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Note for 20251031 – Gal 2:20

1. Opening

Welcome to the Devotionals of The House of Bread. In the Word we read that we are to receive the Word of GOD by the Spirit, so I strongly urge you to pray before you receive the Devotional. Let Christ take the lead in your Spiritual Development.

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Introduction

How long have I been writing to you about the larger context of the Verse of the Day? As we "zoom out" from the verse to see the surrounding text, the context of the Word, so too can we focus in.

2. Scripture Text

Galatians 2:20 KJV

"[20] I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

<https://bible.com/bible/1/gal.2.20.KJV>

3. Devotional Reflection

We have "zoomed out," now, let's "zoom in."

"...and the life which I now in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God..."

Life in the flesh... Lived by the faith of the Son of God.

There is something remarkable here, friends. This is not speaking of a time to come but a current moment. Real time, right now, in the flesh, not some remote day to come. Once you understand that we need to look at the *"title"* focus. **What does it mean to live by the faith of (not in, but "of") the Son of GOD?**

That means an inner working of the soul within the flesh, taking the flesh in the way of the indwelling Spirit of GOD. The Word of GOD made manifest in the flesh. I know, it seems a bit like *"wordplay"* but it is not. It is the construction of understanding. *"By the faith of..."* means His faith, not mine alone. It means stepping away from my *"will and faith"* and stepping into His faith in our Father. It is trusting the guidance of the Holy Spirit more than the computations of our mind, and the emotions of our heart. Adopting the mind of Christ and the heart of Christ. Jesus did the Will of our Father perfectly.

Now, a little testimony is needed to show application. I will simply play out what I wanted or felt (very briefly) and the guidance I received that was contrary to what my heart felt. I was offended. I was guided to *"step back."* And as I answered, *"I can be a servant"* I realized I said

it out loud, heard (as though prepared) by a brother in the faith who later revealed that he was guided the same morning to look at the concept of meekness. Now, on meekness, that message was given to him, not me. No, I got, "step back," and I gave up my seat to a stranger. GOD spoke to my brother and then showed him the application of meekness.

Now, though I followed the instructions, was it my heart to step back or the will of GOD as instruction was received by the Spirit? At best, I listened. The wisdom in that, the will in that, was not mine, but GOD's. I just obeyed. Once again, I can only be filled with joy for obeying, but the outcome is because of where the instruction came from. I showed you "*in the will of...*" What Paul is writing about here is "*in the faith of...*" The Son of GOD.

The Son of GOD stands in the perfect will of GOD, the perfect faith in GOD, as we discover where He prayed in the garden, where he laid down his request to GOD to be subject to the Will of GOD, because of His Faith in GOD. (**Matthew 26:36-46**) Now, the scripture does speak of accepting GOD'S Will rather than His own, but not of His Faith (not written) but is it not because of faith in GOD that He accepts GOD'S Will over His own? And is that not echoed in our prayer when we pray, "*Thy Will be Done?*"

It is one thing to say it, but can we live it out? Can we take those words into action? How do you lay your will down if you don't know that another Way is required? There must be a revelation of another way than our own, even if we do not understand why, we must know that the other way is His, contrary than what we planned or wanted.

So often, man is faced with that when a loved one comes to end of life here on earth, in this place in this form. We may not want it, we may even grieve because of it, but we cannot deny that a higher "*Will*" is done that is so obviously not our own. When we accept GOD'S will, instead of our own, we are standing in a faith that is "*like*" that of Christ's in the garden. We want the person to live, GOD wants the soul to move on, do you see that?

Well, I wanted to sit on a seat that was "*reserved*" for another. Now, I suppose I could make a rejection to man, but how would I ignore GOD'S instruction, when He clearly said, "*Step Back?*"

Now, how does that happen, and then this verse comes as the Verse if the Day the next morning? I do not work at YouVersion. And besides that, here I am at 3AM, when I was called to come and write here. Would I even be able to write here to you on this Verse if I did not obey yesterday? What would be my testimony then?

Now, obedience cannot come without instruction. It cannot come without following another's will than your own. You must lay down your own to stand in another's. In this case, GOD'S.

Who is blessed this morning by the instruction of GOD? Yesterday, I felt ashamed, and this morning I am blessed because of that obedience. Doing the Will of GOD, without knowing why at the time, and here it is revealed to me now, while everyone else is sleeping. Who is blessed? What is treasure? Gold? A seat of honour? Or knowing that you passed a test? Remember, you cannot give up your will without another will made known, you cannot give it up without some faith that is higher than your own.

The honour here is not mine, friends. It is then GOD who *"arranged it"* all, to His own Glory.

In His faith in our Father we walk when we are obedient to the Word of GOD (**John 1:2,14** for more context) Now, if you can wrap your head around it, did I receive Word? By the Spirit, yes! But, Who is the Word of GOD? See Jesus effective in your life, by stepping into obedience to GOD our Father in Heaven, Hallowed be His Name. His Kingdom come and His will be done, in earth (through the flesh) as it is in heaven. See the Word alive. **Matthew 6:33** seek first the Kingdom of GOD, and His Righteousness and all these things shall be added into you

4. Closing Paragraph

What does scripture mean now?

In faith, you can trust and in trust you can give up your own will for His, if you can lay down your life, and follow His.

Faith in action, works, and only the obedient sees and are blessed by it through revelation and instruction from Him who brings with Him the reward. Nobody goes to the Father except through Him.

Selah, Shalom.

Today I share it with you, so you may find it for yourself in Christ Jesus, the Son of GOD, the Word made flesh.

5. Summary

The core message of this devotional is the imperative to live the current life "in the flesh" **by the faith of the Son of God**. This phrase means stepping away from our personal "will and faith" and adopting Christ's perfect faith in the Father, which involves trusting the **guidance of the Holy Spirit** over the emotions of our heart or the computations of our mind.

The primary manifestation of this faith is **obedience** to God's instruction, which requires the believer to lay down their own will to stand in another's, like Christ's surrender in the Garden of Gethsemane. This surrender leads to the revelation of a higher way, even if we do not understand the instruction at the time. Through obedience, we pass the test, receiving **blessing and instruction** from God. When we commit to this surrender—trusting to give up our own will for His—this obedience becomes **faith in action (works)**, allowing us to see Jesus effective in our lives. We must pray and receive the Word by the Spirit, letting Christ take the lead in our spiritual development.

6. Resources

Playlists:

Over the last few months and years, we have compiled a few playlists on SoundCloud. Feel free to explore it, download it and share with friends and family.

Find playlists at: <https://soundcloud.com/houseofbread4u/sets>

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