

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Personal Exercise... So, there it was (on Friday)... the fullness of what I had for you for today... Wasn't done by any means... Already had the video clip embedded... "What people need is God's truth!" But there I sat, waiting... WHAT'S NEXT? "Look around you!" Gen 22.13 [ram] "What's going on?" [swirls of life] "What are you doing?" [preparing] "*What you are doing is the message!*"

With all the other things going on in my life... the cares of the church... My daughter was in the CDU at St. John's Hospital, 500 miles away! CDU: means no one knew what was going on with her/pain/source! But we had been praying with each new crisis/revelation... Remaining free for whoever/whatever was next...

Have to stay free to meet what's next! Jesus re-opened the new and living way to God so that we don't have to be carried away with, or by, anything!

Jesus Demonstrated the Way... On His way to “one place...” Then interrupted by something else! Jairus’s daughter/woman with the issue of blood! **Mk 5.21-43** Didn’t forget His place, but handled what was going on, and moved forward! **On His way to “the place...”** Not distracted by the thousands of things swirling around His mind/heart! “Multitudes coming to Him... *beside* Himself...” NOT! **Mk 3.21**

Paul Demonstrated the Way... How many times did this guys life look covered up/buried with stress? “troubled on every side, but not distressed, perplexed but not in despair, persecuted but not forsaken, knocked down but not broken... **2Cor4.8,9** “beaten, imprisoned, shipwrecked, adrift, wandering, wondering, dangerous situations all around me, lying brothers, tired, pained, hungry, cold – GLORYING IN MY STRUGGLES – AND BEING HONEST ABOUT IT! **2Cor11.23ff** And the “dot” connector to the new way? “If we die we will be present with the Lord... but living or dead we want to be fully aligned with God... if we are “blown out” we take it to God, if we are in our sound mind, it is for your sake... *for the love of Christ holds us together to live His way...* we are new creatures, *with a ministry of reconciliation!* **2Cor 5.8-18**

Walking out life on the new and living way reopened by Jesus... is living by the words and wisdom of God! And the greatest of all the attributes opened by Jesus was our instant, constant, access to God the Father... And the faith in Him that extinguishes every fiery dart of the evil one!

Fire and Water of His Words... “Be afraid of what men can do to you...” I will not, not when I have access to God who is for me! “The last days will be ‘lionized,’ dangerous, times...” But the Lord is my light and salvation, who will I fear? He is the strength of my life, of whom will I be afraid? “I will bury you in troubles!” You can’t hold down a resurrected life!

Water and Fire of the Holy Spirit... “It’s impossible for you!” Yes it is, but with God all things are possible again and thru Him I will live valiantly! “You have no strength!” And I will glory in my weakness only to be made strong in the Lord! “You’re not smart enough!” True enough, but I have been given the mind of Christ, full of the wisdom of God! Water and Fire of the Holy Spirit... “You’re not worthy!” You are right but I am accepted in the Beloved and made worthy by His love! “You won’t know what to speak!” So true, but I will wait on the Lord who has promised to give me what I need to say! “What can someone like you do in life?” Everything God sets before me because it is not by my might, or power, but by His Spirit!

We must always be aware that the threats that come with life events... Come to distract us from the life we have on the new and living way God has planned!

But from that new and living way; with instant access to God, we handle everything life can throw at us!