

The Ripple Effect

KINGDOM CONTRASTS **Receiving as Sons**



Prior to their entrance into the Promised Land - "Land of Inheritance", God shows Israel the land so they could see what they would be occupying. The

interesting thing was He not only showed them the land, He also showed them all the various enemy nations He left in place. Now why would God leave all the enemies in place - He left them to take care of Israel's inheritance because they weren't ready to manage it yet.

God said He would give them houses they didn't build, vineyards they didn't plant, so He left the enemy in place for a season to make sure the vines got pruned and crops were looked after. The enemy thought they were a threat to Israel, but truth is they were working for them; they were managing Israel's inheritance until they were ready to possess it.

When we speak of our inheritance kingdom, there are a couple conflicting themes. Matt. 11 concerning the kingdom, Jesus says the violent take it by force; in other words there are times when you can only attain what God has for you by knowing who you are in Him and operating in the authority He's given you. This involves intercession and spiritual warfare; you are given something by promise, but you still have to lay hold of it. In this place for you to experience breakthrough

you must be intentional and specific to utilize the weapons of your authority, such as the Word of God, praise, name of Jesus, and the Blood, these four dethrone the enemy.

There are different seasons, times to battle where all resources are focused on battle and you have the heart of a soldier. God is obligated to fulfill all His promises, but not obligated to fulfill our potential à we must step up and seize the opportunities. But then there are seasons, 'it's this season we're entering into of Mark 10. In contrast to Matt. 11, Mark 10 says we receive the Kingdom as little children; we are not fighting as soldiers, you now receive as sons. Rest and receive as sons, you inherit what you didn't build and prosper from what you didn't plant, this is God giving you (houses and vineyards). This is the season we are being prepared for and invited to, an inheritance you did nothing to earn. There are certain things that cannot be entrusted to soldiers, they can only be entrusted to sons.

Now how big is your inheritance? Psalm 2 says if you simply ask, He will give you nations. There are nations, spheres of influence waiting for you to receive, you don't strive or perform to gain an inheritance, it is given to you simply because of who you are.

In Romans 8:18-21 Paul says sufferings or struggles of the present moment don't compare with glory about to be revealed in us; says creation eagerly awaits for the "manifestations of sons of God". All

the earth, all of creation is waiting for you and I step into our inheritance, to assume our position; take our place. Creation's not eagerly waiting for us to fight, but to receive; it is groaning, aching for purposes of God to be revealed in earth through His people.

When we have revelation of our role as sons, we are able to walk in the pleasures of God and the open heaven over us and we become free to rest.

In Mark 1 Jesus comes to be baptized and in verses 10-11 "Immediately, coming up from the water, the heaven's opened and the Spirit descended on Him like a dove, then the voice came from heaven saying, "You are my Son in whom I'm well pleased." This opening of heaven wasn't to release wrath; or to demand performance; it is to release His pleasures. Pleasure positions us to rest, yet also empowers us to endure. We are able to breakthrough, while walking in revelation of His pleasure.

JOURNEY INTO HIS HEART



The other morning I awoke and my heart was aching. As I talked with the Lord He seemed to be saying, 'I Am lonely for you.' As I pondered on

those words I recognized that the Lord is lonely for His people... "Imagine that!" I thought; wow! He desires so very much to spend time with us just because!

For us to want to spend time with Him, not to ask for anything of Him, but to just dwell in His presence - no teaching, no material gain, not even to get a message, but just be alone with Him. We are so caught up in running here and there, to hear this message or that, always doing, doing instead of being, being, being. I was touched so deeply in my heart that I couldn't help but weep. To think that the King of all creation desires that kind of intimacy; that kind of time with Him; I know you have all heard this before. I only wish I could express to you all to experience a time like that with our Bridegroom. It overwhelmed me to know how He longs for those times with Him and how much it honours Him, how awesome is that! It is great to soak in His presence with soft music going, but this is something even deeper than that. I wish I could describe it; all I know is to be so completely undone, your heart will never be the same again. All you can do is humbly bow and not have anything to say or do. So come to Singing Waters Ministries and try it out, God is here to welcome one and all.

God bless you.

