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SPIRITUAL AWAKENING – RELATIONSHIP

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(Scripture references are taken from The Amplified Bible, unless noted. Bold and highlights are for emphasis).

Recently, in prayer, I shared my heart with God about relationships. Specifically, why do we make them complicated? It can be frustrating living in defined boundaries. Still, I have experienced the fruit of complying with **Matthew 5:9** – Blessed (enjoying enviable happiness, spiritually prosperous – with life, joy, and satisfaction in God’s favor and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions) are the **makers and maintainers of peace, for they shall be called the sons of God!**

As I pondered my relationship with God, I realized that the only boundary is the understanding that He is the Creator – my heavenly Father – and I am His daughter. Because of providence, He takes care of me, and I revere Him by obeying His Word. I reflected on His treatment of me – love, patience, forbearance, teaching me how to manage life issues from a Biblical perspective, and so much more. I was inspired and motivated by the joy of learning His ways and thoughts to express Him on earth. This learning process in our relationship has been truly inspiring and motivating – indeed “freeing.”

On this particular morning, I sensed His heart, and it was simply His desire for His children first to have an authentic relationship with Him and then with one another. This emphasis on the importance of a genuine relationship promotes a feeling of importance—that each of us matters- and a sense of belonging and significance. I continued to enjoy the sound of His voice walking in the garden in the cool of the day – which is me on my deck in the morning, waiting on daybreak – lol. It all started in Genesis when He created us. He wanted a family. And, of course, the enemy usurped His plan – welcoming “boundaries and frustrations and walking on pins and needles, etc.” The circle of love was broken, and the door was opened for excuses and justification – **boundaries that produce bondage.**

An impact is the realization that boundaries are established because we don't know one another. It takes time to know and understand another person, and it starts with knowing and understanding God. I recall an old acquaintance who said, “To know God is to become like Him.” I love that statement because we were created in His image and likeness and should desire to express Him properly on the earth.

Please read **Jeremiah 31:33** – I will be their God, and they will be My people and **Philippians 3:10**—that I may know Him.

Most importantly, **2 Corinthians 3:16-18** reads: ⁽¹⁶⁾ But whenever a person turns [in repentance] to the Lord, the veil is stripped off and taken away. ⁽¹⁷⁾ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty **(emancipation from bondage, freedom)**. ⁽¹⁸⁾ And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit.

I believe that in this eighth month—New Beginnings—we could choose to repent and have relationships from God’s perspective. It requires the death of “self” and a heart that wants to please God without qualified reservations. He wants a family. It starts with having a genuine relationship with Him – a real son/daughter of the ALMIGHTY GOD.

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