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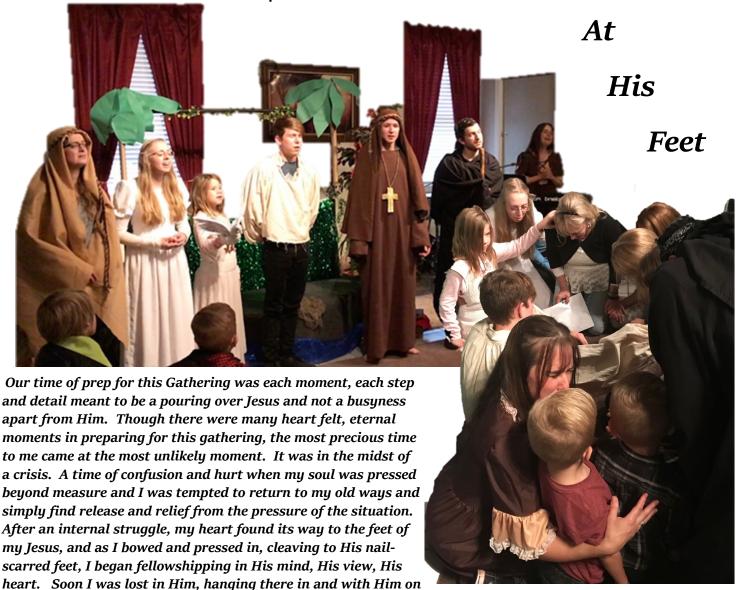
"Who, though in God's form, did not regard his equality with God as something he ought to exploit.

Instead, he emptied himself, and received the form of a slave, being born in the likeness of humans. And then, having human appearance, he humbled himself, and became obedient even to death, yes, even the death of the cross."

Philippians 2:6-8

Over the past months of preparation and during thanksgiving weekend I was deeply blessed to be a part of a gathering that was hosted by Life in the Spirit Ministries. The heart behind this gathering was not based on a theme but a spirit of us gathering at Jesus' feet, and those who came truly gathered to Him in this spirit and poured over Him with all their hearts. I want to thank Life in the Spirit Ministries for inviting me to serve and be a part of such an incredibly precious gathering. The audio files from this gathering are available to listen to at:

www.friendsoflifeinthespirit.com and www.fireministriesinternational.com.



His Cross. My soul, the issue, the hurts, all melted away into Him. And the time I had there with Him, there at the Cross cleaving to His feet and crying out for His Spirit to pour into me: those were the best moments I experienced in the preparations for this Gathering. It was eternal. I will never forget or release it from my heart. My heart cries:

Make your way to the feet of Jesus. Scrape your way to the feet of Jesus.

Press and push and haul your soul to the feet of Jesus.

Once you are there forget about the crisis, forget about your hurts and your soul and your needs. <u>Find Him.</u> Fellowship in His sufferings rather than bringing Him down to fellowship in yours.

Find His mind and let it be in you rather than making Him answer your carnal reasonings and self-aware details.

Jesus did not get it right from the Cross.

Jesus did not work it out from the Cross.

Jesus poured out His soul unto death.

Let the flow from the Lamb pour over and into you.

Let Him fill you so that you can pour that spirit back over Him and others.

Let every crisis work to bring you to His feet where you can most truly partake of His crucified poured out nature.

Christmas is a time of celebrating the birth of Christ. People all over the world think upon Bethlehem and the events surrounding the birth of Christ and celebrate. Yet for all who are born again, we rejoice that Christ is now birthed IN US as our very Life!

It may be easier to refer to the story from long ago when the baby Jesus was born in a manger than to embrace the reality that the Son of God is now residing in us. He is not a story. He is not a memory. He is not a holiday theme. He is not far away. He is in us. He is alive. And He is a Lamb.

If our hearts do not become the place in which Christ can truly dwell, then once



again, He is left outside in the cold, forgotten on the very occasion that is supposed to be all about Him. It can be easy to accuse the inn-keeper in Bethlehem of heartlessly rejecting Jesus a place of rest on the eve of His birth, but can we see that reality in our own lives? When it is time for Jesus to come forth in us, do we push Him out and leave Him in the cold? Do we reject His tender advances because of the "weightier and more important issues" we are dealing with in comparison to a weak and poor family on a donkey that can pay us nothing in regards to our needs? Christ in us is not going to push His way. The Holy Spirit will draw us in love and meekness. And the Father watches to see how we choose to relate to the Son He has so dearly given us and at such cost to Him.

We are all confronted with situations each day and many times given special opportunities over the holiday season when we are with family. It is in these very real situations that our Christmas story is being written before God and man. How will we treat the Son when confronted with His need to come forth in us and through us in these situations? God is not interested in an event that happened thousands of years ago. God is interested in how His Son is being treated right now in us.

May our hearts break and open their doors to Jesus in a deeper way than ever before. May the Father see His Son being loved, cared for, and allowed to manifest through us and in us. And may the Spirit of God rejoice that in the very situations we used to shut and lock the doors of our hearts from the Lamb ever having a place in us, we now open and prepare for Him a habitation.

Let's pray! Lord, we cry out for eyes to see as You see. For ears to hear as You hear. That our hearts would comprehend what is really going on in the midst of all these "earth events" that hold no eternal value apart from Your Son being manifested in them through those who love You. Lord, may we not let eternal moments pass us by like the Innkeeper did, and miss the chance to embrace the Lamb of God into our dwelling. May the angels sing, the shepherds rejoice, the Father delight, and the Spirit exult when even one heart opens to the Lamb of God and allows Him to come forth in the midst of trials, injustice, and persecution. Lord, may that heart be mine. In Jesus' name and for His sake. Amen.

IT'S OFFICIAL! WE HAVE 501 C-3 STATUS

In January of 2019 we will officially and fully be functioning as a Ministry under the 501 – C3 status of state and federal government.

This status allows those who tithe, give gifts or offerings to this ministry to deduct the contribution amount from their taxable income. This may also open doors for raising funds for the many ministries and outreaches that lie ahead in 2019 (let us know if you have any ideas!).

For those who have it in their heart to support the work of the Lord in this ministry, please make your checks payable to: Fire Ministries International.

For those who have it in their hearts to support Kelly to be able to continue to receive health care for her Lyme's disease, as well as support her to continue in ministry, you can also make your check payable to Fire Ministries International.

All donations given through the Fire Ministries PayPal account will also be a part of the functioning of Fire Ministries International and delegated to the areas notated through the donor.



Ireland Gatherings in 2019

Please pray for the preparations for our annual family reunion in the Spring of 2019. Our hearts are even now beginning to press in and seek Him in regards to His desires for this gathering, as well as our summer "Pray and Get Away" in Ireland. Prayer would be appreciated over all those whom the Lord would desire to be a part of these precious times with and for Him.





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