



Don't Get Distracted

Recently, as I was going into our prayer-living room, I felt a real overshadowing, a leading and presence of the Holy Spirit come over me in a very strong way to pray. God was clearly drawing me. As I tangibly felt a pull, I heard the Lord in my spirit say, "Turn off all your gadgets... turn off your computer, turn off your phone – turn it all off!" I immediately did just that. I turned everything off and immediately the presence of the Lord flooded the room and it was so very easy to pray. I went to a very deep place with the Lord where I was led for every prayer, I was led in worship. I could feel the Lord tangibly on my physical body.

After about an hour and a half of this intense presence of the Lord a thought came to me, "maybe now you can turn on your phone and see if anybody has contacted you." So, I went to turn on my phone and Beloved, like in one second, the presence of the Lord left that room. He left because I turned on my phone. The Lord was really dealing with me. I don't know how many of you pray but you also have your phone nearby or your computer on. I have done that a lot and the Lord has been speaking to me about it, but this time, it was very firm. When the presence of the Lord left, I have to tell you, my whole soul just sank and I cried out, "I don't want to lose You! This is horrible." I felt a sick feeling inside and I cried out again, "I don't want to lose You. This is horrible." I immediately fell to my knees and I began to implore and plead with the Lord, "Please come back! Please...this has been so beautiful. I don't want to lose You! I don't want to lose the richness of Your presence. I need You." I pleaded with the Lord. I don't know how long I did this, but it went on for a while.

I was in full repentance and I didn't know whether the Lord was going to come back or not because honestly, He didn't owe me another visitation because He is God and in spite of the rich manifest presence of the Lord, I got distracted! I continued to repent and after about 15–20 min of really pleading with the Lord and showing Him that I was really sorry, His presence filled the room again. I realized that the Lord was speaking a word to me, especially in these days, that we cannot be divided. We cannot give God our full attention and also have our mind or our heart thinking, 'I wonder if somebody is calling me or I wonder if there is an SMS or anything like that.' It's a total dishonor to the presence of the Holy Spirit who is God Almighty, not just a spirit and a good feeling. He is the third person of the Godhead.

I continued to pray as His presence filled the room again and I had one of the best prayer times that I have had in a really long time. I mean we have had wonderful powerful times together on our Powerline Zoom calls, but I went to a special place by myself that was intimate and intense, a deep intercession because the presence of the Lord was fully leading me. The Lord is jealous for our full attention and I really believe in these last days, if we truly want to get the mind of the Lord, not just what the newspaper says, not just what the Jerusalem Post says or Fox News or somebody says from the pulpit, but we want to hear from heaven, we must shut our gadgets down and ask, what is God saying?

There is so much division in the Body right now because people have different sources of information. I am getting information from some people who are praying one way for the Ukraine. I am getting other information from people who are praying the opposite way and saying, it is not what you think, watch TrueNews, watch this, watch that. They are sending videos and more videos. I am getting all kinds of things. I believe that the Lord is saying that we have got to connect with His throne as never before. We have got to hear what the Spirit is saying to His Ekklesia, like what it says in the Book of Revelation to the seven Churches. He who has ears to hear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying

to His Ekklesia. God knows what He is doing. He wants us to cooperate with Him and we cannot just listen to every video, every news report, every person.

I am not saying that I don't put the news on. But I try to stay connected to the Lord to get His discernment, Should I pay attention to this? Should I not pay attention to this? But I must tell you, that night in the presence of the Lord, I was getting things directly from heaven about the Lamb of God, slain from the foundations of the earth and His burden for those going to the slaughter. I was getting it from the Lord, the lamb who was slain and I was praying into these things. I was getting new songs and I was singing them over the victims. Beloved, we have to get the mind of the Lord.

I want to share a couple of scriptures from the Song of Songs that are in line with what I am talking about here.

