

A lesson just learned #1: "You did it to yourself"

Hi all,

Most of you know my life and my transparency, regularly sharing elements of our lives from funny things our oldest (handicapped) son says, to dynamics between Barb and myself, to some of the things the Lord has recently shared with me 'hot off the press' as the saying goes. What you see is what you get.

My experience with vertigo

A couple of years ago I got very, very tired during a series of meetings and travel, work around the house, our time with Chris each week, and the demands of ministry to pray, study, write, correspond, email, Skype and such - it is constant because of the growing world-wide network of our house church friends and affiliates, and those who don't do house church, but have been blessed by the teachings I share.

And I tend to need only 5-6 hours of sleep, have lots of energy, and need activity. Torture for me is inactivity. I need to be doing something, and I have to get out of the house daily. Rare is the day I don't venture outside.

That particular morning I sat up to get out of bed and suddenly within my mind I could not tell up from down, right from left. It wasn't that the world was spinning, it was that I didn't know up from down but for what my eyes told me. It wasn't dizziness, in which the world seems to spin rapidly on a horizontal axis, this was vertigo: The sudden inability to determine up from down, right from left. The world doesn't spin with vertigo, a person just doesn't have any reference to up or down or left or right.

I had to immediately think through what was up and down, left and right. I remember looking at the red glow of the digital clock on the nightstand and focusing on that as I lowered myself back to my pillow, and I lay there on my left side until things returned to normal within myself.

I experimented. I discovered I could lie on my left side or on my back, but if while on my back, I turned my head to the right to any degree past vertical - just staring at the ceiling - the vertigo swept in. I would quickly turn my head back to the left to stop it. I could not turn to nor lie on my right side without a massive wave of vertigo envelope me.

Just sitting up and walking required tremendous concentration to mentally assert what my eyes were telling me and tell my brain I was upright. Putting one foot in front of the other had to be thought through, each step confirming that was down and a firm reference point for my brain to focus on.

I fought to stay upright by sheer mental concentration. I was just trying to get up for the day. My body was forcing me to take a day off to sleep, rest, do little more than watch old movies on TV. I was more or less normal the next day, but still feeling 'fuzzy' kind of like jet lag in my mind. By the 3rd day I was normal.

There is a time to command the body, and a time to listen to the body

Some Christians become so enveloped in a particular stream of teaching they think they can command, proclaim, speak their world into existence while ignoring common sense and due diligence. That is presumption: The act of thinking something is God's responsibility when in fact it is our responsibility.

I once had a man who worked for me come to my office early one afternoon asking for prayer. He said he got headaches daily in the early afternoons and he had prayed for himself, had hands laid on him for prayer, commanded, proclaimed, bound and cast out the devil and all the 'usual suspects', but was no better.

I guess I was the last resort I thought to myself after he told me everyone who had prayed for him and all he had done to be healed. So we sat down and I did what I prefer to do when about to pray for someone, which is to sit in silence and see what the Father would say or reveal. Instantly I heard the Father say, "He is dehydrated. Tell him to drink water and cut back on the coffee, which I've been dealing with him about."

He was shocked, absolutely shocked at how 'unspiritual' that word was. He was a bit like Naaman the leper of II Kings 5 who balked at the command to wash 7x in the river Jordan to be healed, but eventually humbled himself to do so. My friend was expecting a great, loud, commanding prayer from the Seer to rid him of his headache. "Just drink water? Really? Is that all there is?"

The next day he reported in - headache gone! He had been drinking water steadily through the morning, cut back to 1 cup of coffee at lunch and drank water with it, and was fine. Two weeks later he checked in again; never a headache since that day. A year later we saw each other and he was still amazed that something so simple had cured him.

So there I was at the Dutch conference

I was tired from trip preparations before we went, then jet lag and travel, and then right into the conference. I woke up Friday morning with vertigo, but was determined to be healed and function normally. That night, as our son Brian led us all deep into worship my eyes were suddenly opened to the Lord's realm, and Jesus was there.

