

## **New Morning Magical – for 7-17-20**

### **“Apart from Me, you can do nothing!”**

When I was preparing for today’s Morning Magical, I did not intend to go where I went, but it’s a perfect example of being led by the Spirit. I started looking into the principles and instruction that Yeshua imparted in the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of John’s gospel. I only got as far as verse 5, which we’ll read in a moment, but I got caught up in a cycle that appears all through the Scriptures and in our lives, that is, Barbara’s and mine. It’s this: revelation, obedience, confirmation, and blessing. Revelation, when met with obedience, is followed swiftly by confirmation, and then the blessing flows.

We’ll talk about this 4-part cycle shortly, but first let’s look at the starting point for today in John 15:5, where Yeshua says,

5 "I am the Grapevine. You are the branches. He who is remaining in Me, and I in him, this one is bringing forth much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing."

Yeshua uses a metaphor that is pretty easy to grasp, but the last part tells us a lot: *“Apart from Me you can do nothing.”* In other words, without Yeshua’s life in us, we can’t really be productive in terms of finding and fulfilling the Father’s purpose for our lives. We may be productive in fulfilling our *own* purposes and goals, but Heaven’s View is entirely different.

I thought I was on a roll when I had a great wellness practice, helping lots of people, and teaching my specialty to other practitioners from all over the world. But, not long after Barbara and I were married, the Father began dismantling my kingdom, so to speak, to set me apart for His purpose. He did the same with Barbara, who had four athletic apparel stores and 10 more on the drawing board at her peak in business. When you hear her story, however, it’s clear that the Father had other plans that took her from a millionaire to leaving with a suitcase to go wherever the Spirit led her – she went from serving her purpose to serving His.

There’s nothing more satisfying than finding and fulfilling the purpose for which you were created. When your head hits the pillow at night, you know you’ve done exactly what the Spirit showed you that day and your sleep is wonderfully restful. If you wake up the next morning, you have more to do and the Spirit of God will show you every step, one at a time.

Living according to God’s purpose becomes a flow of revelation, obedience, confirmation, and blessing. When the Father shows you something to do, that’s revelation. Your step is obedience – just do what He says; You can trust Him; He’ll never steer you wrong. Then He follows up your obedience with confirmation. This can take all kinds of forms, but it’s usually something you can

see or hear that confirms to you that you took the step He showed you. Then the blessing can flow – which may be as simple as living in the peace of flowing from one revelation to the next, as you automatically act on the Father’s directions, noting the confirmations, and on and on, like basking on a float in a pool on a summer day, with the breeze on your face and the sound of birds in the trees, as He shows you another step to take, and the cycle can continue unbroken so long as you do your part.

Of course, your part is first to seek His guidance, no matter how small or how large the matter; and most importantly, take every step He shows you. That’s obedience, and that, as Barbara says is always the dividing issue.

Now we’ll share some stories that illustrate this cycle: rings, hearing God’s voice, and riding on a bike with Yeshua.

If you’re wondering whose purpose you are serving today, just ask God to show you what He would have you do, and then wait for His answer. If you don’t hear anything inside you, or you don’t see any signs around you that catch your attention, don’t change anything. You may already be where He wants you. If, however, you hear His voice directing you to do something, for Heaven’s sake – for *YOUR* sake – do it. Get in His flow, His presence, His protection, His provision, and His purpose.