"O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me see your countenance, let me hear your voice; for sweet is your voice, and your countenance is comely. Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes." Song of Songs 2:14-15

The Lord is speaking to His Bride and He says, "O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me see your countenance." This is God saying, I want to see your countenance, your face. Let me hear your voice for sweet is your voice and your countenance is beautiful. Immediately in verse 15, He says, "Take for us the foxes, the little foxes that spoil the vines. For our vines have tender grapes." He is saying that in this beautiful garden that He has cultivated to walk with His Beloved, in order to get intimate and to share His heart, He says, Be careful of the little foxes. Be careful of those little things that come in to disturb this intimacy that I desire to have with you. I desire to bear my heart to you, but I cannot do it if you are going to have other loves, if part of your heart is wondering every few minutes what information is going through your computer or phone. I desire you to be undivided.

Now, look what happens in chapter 5, after it says, "Take away the foxes." She is looking for her Beloved. She has lost Him. How many of you have lost the presence of God at times and have wondered, Where are You? Where are You, Lord? She says, "By night on my bed I sought Him whom my soul loves. I sought Him but I didn't find Him." (Song of Songs 3:1-5). Something happened in their relationship and it caused her to lose His presence and He wasn't going to give Himself back to her so easily because He desires her whole heart. He desires your whole heart! He desires your full attention.

In verse 2 it says, "I will rise now and I will go about the city in the streets and in the broadways. I will seek Him whom my soul loves. I sought Him but I found Him not!" Then it says, "The watchmen (the leaders of the city or Ekklesia,) found me and I said to them, 'Did you see Him whom my soul loves?'" She is asking the leaders! Many people lose the presence of the Lord and they ask others. They ask the pastors, they ask somebody in the congregation to help them find their relationship back with the Lord. But it says in verse 4, "It was but a little that I passed from them, but I found him whom my soul loves: I held him, and would not let him go, until I had brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me." She had to go beyond. She had to pass the others by. This speaks of intimacy. What happened here, Beloved? She experienced what it felt like to lose Him and when she found Him, she held Him tightly. That's what happened to Mary Magdalene and the other women when Yeshua appeared after the resurrection. They grabbed Him at His ankles. She was saying, I don't want to lose You again! I can't do that because my heart broke. I can't afford to lose You again!

He is testing this love. He is testing His Bride. He is testing His people right now. He needs a Bride that's going to be completely focused on Him alone, to cooperate with Him in the end times. They come into this wonderful intimacy but then again in chapter 5 He comes to her room saying, "I have come into my garden, my sister, my spouse, I've gathered my myrrh with my spice. I've eaten my honeycomb with my honey. I have drunk my wine with my milk: eat, o friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly, o beloved." She says in verse 2, "I sleep, but my heart is awake;" She heard His voice. She says, It's the voice of my Beloved that knocks, saying, "Open to me, my sister, my love," How many times has the Lord knocked on the door of your heart to have intimate fellowship and you were doing something else and you didn't leave it and then He left? How many times has He knocked on the door of the Ekklesia and it was in the middle of a message or giving the programs or in the middle of refreshments. He is so sensitive. The Holy Spirit is so sensitive like He was on that night when I just had a thought, "Let me just turn on my phone, I don't think it's going to bother the Lord." But He left the room!!!

The same thing happens here in Songs chapter 5. Listen to what she says to Him in verse 3? "I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them?" She is saying, "You have come at a very inconvenient time. And we the Ekklesia have said it to the Lord so many times.

Watch what happens in Song of Solomon 5:4. He is so passionate that it says, "My beloved put his hand in the hole of the door." He was pushing His hand in, He so desired to fellowship with her! You know, in the last days, when the Lord is going to be broken in His heart like in the days of Noah because He saw that all the thoughts of man in his heart were evil all the time (Genesis 6:5) and He was filled with pain. He was looking for somebody to comfort Him, somebody to walk with Him, somebody to share the burden of His heart. He found Noah. Praise God!

Look what happens in Song of Songs 5:5-6. She was finally moved. She realized what she had done, that she had lost His presence. But look what happens. "I rose up to open to my beloved; and my hands dropped with myrrh, and my fingers with sweet smelling myrrh, upon the handles of the lock." She was finally getting filled, she was getting excited to meet Him. But in verse 6, "I opened to my Beloved (a little bit late after she gives Him many excuses). I opened to my Beloved but my Beloved had withdrawn Himself and was GONE. My soul failed when He spoke. I sought Him but I could not find Him. I called Him but He gave me no answer." She begins to charge the daughters of Jerusalem, "If you find my Beloved, tell Him that I am lovesick."

