

Day 32

- I was reminded of something AMAZING this morning! God's love over us is perfect; it will always be perfect. No matter what we have done, no matter what the enemy says, no matter our circumstances — God's love can NEVER be taken from us — EVER!!
- I don't know about all of you, but I know for myself, I once had a tendency toward works — it was vomited into my life early by the enemy of our soul. And although God has completely delivered me from that vile concept of earning God's (or people's) love and approval, it is a rut system from old, and every now and then, the enemy tries to remind me of my past.
- Which brings to my mind an old Carman song lyric from "Revival in the Land" — in the song, Satan says to one of his demons, "It's time to launch my final, most vicious attack. I'll remind the saints of their past..." the demon replies, "You know what will happen if you remind them of their past?" "What is that?" "They will just remind you of your future."
- The reality is, no matter how young we may have come to Jesus relationship, we all have a past; we all have things we wish we had never done; we have things we wish we had done better. All of us have things, if we could, would most likely go back and change.
- But, that is what the cross of Christ is ALL ABOUT! "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20.
- I think we need to take a few moments and break down this scripture. First, let's take the name Christ — it comes from the Greek word Christos, which means "the Anointed One."
- For most of us, I think we see the name Christ, and we think it is another name for Jesus, and in a sense, it is, but let's break it down simply to wrap our brain around it. My name is Heidi, that name encompasses all the character attributes, giftings, talents, skills, and titles that are connected to me. Heidi, is everything about me put into one name — and actually, if you were going to really use my name to its fullest, it would be Heidi Jo — Now, Heidi Jo is a teacher. Teacher is not who I am in my fullness, but it is a part of who I am. As Heidi Jo, I can step into my God given call of teacher and speak and teach with that anointing and authority.
- Okay, let's look at Jesus — Jesus is the name that represents everything about Him, including His place in the Godhead. And actually, if we wanted to encompass His real fullness, we would say Word Jesus. Because, before the Son came to earth as a baby, He was in heaven as part of the Godhead, and His name is Word. That is why scripture says, "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14).
- Christ or Christos is an aspect of who Jesus is. The Anointed One is who Jesus went to the cross for the sins of the world as. When He was nailed to that beam, He was being nailed as Jesus THE Christ — the Anointed One — the final Lamb sacrifice for all mankind. There would never be another reason for any sacrifice to take place to cover sin because Jesus as the Christ became sin, became it, so we could be totally free from sin and death.
- So when the Apostle Paul says in Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ..." He means it. When Paul, and any of us, give our lives to Jesus Christ, we spiritually die to our past and all sin is completely gone because it was obliterated on the Cross with Jesus Christ. Paul is saying, I no longer have a past; nothing from my past can weigh me down, nothing. Nothing from my past has any hold on me, or control of me, or authority over me. So when he goes on to say, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me," he isn't being boisterous or flippant in those words. He is saying that the old Paul is gone; I am alive only through Christ, through the Anointed One — because now, Father God, when He looks at Paul, or any of us who are in Christ, He sees Jesus first. God looks at us through the blood of Jesus; the perfect, purifying filter. And as Father God looks at us through the blood of His Son, He sees only who we were designed to be; full of destiny and freedom; full of all the amazing gifts, talents, attributes, and purposes we were created for before God put us in our mothers' wombs.

- “And the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” Paul is saying, this flesh life I walk out everyday, I live it by faith in the Son of God, living according to the Spirit — That faith in the Son of God allows me to see myself through Father God’s eyes, to look through the same Jesus’ blood filter, and as I see myself this way, I can walk by faith in all the ways Father God designed me to be.
- So, through these amazing truths, we can rebuke the devourer, the one who tries to remind us of our past, to get our eyes off of Jesus and onto our flesh. In these moments, we must say to satan, “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” Galatians 2:20. And you know what satan, I don’t see what you see because I don’t have that past. I have the past of Jesus Christ.
- Remember how I started today, God’s amazing love for us! How can I live according to Galatians 2:20? Because God loves me and gave Himself for me.
- This is why nothing can separate us from the love of God, which is found in Romans 8:38-39.