I thought He would come over to me and lay hands on me, but all He said to me was, "No, I'm here to minister to hearts and souls tonight. You did it to yourself", and then He turned to walk in our midst, putting His hand on several people over the next several minutes. The testimonies afterward were amazing and in some cases deeply personal. His presence was SO strong, so many touched...but not me.

I've run out of room for today, next week I'll share what the Father told me that Saturday afternoon about the Lord's remark 'You did it to yourself' and about what He said about the condition. Until then, blessings,

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New lesson learned #2, "Listen to your wife"

Hi all,

I shared last week about how I first got vertigo, always only happening when I'm very tired physically.

It happened last March (2017) in Lithuania. We were at a house church in beautiful Klaipeda, Lithuania. I looked up towards the ceiling in worship, and suddenly I couldn't tell up from down. That time made me nauseous and I ran to the bathroom and vomited the wonderful lunch we had just eaten. I received prayer from everyone there, and was better after awhile, but it shook me hard, that it had come on me mid-way through a busy trip.

Here I was May of 2018 more than a year later at our Dutch conference and it hit again.

At the Dutch conference

It was Friday night and an amazing time in deep worship as we expressed our love to the Lord, and then He sang over us prophetically through some spiritual songs Brian moved in (Brian, our youngest son, was leading worship). Then my eyes were opened to His realm and the Lord was there, walking in our midst, laying hands on people, healing emotions and hurts, taking away deep grief and touching long buried and deeply personal hurts and pains...but He told me when I asked if He would lay hands on me, "No. I'm here to minister to hearts and souls. You did it to yourself."

Saturday morning the vertigo was still there, stronger than ever. I had about 5 hours sleep that night, and that was interrupted 2x in those 5 hours because the bathroom had a motion activated light that came on when the bathroom door was opened, and could not be deactivated manually. Suddenly the room would light up bright as day in the middle of the night, so we were both jolted wide awake until we could settle down again and sleep, lol.

I was nauseous that morning, but once the dry heaves were over felt a little better, but it still took all my concentration to put one foot in front of the other and remain upright as I walked. I made it through

the Saturday morning session, teaching seated rather than standing, explaining to everyone briefly about the vertigo, and then we broke for lunch.

I just went back to the room to lie down, asking others to lead the question/answer afternoon session about house church.

What the Father said

I was on the bed, on my left side because if I turned to my right side the vertigo hit. I asked the Father why the Lord hadn't healed me the night before when He was there. Why did He tell me 'You did it to yourself'? He immediately replied:

"You did it to yourself. I've been dealing with you for some time about taking a full day off each week, but you haven't obeyed."

I replied, "But Father, since I was a teenager I've been saying for myself what they said of Moses: 'His eye was not dim nor his natural force abated'*. So my body should listen to me on this like it does on other things." (My eyesight is better than 20/20, I've never had a cavity, and I can outwork most men my age and lack no energy even now at age 60). *(Dt 34:7)

He replied with something I've never heard Him say before: "That's true, but your body is going the way of the earth, and you need to learn to adjust." That was a shock, but consistent with what I've been seeking answers about for the last few years; the balance between healing and the aging process. I still expect to face my latter years with good health and full energy, He wasn't saying I wouldn't. But He was saying I am getting older and the body is 'going the way of the earth', and to adjust.

When I get a prayer request from say, a daughter asking for healing for her 97 year old Christian mom, I pause not knowing whether to immediately ask the Father for healing, or if it is her time to go home and the daughter's request was more out of not wanting to deal with the death of her beloved mother. I've long sought to know the balance between aging and healing. Where is the line between the body 'going the way of the earth' and with it gaining heaven, versus healing?

Having the Father tell me my body was going the way of the earth and I needed to learn to adjust highlighted a new focus - learning to adjust. Hmmm....not just adjusting, but learning how to adjust...a process once again!

But wait, there's more...

