

Day 13

- So, I know that yesterday was packed with A LOT! And I could have probably separated it into two posts, but I have to go with what the LORD tells me, and if I had separated it, it may have removed some of the impact of the greatness of it all, so I chose to go a couple of minutes longer.
- I would like to add, if you haven't started this devotional from Day 1, please go back and start there. This devotional series is definitely like a huge math problem, and it has multiple layers that are building on top of each other.
- One more additive — if you haven't already, please go to my website heidijolopez.com and print off each Day's transcript. There are scriptures listed on many of those days that I don't mention in the recording. I am visual, so having something to visually see and use for study helps me solidify it deeper in my heart, which is where we want it. "For out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks." Matthew 12:34.

- As I have shared in prior posts, God is talking to us all the time. Our part is to learn how to tune into His frequency, or turn our ear close to Him, so we can hear Him. We also need to be fully aware of how He speaks, so we don't miss anything He is saying.
 - Thankfully, He tells us things in so many ways, that if we missed it in a few places, we can catch it in another place.
 - I already mentioned that He speaks to us audibly; He speaks to us through scripture/the Bible; He speaks to us in dreams and visions, and He speaks to us in that still small voice that we know as our thoughts, or as I often say, He impresses it upon our hearts. "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me." John 10:27.

- Toward the end of September, God gave me a word —
 - In that place between asleep and awake, I heard the LORD say, **IT IS ALL ABOUT THE BLOOD.**
 - When I heard that, I awakened quickly. I have been learning how and when God speaks to me, so I am much more sensitive to hear Him when He does. I have become accustomed to His voice (what a lovely place to be), and I knew He was speaking to me — It is all about the blood.
 - There is a lot in that one phrase.
 - "For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul." Leviticus 17:11.
 - Okay, so just to give you a heads up, there will probably be more posts regarding the blood. It is a large and powerful word to unpack.

- For any of you who grew up in church singing hymns, you will most definitely remember that many of the hymns talked about the blood — the blood of Jesus.
 - Probably the most remembered hymn about the blood is, "There is Power in the Blood."
 - Would you be free from the burden of sin? There's power in the blood, power in the blood; Would you o'er evil a victory win? There's wonderful power in the blood.
 - There is power, power, wonder-working power in the blood of the Lamb. There is power, power, wonder-working power in the precious blood of the Lamb.
 - The hymn goes on from there, and I encourage you to look up the lyrics even if you know the song. It still carries an anointing on it.

- When God gives me a word, I write it down in my journal — well, I am way more consistent with it now than I was before — I write it down, ask Holy Spirit what He is saying to me through it, and I wait on the Lord — wait for Him to tell me if it is a word for me only or a word to share.
 - When I woke up this morning, the song — There is Power in the Blood, was running through me; I immediately remembered the word from about 9 days ago, and I knew it was time to share it here.
- It is all about the Blood —
- When I was growing up, we talked about the blood of Jesus a lot — because we knew that without Jesus blood, there is no remission of sin — forgiveness of sin.
 - Overtime, individual church congregations got away from talking about the blood. They may do a sermon on it around Passion Sunday, which is Passover, or as most people know it, Easter. Pastors may even talk about it a bit during communion, if they still teach on and take communion in those churches. But mostly, talking about the BLOOD has become unpopular — I have heard it said, “it makes people uncomfortable.”
 - In this moment, if I was texting, I would be putting rows of that mute, big eyed emoji in a text and sending it — like silence with just crickets in the background. “It makes people uncomfortable??”
 - Ummm — without the Blood of Jesus, there is no salvation. Yeah, let me say it again — without the Blood of Jesus, there is no salvation. PERIOD!
- Now if you have made it this far with me in these daily devotionals, you know, in part, how the enemy of our soul, Satan, works by now. Why do you think he would want churches to stop teaching about the BLOOD?
- Any thoughts?
 - I think we can go back to the hymn, “There is power in the Blood.”
 - There are reasons why people are uncomfortable hearing about the Blood in a church setting — oddly though, I imagine many of those same people watch it on TV and movies — I digress.
 - When we hear about the Blood shed for us on the cross, and we learn about covenant being made for us with God through the Blood of Jesus, we are convicted — that’s right, hearing about the Blood of Jesus, convicts us of our sin and iniquity. There is certainly power in the Blood.
- Scripture also tells us, as I have mentioned in prior posts, Life is in the Blood. (Leviticus 17:11), and there is certainly Power in the Blood. You may ask yourself, why is Satan so afraid of us knowing about the Blood?
- “Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren (Satan), who accused them before God day and night, **has been cast down. And they OVERCAME him by THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB and the WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY**, and they did not love their lives to the death.” Revelation 12:10-11.
 - So, let me repeat the LORD’s words to me, IT IS ALL ABOUT THE BLOOD!
- Now, in posts to come, we will also talk about why Satan wants and even needs the spilling of innocent blood — why he puts shows filled with violent murder on TV and the movie screens — as I said in Day 11, he is wanting to desensitize us to it — he wants us so

desensitized, that we believe it is no big deal — when those images wash over us, over and over and over again — Satan is literally washing us with violence. That is in complete contrast to the scripture that says, Jesus, cleanses us with the washing of water by the word. (Ephesians 5:26).

- Now, if God is Absolutely Good, and there is no evil in Him, is He going to be in those violent shows? We are commanded, “Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evil.” Proverbs 4:14
 - Remember the Law of Seed, Plant, Harvest — “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.” Galatians 6:7-8
 - Satan knows the spiritual Law of Seed, Plant, Harvest — he knows the adage, garbage in, garbage out — “The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!” Matthew 6:22-23.
 - None of this is about condemnation and control — ALL of this is about knowing how the enemy lies to us and traps us in things we do not understand. “My people are destroyed by lack of knowledge.” Hosea 4:6.
 - God wants us to see all of these truths, not to control us, but to set us completely free!
 - “Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.” John 8:36
 - “Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.” Galatians 5:1
- Until tomorrow, think on these things I have shared — let them saturate your whole being — look up the scriptures in the Bible for yourself, and ponder all that God is saying. I will leave you with His words — IT IS ALL ABOUT THE BLOOD.