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Note for 20251024 - John 14:6

1. Opening

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

When I was just a young boy, my dad was my hero. He was the embodiment of "cool," or at least what any young boy might consider "cool" before having any form of experience of what "cool" even was. I would take every opportunity to spend some time with him, driving on the farm or into town. I wanted to be just like him when I grew up and be a farmer, just like him. My dad told me that I could steer a car and tractor by the time I was only three.

2. Scripture Text

John 14:6 KJV

"[6] Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

<https://bible.com/bible/1/jhn.14.6.KJV>

3. Devotional Reflection

Somewhere along the scope of changing times, slowly or maybe even in just one moment, for me that changed. He wasn't the "cool" dad anymore, in fact, he became someone I couldn't trust anymore. Yet, I loved him, I just had to be weary about what he said. Life became hard, difficult to judge and even harder still, to trust. Was it him, or was it me, maybe, in our fallen state, probably both, as both of us were caught in an imperfect place.

You see, Jesus, our Lord and Saviour never had that. No, He was without sin, and His Father was the Almighty GOD, the Creator, Who is without fault, despite what many in this world would have you believe. No, GOD is perfect, and so is His Son. He never lost trust in His Father, and neither should we lose trust in God, our Father in Heaven.

A couple of years back, my dad passed on. And though we have found our way to find peace with one another again, both of us knew that neither one of us were perfect. But, we could recognise that we were given to one another by our Father in Heaven. We were lent to one another for a moment. In the expanse of time, created for all mankind. But, GOD is eternal, His fatherhood does not run out. He is ever present, and according to His Son, Jesus Christ, He is a Spirit. (**John 4:24**) (Ruach as the Hebrew would pronounce it.)

In fact, Christ said something very interesting:

Matthew 23:9 KJV

“[9] And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.”

<https://bible.com/bible/1/mat.23.9.KJV>

Of course, this is best understood by what we read in Genesis 2:7

Genesis 2:7 KJV

“[7] And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”

<https://bible.com/bible/1/gen.2.7.KJV>

All of us have our roots in that moment. And by that breath of GOD we exist. So can an earthly father and son both be sons of GOD and brothers to one another in Jesus Christ. More so when the Holy Spirit comes, for then we are living souls again, not heading for the second death.

Last night, Kellyn and I got to say farewell to a dad, but we also got to say farewell to a brother. And now we have the foresight of the day when we will be joined to him again, when we follow where he went to be with Christ. Now, he will no longer suffer the burden of this world in its fallen state, no! We will meet with him again in a perfect state.

The believer, though we may still have to deal with some mourning with the grief of separation, do not experience what we know as death as the non-believer, for they lay a body to a grave. We lay our loved ones to rest in Christ, Who is Life everlasting for them that believe. Paul probably said it best for us to understand:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 KJV

“[13] But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. [14] For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. [15] For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. [16] For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: [17] then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. [18] Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”

<https://bible.com/bible/1/1th.4.13-18.KJV>

Jesus said it better, if we can receive it:

Luke 20:35-36 KJV

"[35] but they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: [36] neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection".

<https://bible.com/bible/1/luk.20.35-36.KJV>

"Children," I like to think of that. It brings me so much comfort. In light of this, we should consider whose children we truly are? You see, there was a stage in my life where, I suppose, you could say that me and my dad were in a state of divorce. Though we were fortunate enough to reconcile with one another, yet they greater union awaits us when we are joint to one another in that perfect state, not as father and son, but both sons of the Most High. But, it does leave us with a slight predicament. You see, we will all be joined to our true father, be that GOD, or be that the father of lies. At some point, my dad and I were not necessarily going to different "places" either. The question is to which one? Once we secured the same Father in our hearts, not only did we have the joining in what's to come in common, but we could reconcile here too. When we could see one another as brothers in Jesus Christ, we could make peace with one another, forgiving, as we have been forgiven. Members of the same higher family of GOD, destined to an eternity of life by the grace of our Father God in Christ our Saviour.

4. Closing Paragraph

The really big question then today is to each of us, who awaits us on the far side of this wall we call death, which is more like a transition to the Truth of Life. Is it eternal life in the Glory of our Father God, the Creator, or in condemnation with him that is condemned too, the father of rebellion? All will meet their true father in the end.

Selah, Shalom

(In memory of Leon Russouw, a brother in Jesus Christ. Rest in Peace, in Christ we'll meet again.)

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