But He continued: "You should listen to your wife. Barb knows how to take a day of rest and has been telling you for some time to do so. She has been my confirming voice in this (that I've been dealing with you internally and privately about for quite some time.) But you haven't listened. You'll have to walk this one out."

But I don't want to 'walk this one out'!

In I Corinthians 6:18 Paul shares a principle which in context is about sexual sin, but is applicable to sins against the body in general:

"(All manner) of other sins a person sins are outside the body; but whoever sins sexually, that is a sin against their own body."

The principle he brings out is that sins against the body manifest in the body - things we do to ourselves. We know this instinctively - the smoker who gets emphysema or lung cancer, the obese person who has troubles in their joints and feet, and for minor things we've all worked ourselves or stressed ourselves to the point of headaches or fuzzy thoughts, dehydration or near fainting - if we sin against the body that sin will manifest in the body.

The Atrial Fibrillation (AFib) I've been dealing with the last 3 years is something I did to myself - it was a hot day of 115 F, (46C), I was working hard, fully clothed, pushing myself as usual, dehydrated a bit...and suddenly felt a rush in my chest, felt faint and had to sit down, my heart fluttered...and later I found out I had put the heart into AFib.

I recovered quickly and would not know I had it but for a medical exam a few months later - and I trust that will be corrected medically later this year, but I did it to myself. The same with vertigo...the Father had been dealing with me about taking a day off every week, and it is a new skill...I've been one to go to bed at 11 or 12, get up and for the day by 5 or 6am...doing that on a day off...how to define that....hmmmm.

There are many examples in the New Testament that will help us find that dividing line between expecting healing from heaven and walking it out - and that is next week, until then, blessings,
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New Lesson learned #3, Righteousness in the natural first

Hi all,

I've been sharing quite transparently some recent exchanges between the Lord, Father, and myself concerning me not disciplining to take a full day off each week and the resultant condition of vertigo that happens when I become very tired.

Last week: Paul said in I Corinthians 6:18 (in modern terms) that sins against the body are manifest in the body.

We know this instinctively, but it will help us distinguish between how we seek our healing in terms of what we are to do in the natural, and what we may expect God to do in the supernatural.

Because our bodies are of the earth and will return to the materials used to make the earth until we get bodies made of heavenly material, it means ignorance doesn't excuse us from the consequences of things done in the body.

If you step off a ledge, you will fall to the earth. Ignorance does not free anyone from the consequences of the laws of action and reaction the physical universe is constructed with, and in which we now live. We live on earth, so things of earth are our responsibility.

And that's the difficult thing for Christians

There is a sub-culture of error among many Christians in which they believe that God will make up the differences for their ignorance or disobedience in the natural, or the ignoring of common sense in life and/or business. That is incorrect. Before I return to healing I can explain the principle by using other examples.

He isn't your silent partner making up for you not doing what is right; Meaning you still have to do what is right and proper with due diligence because He won't excuse laziness or dishonesty or failing to do what you know to do in the natural. Natural things are here on the earth and therefore our responsibility. IF after we do what is right and proper, moral and just in the natural, THEN God enters because that flow of righteousness allows Him to flow to us.

Examples of doing right in Jesus' life

Look at Jesus when He fed 5,000 and at another time 4,000 men, plus women and children. What did He do that was right in the natural? He first organized them according to Mark 6:40 into groups of 50's and 100's. That means those maybe 20,000 people were first made to sit down in about 200-400 groups of 50 and 100 each. Walk it through your mind - think it through - imagine the disciples being made by Jesus to take the time to organize that many people FIRST, before the miracle came. But they did, THEN the miracle came.

He didn't just pour out blessing so it would be all unorganized - was the world created so that you see nothing but disorder in nature? Of course not. So why do people think they can ignore doing right in the natural and God will bless? Error. It applies to life, to body, to health, to business, to money, to relationships - everything.