- Now, let’s jump into the book of Ruth — I believe we will see the amazing love of redemption even more now that we have walked through Galatians 2:20 — God is so amazing!!
 - We ended yesterday with Boaz noticing Ruth — the Redeemer sees the one needing redemption before the one needing redemption can see Him.
 - Boaz said to her, “You will listen, my daughter, will you not? Do not go to glean in another field, nor go from here, but stay close by my young women. Let your eyes be on the field which they reap, and go after them. Have I not commanded the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn.” Ruth 2:8-9.
 - Now, we could run right by all of the amazing things actually said in this scripture. And believe me, in the past, I have. Remember, this account of Ruth isn’t in the Bible just to show us the history of what happened in that time. It is in there for multiple, dimensional reasons.
 - Why did Boaz call her, “my daughter?” — Is she his daughter? No — what Boaz is saying, just in that moment in history, is, I recognize that you are the daughter-in-law of my late relative Elimelech, but when we look at his words with spiritual eyes, his calling her “my daughter” carries way more weight than even what I just explained. He is actually saying (prophetically as a Kinsman Redeemer), I don’t see your Moabite past, Ruth; I don’t see the incest and sin of your ancestors; all I see is the covering of family on you, and I am looking at you through the blood line of my family.
 - Remember, God is showing us a foreshadowing of His Son, Jesus, coming as our perfect Redeemer. He is telling us, I have already spoken into being Galatians 2:20.
 - Boaz was looking at her through the blood of Jesus...How, you might ask? Because Jesus came from Boaz’ line — Boaz represented Jesus as Redeemer in that moment in history — Jesus, Boaz’ great, great, great, lots of greats, grandson is the Savior of the world; our Redeemer, and our Redeemer lives! Everything that would still happen at this point in the book of Ruth, had already been SPOKEN into being, by the WORD Himself at the creation of the world. Jesus died on the cross for all time, past, present, and future. God is the Creator of everything, which includes all dimensions. God knew His Son would die, so everything that was Spoken into the world from the creation of it, was Spoken with Jesus dying on the cross in mind. This is why we can find soooo much foreshadowing in scripture...if we look with spiritual eyes.
 - The rest of the passage of Ruth 2:8-9 is showing us who a Redeemer is; our Redeemer calls us “my daughter” or “my son,” He provides for us; He protects

us; He leads us in the way we should go; He provides food; He shows us our safe boundaries, and He gives us water when we are thirsty.

- Does this remind you of anything?
 - “The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores [Redeems] my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.” Psalm 23.
 - The prophet, King David, heard that word from the LORD, and wrote it down as Psalm 23 — He heard the truth of Redeemer — and hearing it, as a prophet, as a seer, David could see the truths of the words written and dancing before him in the Spirit. Maybe Boaz saw those same revelatory words when he looked at Ruth that day, for King David was also in his family line; in that moment, Boaz captured his destiny, and he wasn’t going to miss fulfilling it. Boaz wasn’t just telling her “glean in my field”; he was saying, “my daughter, I am here to redeem you; I see you; I remove your past from your life with my redemptive covering; I will provide for your every need, and no person who would wish you harm will be allowed to touch you. Now, as your protector, don’t go beyond the boundaries of my authority (for my rod and my staff will comfort you). And when you thirst, come and drink of what I have provided for you.”
 - Now, remember, every word God says is intentional. So when Boaz tells Ruth, “And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn.” (Ruth 2:9), God isn’t just talking about literal water. He is setting up what is to come from our Redeemer Jesus. “Go to the vessels and drink...” Who could He mean?
 - “Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’” you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.” John 4:10.
 - Wow!!! Do you see it?? Because, once you begin seeing how each thread is woven into God’s amazing tapestry plan, you can pick one thread and follow it all through scripture, and what you find on that journey with Holy Spirit will blow your mind!
 - “Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.” Jeremiah 33:3.
 - “It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter.” Proverbs 25:2
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- Everything God does is very intentional; everything He has put in the Bible has amazing multiple attributes and meanings. We can choose to read the Bible in the flesh, but if we do, we will never really see what His words are saying. Reading the Bible in the flesh is like eating a piece of dry bread — it can technically feed us, but we aren’t going to desire to eat the dry bread; we aren’t going to want to get up in the middle of the night because the dry bread is calling to us.
 - BUT, when we read the Bible with spiritual eyes, it becomes fully alive, and it opens us up to a world with no beginning and no end. When our spiritual eyes are opened to the Word of God, that dry bread becomes a massive banquet of everyone of our favorite foods, and not only can we eat and eat and eat, we will never get so full, we want to stop eating; we will never gain calorie pounds; we will never be satisfied by anything else but that banquet. This spiritual scripture banquet calls to us; wakes us up in the middle of the night, so we can eat more; we become so intent on the feast that we would rather stay at the banquet than do anything else. And this incredible living banquet found in the Word of God can only be

accessed through baptism in Holy Spirit — for our spiritual eyes can only be fully opened if Holy Spirit opens them. (If you have jumped into this devotional without starting from the beginning, and if you have never accepted Holy Spirit, our most amazing gift given to us by Father God, coupled with Salvation, please go back and listen to Day 6. In Day 6, I talk about being filled with the Holy Spirit and lead you in a prayer to receive Him.) Now, I want you to look at the word GIFT. Remember when Jesus said to the woman at the well, if you knew the Gift of God, He is talking about Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit opening her eyes. Because if her eyes had been open she could have seen He was Jesus the Christ, and she could have asked Him in that moment to give her living water.)

- Until tomorrow, be super blessed and completely encouraged because our God's love is POWERFUL, MASSIVE, COMPLETE, and UNCONDITIONAL!!!

- Side note: that banquet I just described is the Wedding Feast of Jesus and His Bride, and we can experience it right now in the Spirit. Be Blessed!