Jean Knox

HARD JOURNEY / HEART JOURNEY



I'm thrilled to say a devotional done by Gloria is the inspiration for this newsletter's theme. It's good to reflect upon the route that has brought one from where they were to where they are now and really decide what sort of journey it has been. For me I believe it's been an intermixing of both of the heart and hard; I guess it depends on how focused you are on the One you are following on this journey.

If you asked me for the first half of 2009 where I thought I would be at the start of 2011, I'll be honest and

say Singing Waters, (let alone living on base) was nowhere near the top of my list. It's truly Father God who has brought me, although I've a close friend who has argued otherwise to being here once again as part of the team of Singing Waters. And there the heart and hard aspects my journey have mixed as my heart is first and foremost to grow more into what the Lord would have for me, even at the cost of what I hope is only a seasonal hard loss of a friend. As I think about it, that has been a challenge in my life; do I go with what my well meaning friends (who are mostly Christian I might add) feel or go through the hardship of trusting my heart in the hands of my Lord, though I do it alone. In some ways it appears to be such an obvious choice, but is it really? Then again, if you look at it as a sacrifice for the mere opportunity for that little bit of growth, for that step further in the journey deeper into Daddy's heart and wonder of wonders you will discover there are others on the same road heading the same way as you.

Jason Knox

HARD TIME OR HEART TIME



One morning during team devotion I kept hearing it's 'a hard time', but inside my heart I kept hearing a tiny voice, "Heart time". Then I began to ponder about 'Hard Time or Heart Time'. It is so easy that we keep our eyes on the difficulties around us, but can we turn our eyes upon Jesus and not see the difficulties? Can we turn the 'hard time' into 'Heart time' with Jesus?

For the last two years, I kept seeing all the difficulties around me and thought that God didn't care much about me. I didn't think that He could be my Protector and Provider. Until one morning, God woke me up from a dream and gave me the verse, Matt. 6:33 'But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness and all these

things will be given to you as well.' (NIV) Then I slowly refocused on Father God instead of the difficulties around me. When I changed my focus suddenly everything is so great. Did I have a great time in the past two years? Yes, I did; I had a lot of fun with friends and family, but because of my narrow focus I had lost count of all the blessings that Father God has given to me.

Is it a hard time or is it a heart time? I think it depends on what's our attitude.

Let me end my article with this song we all know:

Turn Your Eyes

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow
strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

Gloria Hsieh

HARD WAY OR HEART WAY



"Snowshoes!" two words I have heard before but never together; I had never worn or imagined myself wearing a pair.

I was born and raised in New York City and I have never seen anyone wear a pair and I didn't want to be the first to be "martyred" for wearing tennis racquets as shoes. It was my first day in Ontario, Canada of my two- month stay of personal ministry time at Singing Waters and a leader had mentioned that snowshoes were available for me if I wanted to take a hike to the river. I was all up for the hike, but wearing snowshoes sounded awkward. How? Why? What! It reminds me of two other words that I have heard before but never together, until recently. Those words are, "Pastor Eric", both words are familiar to me, but said together they always had an awkward feeling to them. They are words that I could not have imagined myself hearing or wanting to hear.

I'm still uncomfortable hearing those words because I guess it identifies me with people I never wanted to become. I grew up wanting to become a successful real estate tycoon like Donald Trump owning property around the world and driving a Porsche.

My journey with God started when I was a child at Billy Graham revivals asking God to reveal Himself to me. I remember being devoted in seeking Him through the Bible but never really hearing Him. As life would have it, I turned away from seeking the Lord and throughout high school and college I did not commit myself fully to Him. I sought many other things and people to fill my needs instead of trusting in Him. It was not until a year after graduating college that I first heard from God and it was in a way that I could no longer resist Him.

I was invited to attend a night service at my church. I was told that a pastor from India with a prophetic gifting was speaking however; I was extremely doubtful of this gift yet curious to know. I ended up arriving late to as his sermon was ending on Exodus 3 - Moses and the burning bush. He started to pray for people as I watched with a grin and a skeptical heart. He finally invited all the young people to come to the front to be prayed for. I stood up and walked right in front of him with a smirk as he prayed. The strangest thing was that everyone he prayed for started to cry right after. My heart was still hard and in my mind I dared him to try to pray for me and make me cry. The night was almost over and I thought this would be the last of this but the pastor kept saying he had one more person to pray for before he left. It was then that God spoke to me in such a powerful way. I immediately broke down crying as I felt the Spirit of God flow through my body like an electric current. For a few hours I was on the floor, unable to get up; feeling the peace of God fill me.

