

Language has No Barriers Part2

Read John 6:63. No longer will I be placing the scripture in this newsletter, only the reference. If I have learnt one thing that has completely changed my life, that is we need to read for ourselves what God says, not listen to what man says, but only what the Lord would say to us through his Spirit, for he is our comforter, our teacher. Also read **2Corinthians 3:6; Galatians 5:25; 1Peter 3:18.** All these scriptures show us one thing, that it doesn't matter what we do, what we think, or our plans, it will only be God's thinking, his doing and his plans that will succeed, that is why we have to be more and more each day led by the Spirit of God.

Think about it, how did the disciples get around and plan their ministry after Jesus left? Did they have a Bible like you and me? No! We can read all the way through Acts how Peter, John, Paul and all the others were led by the Spirit not what others wanted or said by what God wanted and said. Yeah so we have Pastors today to teach us and lead us - Do we? Show me scripture where it says we shall be led by Pastors and Preachers?? Am I saying we don't need them,? No I am not! Read **Ephesians 4:11** and see what their job is, and then when you have read that ask yourself so what is my job and read **Ephesians 4:12.**

Too many times I have heard that we are to submit to authority, yes there are scriptures you can quote to back it up, but what is the real issue here when these scriptures are quoted? Usually the Pastor wants to keep the numbers in the church and is afraid to let people go and do what God wants them to do in case they succeed and start a ministry of their own, they will lose their numbers. The church I go to, the previous and the current Pastor encourage me to do what God wants me to do, does yours? Recently I have been away from Brisbane or unable to attend church for whatever reason, when I finally do get back there the first thing I do is approach my Pastor and let him know I am still around, he is a great teacher and I appreciate his input into my life, but God has greater input!

My French speaking brothers would just sit in our lounge room, they would make comments like, "why did Jesus send the 70 out 2 by 2? Then they explained it is the same with them, one talks while the other prays, they had words of knowledge for us in parts of the Bible I have probably not even read, like our Son Ray left home while they were here, Sharon was quite upset for 2 days, at the end of the second day, our brothers came out of their room and stated they could not rejoice in our home while there was grief in Sharon. They then began to pray, explain things to us, share the word of God with us and eventually gave Sharon a Scripture to read that totally transferred her grief into Joy, she learnt to trust in the Lord, the verses came from **lamentations 3:27-32.** and also another one with that they gave was **1Peter 5:6,7** and they spent many hours with Sharon until the small hours of the morning ministering to her, and yet they had to be up at 6am for an appointment that next day.

We all arose the next day and met for breakfast in the kitchen, Sharon walked out, the night before she had looked totally bankrupt, but that morning she looked like a millionaire, both Richard and Charlie jumped and rejoiced without a word being said, they laughed and praised God because they could see the difference, they could see that God had moved during the night and comforted Sharon, they knew that the word was powerful, that it would have its effect on her, they took time out to minister to her and they got the results they wanted to see. Sharon was even laughing herself, as for me, I was just totally dumb founded at the difference.

How much time do we take out for our brothers or sisters? Are we too busy to help one another? Has God asked you to do something, maybe pray for someone and you have failed to do it? Many times I was convicted of sin while our visitors were here, my life has been turned upside down, not by them but by the word of God! We need to spend more time, reading for ourselves, listening to the Holy Spirit for ourselves, Jesus can not and will not use us unless we are willing! The only way we will show we are willing is to spend time with him, time in prayer, reading his word, and fellowship, praise and worship. Every time we saw God open impossible doors during our friends stay, they would immediately rejoice, laughing and even crying, but praising God and thanking him.

One particular day we were out and I saw God open an impossible door, we had been turned away from meeting with someone seven times at least, we made a final phone call and again the result was no! My brothers were undeterred, they just said we pray and ask God to open the door, we have done all we can now we watch God move, so we prayed. We rang again, the answer was no! We decided to leave the area, along the highway, I asked my brothers if they would like to visit the Aussie Zoo and see the memorial for Steve Irwin, they agreed, we were there for a while and we soon received a phone call that the person previously we had prayed about would meet with us, were we still in the area, this was two hours later, we should have been almost home.

One thing led to another and we met half way back to his place, also with him was another Harley rider who stopped to say hello, well while my guests spent two hours in fellowship with their friend, I spent two hours sharing Jesus with this other man on a Harley, it was amazing to see God at work. Why? Because we took the time out to pray, commit to God our plans, make a move and do what we knew, then when we were knocked back numerous times we prayed again! Notice I said we prayed first, done what we knew then prayed again, most of us do what we know first and then when all else fails pray!

How wrong this is, we must pray first, like in **Psalm 37:4,5.** That way we are giving God the authority to move in our lives and situations. I was amazed at just how much my brothers could remember in the Bible and one night while we were sitting on the porch asked them how they did it, again they told me to open my bible at **Matthew 10:19,** and **Luke 12:12.** They explained to me, when we are gone back home, I can not ring them for they are far away, but I always have my word of God with me, I made a mistake at that point and said I don't always have it with me. I received the biggest rebuke in my life but in the Love of God and with compassion and tears.

My Brother said to me very sternly "what warrior leaves his castle all dressed for battle with his helmet on, his breastplate, his shield, his belt his shoes but leaves behind his only weapon he has - his sword!" Why do you not take with you the word of God, it is our sword! My brother became very passionate and slammed his fist on his lap saying, "the word of Jesus, it is power, it is life, it is our only answer, it is salvation, the word of Jesus, the word of God must always be with us"! Well to say the least, I have repented, I now carry a Bible in my back pocket everywhere I go, even at home. Guess what? God takes advantage of it, every now and again, he tells me to look up a scripture and it speaks to me, I have been out visiting and God has given for me a word for my brothers or sisters and I have been able to find it, and get them to read it, the results have been totally awesome. I now, am learning to live in the presence of God 24/7 and I thank God and praise him, give him glory for bringing my brothers across my path.