

Salem Family Ministries

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We have heard from so many of you that you are enjoying these online newsletters, and we couldn't be happier! We're trying to make use of the tools of today. It's immediate, and it seems to be a great way to keep in touch, so we will continue on . . .

*Cheryl has written a very intriguing preview of an upcoming book called, *Obtaining Peace*. We will be releasing this book later this year, but wanted to share this excerpt with you now. As you read about this great pursuit, envision yourself racing towards the goodness of God, with all your might!*

We love you,

Harry & Cheryl and Family

I am running; chasing after what? Something elusive is just ahead. I can almost see it, only fleeting glimpses teasing me, playing with me, daring me to continue running. I almost see him? Her? It? What is it? Who is it? In my peripheral vision I catch a glimpse again. There it is! Gone again, looking, searching, feeling my way through the shadows. Something is beckoning me to chase. Do I continue to pursue? I must. I cannot stop now. I must know what it is, who it is. I feel it. Somehow, I must have what it is, who it is.

I have to grasp this amazing . . . what? Do I even know what I am chasing?

It does not matter anymore; abandoning all doubts, all fears lost in the shadows as I hurry on, eager to pursue, passionate to obtain - running, chasing, panting, my heart beats faster and faster! With every breath I can count my heart beat now - it's almost beating out of my chest!

There! There it is; just ahead! I can see it, the skirts of it's robe, or pants, or some form of fabric. I think . . . yes! I see it! I reach out; there! I almost grasped the cloak, I feel the fabric between my fingers, slightly, almost. Where? Where did it go? There it is - in front of me. There, no, gone? No, I see it again. There it is an arm's length away!

Run faster, lean when you reach, don't worry about falling over; I will fall into it, just as surely as I am breathing! Finally, with all my might, I lunge, press, pushing harder and harder. I know it is just ahead, I can feel it breathing. Life - breathing life back into me. I burst through the foliage; the brush just ahead breaks open in front of me. With both arms extended as if to save me, to break my fall, yes? No?

There! I have it; a firm hold on the garment? Is it a garment? Is it fabric I feel within my palm? What is it? What have I been chasing with such a passionate pursuit? What is it my heart is so determined to possess that there is no reservation, no fear of failure, no hesitation of

heart?

Now I have both arms around it. It is foggy, a slight darkness, but it seems to be dissipating even as my grip becomes more firm and my hold more secure. With my arms firmly pressing all around, I feel it's warmth. It does not pull away, or cringe back from my touch. In fact, it is almost the opposite! It is as if it has been playing a game, a love game, waiting for me to catch it! What is this? Who is this elusive friend?

It is warm to the touch, I feel soothed. Yes. Movement; breathing; ah, not a what, but a whom? In and out the breathing slows after a long run, a game of cat and mouse; pursuit and pursued?

With my arms wrapped tightly around so as to never lose it again . . . It? No, definitely not an it. Then who? Slowly I feel movement, turning within the circle of my arms to face me, inches from my face; my eyes adjust to the closeness . . .

I finally see . . .

I recognize . . .

I was in pursuit of peace;

Not just peace;

His Peace . . .

No, not just His Peace;

I am pursuing Him.

He is my Peace . . .

His name is SAR Shalom;

My Prince of Peace.

No longer do I chase after 'what' but 'Whom!'

I have possessed,

I have obtained,

His gentle arms surround me now.

He softly whispers in my ear as He holds me close to Him,

"I am your Peace, your Prince of Peace . . .

I am yours, and you are Mine!"

Hand in hand we stroll away . . .

Two, then one . . . we become.

My highest dream;

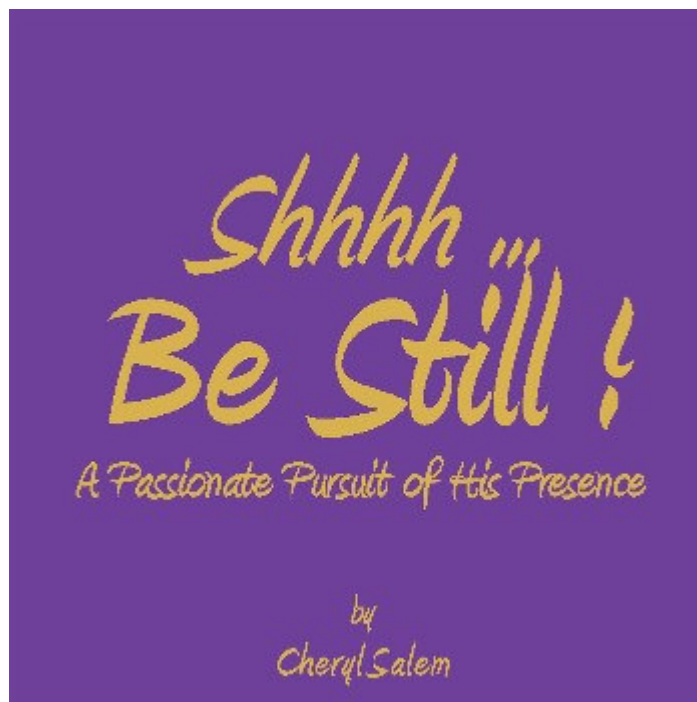
My deepest pursuit,

Obtaining Peace.