I will never forget that day when God

revealed His love and power to me. God has always been with me since the day of my birth. However, it was that moment I encountered God that my journey of finally walking with the Lord started, no longer resisting His knock on my heart. It was the same for Moses who encountered God at the burning bush and started his walk with God. God protected him from birth and had taken him into the desert for 40 years to train him to become a shepherd to sheep and later a shepherd to people. The response of Moses at that time is the same response I had when called into pastoral ministry 8 years ago, "Who am I?"

My time here at SW has been an exchanging of lies placed in my earlier years with affirmations of who I am in Christ and how God views me. It has been a time of being re-Fathered into His love and becoming a son. I was reminded of that love at my personal ministry appointment as SW ministers prayed for me. I was brought back to the moment when God spoke to me at my church 8 years ago when His love and power filled me. It was an amazing and surprising moment to re-encounter God again in that way. The words, "My Son", are becoming my core identity. Even though words like "Pastor Eric" may feel awkward and are new to me, my core identity is in Christ who calls me His child. I am learning again what it means to trust God fully through life's challenges and places I have never gone before. As I seek God's direction for my life about "What am I to do?" after this; the question I hear God telling me to ask instead is always, "Who am I to become?"

So as I put on my snowshoes at SW, I awkwardly and sluggishly hike trying to find this river. I end up finding someone's footprints in the snow, hoping and trusting that it will lead me to the river. As I follow the footsteps, I am reminded of my journey with Christ. I may not feel 100% comfortable with the set of shoes I have to walk the journey or be 100% sure of where I am going but

I move forward and follow the steps of Christ that He has set before me and trust Him. As God responded to Moses, "I will be with you". He says the same to me because He is my Father and I am His child in Christ.

Eric Wu

I KNOW YOU LOVE ME



I have been looking for love my whole life but would never be completely satisfied with what I found in the past. Even if I did find something or someone to fill my heart, I would still feel something is missing after a couple of years. In the end I would be where I first started. In my quest to find love, I would pay any cost including leaving my family and sacrificing my dreams. As I searched for love, I would ask myself the same questions, "What am I looking for?", "What do I want?", "What do I love most?", and "What kind of love will complete my heart?" Even when I knew God, my heart would feel empty because I could feel His love fleeting and not understand where He was. Abba's love was intangible and unreal to me.

Then one day at a conference, God reminded me of a dream that I had two months ago. In the dream, there was a woman that was holding a baby. Suddenly, she threw the baby on the floor and when I saw that happen, I picked up the baby into my arms and took care of it. I constantly took care of the baby 24hrs/day even when I was working in my office. In the dream, I felt like I had such a deep love for this baby and I saw the baby as being very obedient, joyful and lovable.

Through this dream, God revealed to me that I was that baby. He had seen all the wounds, hurts and rejection I had gone through and had always been there for me. He took care of me 24 hrs/day and has never left me. He loves me just the way I had loved that baby in my dream. This dream

made me understand and feel the depth of Father's love for me. From His perspective, I understood that He sees me as pure, lovable, obedient and joyful. After Father revealed this to me I cried and I declared to Him, "Abba, you really love me and finally I know that You really love me. I know You have seen me and have always been with me." From this experience, my relationship with Him no longer feels distant. There is now a closeness, intimacy, trust and dependency to Him that I have never felt before. My quest for love has been found in Him and His love satisfies my hunger and thirst for real love.

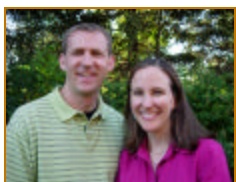
The following is a song from Josh Groban, "You Raise Me Up" that God used to comfort me after my dream:

When I am down and do my soul so weary,
When troubles come and my heart burdens me,
Then I am still and wait here in the silence.
Till you come and sit a while with me

You raise me up so I can stand on mountains
You raise me up to walk on stormy seas
I am strong when I am on your shoulders
You raise me up to more than I can be

Abigail Hsing

GOD IS ON THE MOVE ACROSS CHINA!