We also know the infrastructure Jesus set up before the miracle went from before He started by organizing the groups, until after He finished because they counted up the baskets of left overs - 5 in one case and 7 in the other. (Matthew 16:8-10)

God promises not to give us more than we can handle - I Corinthians 10:13. That means not only will He limit the attacks of the enemy and make a way of escape, but it also applies to blessings. He won't give you more than you can handle. So if you aren't handling your money righteously now, He cannot bless you with more. The Father could multiply food for Jesus' life that blessed others because (in part) Jesus could organize the people to handle that huge of a blessing - the Father would not give His Son more than He could handle, and aren't we glad Jesus could handle it!

The same applies to our subject of health - are you handling the food you have properly? Why would He bless you with more activity, more business, more things to do if physically we aren't handling what we now have? More later...but first to drive the point home some more...

Think of the water into wine miracle

John 2: 5-6 tells us His mother told Him to do what was right. The very next thing it says Jesus (looked around) and saw 6 stone water pots that could carry "2 or 3 firkins each". A firkin varied in volume but 1 firkin was roughly 8 gallons (30 liters). So Jesus used 6 stone water pots each filled with 16-24 gallons (60-90 liters), into wine.

But notice - He saw the water pots, clearly looking for something to organize the blessing, adapted their use to His purpose, had them fill the pots with water to the brim, then the miracle happened. He won't do miracles if you don't do what is right in the natural. He can only give you what you can handle. Moses had to get Israel to the edge of the Sea before it parted. So organize your heart first, then your life to contain blessings.

That is the same for healing - what we eat, what we do, the stress we carry. We want God to pour out more of Himself into our lives, but we aren't being good stewards of what we have now, so His hands are tied.

Personal example

Decades ago in what seems like a galaxy far, far, away, I owned 2 pizza delivery stores. Our profit after all expenses averaged 20%. That means for every \$10 of pizza sold, the company was able to bank \$2. It was what we call the 'net' profit - the profit after all other expenses were taken out. That \$2 was to be set aside for future expansion, part of it used for bonuses for managers, and so forth.

All the other expenses came out of the remaining \$8. My salary, the pay for our 65 employees, the purchase of food product, the paying of rent, payroll and matching taxes and such - all that came out of that \$8 for every \$10 sold. It would have been unrighteousness of me in the natural to take \$10 from a purchase and give that \$10 to a relative or my wife or kids or use it to buy something for myself. Of that \$10, \$8 was to be put back into the people, product, and overhead expenses.

Yet time and again I've seen people take cash from sales and not have the discipline to set their \$8 aside for the business - and then they want God and/or others to rescue them. **WRONG.** He will let them fail because money is on the earth and therefore our responsibility to do what is right. We can't do wrong and then say God please overlook it and make up for my disobedience. Spiritually speaking, He will love you and cover your sin. Naturally speaking, it is up to you to do right.

Money is of the earth and therefore our responsibility, not God's. He will let them go bankrupt for they violated righteousness. Sins of the earth, stay in the earth, if I could say it this way. They sinned against the body of their business, so the sins are manifest in the business. If we sin against our bodies, the sin is manifest in the body.

Examples in the NT next week of balancing miracle healings with doing what is right in the natural.
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New lesson learned #4, Paul's co-worker who worked himself sick

Hi all,

Last week I ended with the example of our pizza delivery business making \$2 on every \$10 purchase, and you may have thought I wandered far off the subject - not the case!

Time set aside and infrastructure

In the same way it would be wrong for a business owner to spend the whole \$10 sale on themselves rather than setting \$2 profit aside, I have been 'spending' the whole 7 day week on myself rather than setting aside 1 day as 'profit'.

I also shared how Jesus first set up an infrastructure before the blessing was poured out: Seating thousands in groups of 50's and 100's, and organizing unused water pots to fill with water that would be turned into wine. So let us combine those 2 elements today.