Shhh...Be Still!

There is peace, joy and revelation to be found
in the sweet stillness of His Presence! It's
time to get quiet, be still and passionately
seek His Presence!

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*Read (below) what people are saying about the
"Be Still" message!*

We have included some testimonies from services

over the past few weeks. We pray that you are encouraged and inspired as you read what God is doing in people's lives - people just like you!

D. from Texas had this to say:

Cheryl, I was fortunate to be at the Houston Women's Conference and hear God's awesome revelation that you shared with us.

"Be Still" - two small words with such a tremendous impact! We say everything is bigger in Texas - and this definitely had a bigger impact to me personally than I could ever imagine. Your message was deep, insightful, challenging and truly life changing. Based on this encouraging message, I have changed my approach to my studies and my quiet time with God and I can honestly tell you that I am now hearing from Him on a much deeper level. That same anointing that spoke to me covered the entire auditorium (as evidenced by the over 100 women who came to the altar at the conclusion of your message). I am now sharing your "Be Still" message with my family and friends via your new teaching CD, and am seeing their lives changed in deeper ways. I look forward to sitting under your ministry again soon whenever you return to Texas, or the surrounding area. May God continue to bless you, and to use you to carry His messages until He comes back for us.

The "Be Still" message has affected me on a much deeper level than I can put into words right now . . . there is a private, deeper journey that this has kindled in me. It has REALLY begun to re-define my relationship with God, and therefore re-define me.

. . . I wanted you to know, and to encourage you to continue to get the word out. I believe this is the next level the entire church body needs to move to in order to prepare for His return.

A friend writes:

I attended the services in Columbus and in Houston and was ministered to in a very profound way. I needed this weekend. The Spirit of God was so powerful. The love of God filled my heart as Cheryl began to minister about how we are all daughters of destiny! I have a divine destiny, ordained by God, Himself! I recognized that I have been doing too much feeling sorry for myself and not enough thanking Him for what I have and who I am in Christ!

The scripture in 2 Corinthians 6:17, ". . . Come out from among them and be separate . . ." has been resonating in my heart and in my spirit ever since that weekend. I am learning to find my worth in Him and not in "things" or even in other people and their views of me.

I am also learning to let go of my past, because God does not see that person anymore!

He does not expect me to go back and fix my past. That revelation set me free! Hallelujah! I had been stuck in a rut of thinking and believing that my life had no purpose - I was feeling "unfulfilled," but this weekend helped me to grasp the fact that He loves me and accepts me and truly has a plan for me. A divine plan! He loves me beyond measure. I know that now.

In Houston, when Cheryl taught on Naomi and Ruth, I received a strong confirmation in my spirit of the scripture on 2nd Corinthians. I learned that it is vital that I must, "Come out from among them and be separate."

Last weekend in Texas, I was rejuvenated in my body, mind, soul, emotions and in my spirit. I admit, I have been in a bit of a tailspin ever since, but it is a godly kind of shake-up that my life desperately needed.

In the Houston meeting, the anointing was so sweet and heavy as Cheryl told the story of Ruth and how the Lord directs our lives (even in heartache) I could really relate. Having gone thru a painful divorce 4 years ago, I needed to hear the story of how the Lord sends us love and provision thru unlikely sources like He did for Ruth by her finding favor with the owner of the grain field. It reminded me of how much the Lord loves us and how He will never leave us. Truly, He is faithful. Thank you, Cheryl for letting the Lord lead you. It was just what I needed to hear.

-Sue from Dallas

D. from Oklahoma:

The Houston services were amazing and the altars were filled at every service. The presence of the Lord was so very real I felt surrounded by His immense love for me. When Cheryl played the keyboard and sang it was so inviting I could actually feel the presence of God move in the sanctuary. I received direction from the Holy Spirit as I surrendered everything to the Lord. It was life changing and a new beginning in my walk with the Lord.

The message Cheryl gave on "Be Still" was a real spiritual eye opener. It was like a full course meal only you never got full . . . just hungry for more knowledge. I have the message on CD and hearing the message again has opened my eyes even further!

Diana from California states:

When Cheryl was visiting our church she brought us into the Presence of God & Shekinah glory by ministering in music. Then the Word of God was brought forth by the Holy Spirit that ministered to me personally, and I am sure that our congregation was touched and convicted also. She ministered that sometimes God wants us to be quiet and know that He is God (Psalm 46:10) and words are so useless to Him. He sees our hearts and knows our needs. My best times with the

Lord have been in the quiet times. Thank you so much Cheryl for reminding us that it's not the noise, busy programs, religious customs or traditions, or even all the Word we quote but what is in our heart, the heartfelt prayer, that avails much and the Word that we DO. The Body of Christ needs to be constantly reminded of this fact for our growth and the ministry to the unsaved world who sees through all the religious masks. May the Lord continue to bless the Salems in every area of their lives.

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