

Salem Family Ministries

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When you read this scripture, a sense of peace comes over you in knowing that it is only for us to believe in Him whom was sent. That's it. When asked, "What shall we do that we may work the works of God?" Jesus answered by instructing them to "believe in Him." As is the case in so many areas of life, what is "simple" is not always "easy." Please read the article below as the Lord has given us insight into "what can we do, etc."

John 6: 27-29, "Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to ever lasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him." Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?"

Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."

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God bless you as you read,

Cheryl & Harry

Dear Friends,

I have spent much time lately before the Lord, trying to learn how to actually "be still" in all realms: mentally, physically and spiritually. There are days when I can actually just enter in, and then other days, like this morning, where the 'entering into rest: being still is as much hard, laboring work as anything I have ever done! As I opened my Bible, and Harry and I began to read, study, and pray at the Father's Feet, my biggest struggle was to settle my mind down. I had dreamt throughout the night, which has been happening for several months, and most of the time, the dreams have very little

meaning. On other mornings I awaken and know the Lord has used my dreams to speak to my heart. But today, I was just not sure. I was not sure if the Father God was talking to me as I slept and I could not settle myself down enough to bring it into mental, lower, slower focus, or if my dreams were more of the mental tormenting kind, which mean nothing at all, and need to be brought under control of the Spirit of the Lord within me!

As I finally stopped allowing every little thing in the house to distract me, and as I began to settle down, sit and be still, things began to come to the surface, clear up, and make a little more sense.

I really feel vulnerable - like I am pouring my own emotional soul out here where all of you can see me - my weaknesses, my inabilities, etc. But for those of you who read our letters regularly, you know that I am getting better and better with trusting you. That does not really mean that I trust you not to judge me, because that would not really be trust at all, but more accurately that would mean that I am still trying to control everything, even how you respond to my honesty! Ok, wow, that was deep - you may have to stop and meditate on that a bit, as I am going to have to do the same. That poured out of my fingers through my spirit and my brain didn't even have time to slow it down enough to process it!

Actually, when I say that I am getting better and better with trusting you, what I am really saying, is that I am finally arriving at the place in my life, that no matter what you think of me, after you read my most intimate, emotional pouring forth of who I am - at the deepest and most vulnerable levels, that - and get this in your entire three-tiered realm: physical, soul (emotional, mental, and will), and spiritual. I am trusting you to the point that no matter what you think, I am not moved anymore. I trust you to the point of saying that if you approve, wonderful; if you disapprove, fine. My trust is finally being put in its truest place! My trust is in the Lord, the One and Only, Who judges me, but with His own blood covering and protecting me, with His Own Person standing between what I really deserve (condemned), and what I actually

get (grace, and mercy)!

Now as I have chased so many rabbits that you may have forgotten my original point, which is my female prerogative, (ha, ha), let me get back to that point. We opened our Bibles, began to read, pray, and study, and the Lord took us directly to a scripture that in the simplest most understanding way, answers the question of, "If I am to be and not to do, then how am I to please the Lord?" I am quite certain that the Lord's will for me and you is to not sit around and 'humi' all day! So with what work is the Lord pleased?

Jesus was speaking in the following verse.

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Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."

Sounds simple - to actually do the work of God, is to believe in Him Whom He sent. This is the answer to what can I do to do the work of God? The answer is to believe in Him Whom He sent. It truly sounds simple, but not necessarily easy. Believe in Jesus Christ, the Messiah, the Savior, the Counselor, Wonderful, Prince of Peace, Mighty God, Son of God, Son of Man, Bridegroom, my Healer, my Protector, my Banner, my Covering, Friend who is closer than a brother, and I could go on and on! It is one thing to believe in Jesus Christ as Savior, but if we do not know Who He really is, in every realm, every aspect, then we cannot believe in every aspect of Who He is!

What I am beginning to understand is that it takes a lifetime to get to know every aspect of Who Christ is, and then to learn how to trust each and every one of these 'Persons' of Christ! It is simple, yes, but it is not easy. Jesus Christ, is beyond any

dimensional understanding that we are humanly capable of - but we can spend our lives learning, and then in turn, believing!

So again, for the type A personality who needs something to do for God, here it is! Believe, believe, believe! I know I will spend the rest of my life learning every dimension of Who He is, and then learning how to trust and believe Him in that dimension!

Don't forget to BE STILL as there is no other way to hear Him, see Him, embrace Him, worship Him, trust Him, and finally, believe HIM!

We love you and pray God's blessings upon your life, today and always,

Cheryl & Harry

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