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Update on the "S-Men"

***Harry III graduated from the International School of Ministry in
November, making his mom and dad extremely proud!***

***Roman is in his second year of college, majoring in business.
Both of our boys are serving the Lord and loving people to life!***

All glory and thanks be to God!



Celebrate Jesus, Celebrate Family, Celebrate Life!

Christmas is a time for family. Whether we like it or not, as we get more mature we find the family begins to resemble a tree as it grows, widening and filling out from the bottom as the top thins out. As times goes by, more and more of our loved ones move from this earth realm into the realm of eternity. **Eternity is...** Yes, that is what I meant to say. Eternity is... real, forever, never-ending. Eternity is fact, not fiction. Eternity is solid. The Bible calls this earth a vapor and that we are only passing through...

James 4:14 (AMPLIFIED)

Yet you do not know [the least thing] about what may happen tomorrow. What is the nature of your life? You are [really] but a wisp of vapor (a puff of smoke, a mist) that is visible for a little while and then disappears [into thin air].

Sometimes it's hard to get our minds to wrap around these thoughts, but today, and throughout the coming season of Christmas, this is the present I want you to wrap for yourself.

Take the time each day to wrap your mind around what is real and true. Don't just keep running faster each day, getting more and more exhausted throughout the season, not taking the time to stop and truly meditate each day on what is real. Heaven is a real place. Earth is temporary for us. Heaven is our destiny. Earth is a 'passing through place,' not a stopping place. Once we begin to think eternally, I believe we can spend more time resting in the Lord, staying in peace, His peace, and ultimately making decisions based upon the expanse of eternity rather than the very short under-the-gun timelines of this earth experience.

So take time, real time, every day to read God's Word, and pray, really pray. Talk to the Lord, and then take enough time to listen to what He has to say to you each day too. God is Word; He has a lot to say. If you have not heard Him for a while then you need to examine your prayer style and find out if you are giving Him your attention, your time, your patience, and your love. He is there for you. He promised that He would be.

Isaiah 9:6 *"For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given...."* (NKJV)

HE is given to us! What have we been doing with this gift? Wrap your mind around Him and

let Him be your real and true present to receive and to give to others this Christmas season.

We have been teaching for a few weeks on the positioning and hierarchy of family, God's way. "Father," in the ancient Hebrew language, means "Strong leader of the house." "Mother means "Strong water." "Son," means "Life of the house." "Daughter," means "Covenant of the house." This teaching will be available in January. We will feature it for you next month as a new beginning for families celebrating a brand new year! We celebrate Jesus by understanding our God-given positions within the family and also by making personal decisions each day to walk in our designed place and position. Each family on this earth can operate in God's plan and purpose but it helps when we each understand what our role is and how to fulfill it through the plan of God for our lives.

Celebrate Jesus, and celebrate life! Celebrate your family, no matter how dysfunctional or displaced or scattered they may be. Celebrate that you are hooked up to this ministry and that you are reading a good word for you today. You are destined by the Lord to do and to be all that He has created you to do and be! Stop fretting and worrying over things that you cannot change. Stop obsessing over those things out of your control and start learning to celebrate life all around you. In all things learn to give thanks to God for He loves you.

Harry's mom, we affectionately call her Mimi, has been staying with us for a few weeks. I will leave you with a statement she said her grandfather told her over and over again as a child. He would say, "Love much, trust few, and always paddle your own canoe!" Not a bad statement to live by! Love much during these coming days; keep your eyes on Jesus who is faithful and trustworthy. And remember above all else to stop relying on other people who might let you down, and only trust and rely on Jesus Christ, your own personal Lord and Savior, who will be in that canoe with you no matter where it tends to wander! He will help you paddle it too... getting you back on course if you have gotten yourself going in the wrong direction.

We love you. We thank God for you. Stay warm and dry, healthy and whole during the coming days. Always know that Jesus is the Lord over our home, and that we are looking and listening for the trumpet call! Jesus is coming! We must be ready!

Cheryl, Harry, K3, and Roman
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