Beloved, God is looking for a faithful Bride in this hour that He can share His heart with. He is looking for a body, He is looking for an individual. He doesn't need a lot of people. Noah was one person. He found David, a man after His heart. He was comforted. He was comforted through history by some of these amazing men and women of God that gave themselves fully to Him.

I called up a friend of mine and I shared this experience with her and she told me that the Lord told her to get off Facebook/social media. I really believe that the Lord is saying that this is not a time to get divided. This is a time where your heart has to be whole. He says, "Don't worry about tomorrow" in Matthew 6, "μην μεριμνάς/min merimnas." Don't worry. Μεριζουμε/Merizoume comes from the root of a word that means "to divide" or "part." He says, Don't get divided by worrying about what you are going to wear, what you are going to eat, about your job, about the papers you have to correct. When the presence of the Lord comes upon you, STOP EVERYTHING! STOP EVERYTHING!!! He is the Lord of the universe, He is God! Don't tell God, "You have come at an inconvenient time." He desires to share something with you! He desires to tell you the secrets of His heart.

He desires for you to agree with heaven so that He can do on the earth as it is in heaven. He desires for you to be that point of contact so that He can make His purposes fulfilled on this planet. In 1 Corinthians 13 it says that we know in part and we prophesy IN PART. But it says, when the perfect comes, the in part will be done away with. He is the perfect. Love is whole, it is not an 'in part' thing. Beloved, many of you have been in love. Try to remember when you were in love and all you did was think about that person! You dressed for them, you waited for them, you sat near the phone until they called you, you got ready, you were vigilant. You were ready at the second that they knocked on the door to open it. How much more with the Lord? How much more, Beloved?

I don't know about you, but I am learning to turn off my gadgets when I pray. I am turning off my phone. If someone calls, is it urgent? Can't it wait? But you know what Beloved, the Lord can't wait. He's the whole, the Perfect. Read the Song of Songs again. The Bridegroom was trying to mature His Bride and the Lord is trying to mature us in this hour. The mature Bride is not divided in heart. The mature Bride does not have one hand with the cellphone and the other looking at the scriptures or praying or saying, "just hold on a minute, Lord, I just got a phone call, excuse me... somebody is calling me." No! No! This is an offence to the holiness of God.

God wants a Bride that is ready! He is going to test you. He came to this Bride in the Song of Songs when she had already taken off her clothes, already taken off her shoes, she was already going to bed. He could have come before that but He desired to see her heart. He was testing her. Praise the Lord that when He first led me out of the kitchen, I gave Him my full attention. I closed my phone, I closed my computer and thank God for the grace that when I went to open it up again, I fell on my knees and repented and He so graciously came back.

I want to encourage you today. Turn off the gadgets and give the Lord your whole heart. You will not be sorry because He will share things with you that He has never shared with you before when He sees that He can trust you, that when He needs you to be there, you will be there. When He needs somebody to comfort Him, you will be the one, ready to do that.

Lord, Yeshua, we desire to be a ready Bride. We desire to be a Bride whose heart is awake 24/7 even in the middle of the night, that when we sleep, our heart is awake. We are ready to hear You. We are ready to get up if You tell us to get up to fellowship with You. We are ready, Lord, to intercede for a nation, for a person.

Beloved, this is a time when you CANNOT BE DIVIDED in your heart. You WON'T HEAR a clear word from God. If doors have not opened for you, if you are waiting for a promise from the Lord and it's not coming, maybe you need to turn off your gadgets, turn off your own ideas, all of your own plans and just spend quality time with the Lord without any interference so that the Lord can come and do what nobody else can do, what no newscaster can give you, what no video can provide for you, what no one on planet earth can do! God is looking for a people in these days who are ready. I trust that we are going to be those people. In the name of Yeshua.

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