

Ring of Fire Ministries

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May the Lord Jesus Bless You Abundantly Always!

I saw something I thought was a pretty amazing truth recently I wanted to share with each of you, considering we are entering into a new season right now... THE TREES ARE ABOUT TO SHOW US HOW GOOD IT IS TO LET THINGS GO. And what is even more amazing is this transitional season we are currently entering into is named, "Fall," which I can only assume replicates the term, falling leaves. I am not sure if you've entertained the thought of just how beautiful the turning colors of leaves are, before they fall? Not only is the color of these leaves a reminder of just how perfect and beautiful our Creator took with great care of every detail when He spoke them into existence, it is a promise to us, He uses that exact care in tending to the beauty of us, His children.

I don't know why I worry? But I do sometimes. I also don't know why I feel out of sorts when changes are in order or a particular difficult season hits and I want to hold on for dear life to the little I do have, over letting go. It seems to me even the trees are more obedient than me quite often and they are definitely more in tune to season changes, than I often am. Personally, I know for myself... We can experience so much loss throughout our lives, that we are fearful to let go of anything or anyone who may bring harm into our lives. But consider this... Quite often we are our own worst enemy.

So here's the struggle... We seem to more readily be willing to let go of outward things that are not good for us, but when it comes to indulging in things personally that are not good for us, we tend to hold onto them for way too long. Jesus told us to "die to self daily..." Meaning, to put away all those thoughts and actions which do not benefit our souls for His Kingdom purpose. And no matter who you think you are or how Holy we convince ourselves to be, this is much harder than one would think it to be. Usually the one we lie the most to, is ourselves about ourselves.

The Lord Jesus tells us He will establish us like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither and whatever he does shall prosper. This is an amazing verse of encouragement when read with understanding and simplicity. When we drink of the well of life found in Jesus, we will thirst no more from anything impure as He washes away all of our iniquity so that what we say, do and think is pure also. Prosperity in this context is not financial at all, it is much better than physical wealth, it is spiritual wealth. He promises us, when we seek Him, He will cleanse us and our souls will thrive in purity, contentment and growth. All of these things on Earth, pale in comparison to our true promised eternal Home with Him. So I said all that today to say this... What do you need to let go of today in your personal life, that is hindering you from your growth and contentment found only in Him? Ponder that a moment.

Jesus does not expect you to do this alone. He is the bridge that carries you from this place to the next on your spiritual journey with Him. The only requirement for this season change in your life is a willing heart that calls out to Him for help. It is just that easy and it is just that hard. People ask me all the time how He does what He does and all I can tell them is I have no idea, all I know is... He just takes a willing heart and molds it into one that looks like His.

I can only imagine the thoughts which must run through your mind at times, all the regret, the dreams shattered and the time lost from plans that went awry. How about today you try letting all that go and give it and your heart fully to Jesus, in order He may fill you completely with His love, bringing your soul back to life, removing the dead things which were weighing you down. He not only can change you, He is waiting and watching intently for you to let Him remove the pain you've carried for way too long. Time to let go and let God and become who He created you to be as your faith grows.

It is my prayer you are blessed today and everyday and that you keep shining like the light of the Son Jesus in a darkened place bringing others peace, love and joy when they too are burdened to the point of giving up hope.

In His Love Always ~ Angela *its not about perfection, its all about growth!*

FOR I AM POSITIVE, THAT NEITHER DEATH, NOR LIFE, NOR ANGELS, NOR PRINCIPALITIES, NOR POWERS, NOR THINGS PRESENT, NOR THINGS TO COME, NOR HEIGHT, NOR DEPTH, NOR ANY OTHER CREATURE, SHALL BE ABLE TO SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD, WHICH IS IN CHRIST JESUS, OUR LORD. ROMANS 8:38-39