As we look back upon our trip, we are truly thankful for an incredibly fruitful time.

These missionaries were deeply impacted by the Holy Spirit. We were grateful to the Lord for His grace upon us personally; even the jet-lag worked in our favour as we awakened at 5:00 am every morning to seek the Lord prior to the start of our meetings!

We are also thankful for the Lord's provision from our supporters, which covered all of the airfare and trip expenses.

We conducted a Leadership Training School for indigenous missionaries in Beijing. After that, we flew to Western China and spoke at another school, also for indigenous missionaries. Our ministry joined with Partners International to conduct these schools. The testimonies at the end of each school were amazing and everyone glorified the Lord.

Next, we flew to Bangkok where we spoke at 2 seminars at the East Asia Opportunities Conference (part of Campus Crusade for Christ). Many made a public decision to pursue the Lord more fervently. As they responded, we sensed many were being profoundly touched by the Holy Spirit. Also, at the conference, we had the opportunity to meet several regional leaders from China, who each oversee about 100 missionaries.

Several leaders have invited us back to conduct more training schools in China. Also, we have been invited by East Asia Opportunities to come and train all of their regional overseers for China. For our next mission, we're planning to fly to Beijing, then to several other locations in China, then Thailand and Taiwan, Lord willing. We are excited about the Lord's favour in opening up all of these new doors into Asia and we will keep you posted on new developments! As you know, Asia is the world's largest mission field.

We believe that this is just the beginning of a long term kingdom investment in Asia. Thank you for believing in the vision, encouraging us and supporting our mission. This missionary trip was definitely a "team effort" and the fruit of our ministry is your fruit also!

Scott & Hilary Dalton

TESTIMONY



Before I was saved, I began to ask my Mom questions about God. It all started when I was three years old; triggered by an encounter I had one night when my Mom was tucking me into bed. I could see someone sitting above my closet door. I told her what I saw, several times, but she couldn't see anything. To this day I still don't know who it was I saw, but I believe that that's what led me to ask questions about God.

Then when I was 12 years old, my Mother and sister found a church called Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church. When my Dad and I arrived back home from a fishing trip, my Mother told us the name of the church and then every Sunday we would go.

Then finally when I watched a movie called Jesus; at the end the film presented a prayer called the sinners prayer. I prayed that prayer right after watching that video and gave my life to Jesus. Following the giving of my life to Jesus, a hunger for the Word was birthed in me; including a hunger for the things of God. It's that drive that has led me here to Singing Waters to be a YLIT and to learn all I can about God.

Derek Hogg

MY ONLY NEED IS YOU



I am worth nothing... that is what I think
But they say I'm worth something... that is what they think
Who should I believe in? Who should I hear?

I desire to be more than something
But deep inside I fear...

For there is a wall; there is a call;
There is a doubt so strong inside
Purposefully confusing, never ending musing
A life better than this...

Lord, why don't You restore me,
restore this dying heart
Lord, why don't You renew me, renew
this doubting heart
I've fallen too far, and I've fallen to
deep
Rebuild me now, for I'm lost without
You.

Listen to me child; Listen to your God
I made you more than something, a
life driven with meaning
Who should you believe in? Who
should you hear?
My desire you be more than
something
So believe and do not fear...

I'm breaking the wall; I hear your
call;
I'm breaking the doubt inside so
strong
You are now forgiven, now never
forsaken
Receive the life I give...

Jesus, I believe, I believe in You
forever
Jesus, I receive, I receive your
restoration
I'm never too far; I'm never too deep
I believe-receive, my only need is You

Now I'm living a life of promise;

It's not a life pain-free
But I have you Lord beside me; You
are all I need

Jesus, I believe, I believe in You
forever
Jesus, I receive, I receive Your
restoration
I'm never too far; I'm never too deep
I believe-receive, my only need is You

Now I'm living a life of freedom;
Enabled life sin-free
And I have my Lord beside me; more
than all I need

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 26	Gathering of Praise	
March 5-6	Healing Encounter	
March 25-27	Divorce Recovering	with Dale & Linda Bolton
April 2-May 11	Isaiah 61 School of Healing	
July 3-29	Isaiah 61 School of Restoration	