What infrastructure have I now established to enable the blessing intended in taking a full day off per week to have its full effect? For me, the first thing I purposed was to 'unplug' from the Internet one day each week. No checking email, Facebook, Messenger, Skype, text messages, etc. The phone is on the table away from me. That infrastructure is enabling me to relax and focus on the day and recharge myself - without guilt I might add, because in days past I would feel guilty for not working.

If the Lord is dealing with a person about their diet, what infrastructure must they set up in order for God to bless them in their efforts? If He is dealing with them about say, not eating carbohydrates to focus on proteins and vegetables, do they need to clean out their pantry and give those factory-made canned goods and chips and crackers to a food bank? (And/or to someone who God is not dealing with about those issues)

If He is dealing with someone about handling money, getting out of debt for example, do they need to cut up or lock away charge cards to keep themselves from going into more debt? Do they need to sit down and examine their spending and organize a budget as a basic infrastructure needed before the Father can pour more finances on them?

Epaphras (shortened version of Epaphroditus)

In Colossians 4:12 Paul describes Epaphras who prays fervently for them all, the verb meaning 'to strive (strongly)' in prayer. Paul elsewhere describes this prayer warrior as a fellow prisoner, servant, and one who ministered to his needs. He sacrificially gave and prayed and traveled with Paul and ran messages to and from the (home) churches for Paul.

In Philippians 2: 25-30 Paul says he was 'sick near unto death', but God had mercy. He says in v30: "Because for the work of Christ he was sick near unto death, not regarding his life to supply your lack of service toward me."

Epaphras worked himself sick. In the last part of this sentence it sounds like Paul is indicting the Philippians for their lack of care for him, but it comes across too strongly in the English. The Greek conveys they did not yet have the opportunity to give to Paul, and that Epaphras worked himself sick to help supply Paul with support. In fact later in this letter, in 4:14-18 he acknowledges they did not have the opportunity, but since then Epaphras had come from them with an offering.

Some suggest the Greek indicates Epaphras was reckless in the risking of his life and health for Paul. He was constantly busy, that much we can see. He wore himself down to the point of death according to Paul's own words. The Greek word Paul uses for sick means 'weak, feeble, sick'. The mercy of the Lord here was not there for a divine healing, but allowing him to recover. Epaphras did it to himself. Paul, from whose hands we see so many miracles in Acts, could not heal him. The illness which was the result of over working had to run its course, and he eventually recovered.

That tendency to overwork is what caused my vertigo, so I've taken a lesson from Epaphras in this. How many of us because of work, career, school, volunteering at church, playing taxi to our kids and so forth have worked ourselves to the point of illness brought on by exhaustion like Epaphras? Sins against the body stay in and manifest in, the body.

Prejudice, holding onto bias against others are sins manifesting in the body

Much is known of the culture of ancient Corinth. It was a seaport, the city motto was 'liberty and knowledge', it was a city where 3 cultures came together: Roman, Greek, and Jewish. It was known

the 'white collar' business owners did not mix with the 'blue collar' dock workers and laborers. Not much different than today really. That was the culture of the city.

But Acts 18: 7-8 tells us many of each of these 3 groups became believers. These 3 cultures with all their cultural 'baggage' met initially in the home of the Roman Gaius Justus, also led by Crispus the ruler of the synagogue.

In I Corinthians 11: 18-32 Paul criticizes some of them because they refuse to eat the Lord's Supper with the others (in Justus' house), meeting ahead of time to eat separately, having their own Lord's Supper among themselves. He tells them they can eat anytime in their own homes, and are despising the body of Christ in splitting off. He tells them that they should rightly discern the Lord's body and join the others. He then concludes about their prejudice:

"Those who eat and drink (The Lord's Supper) without correctly understanding the body are eating and drinking their own judgement. Because of this many of you are weak and sickly, and some have died (early). But if we judge ourselves we won't be judged. If we are judged however, it is from the Lord that we not be condemned with the world." (v29-32)

Consider the case of the Corinthians: Disliking others in their (home) church opened them up to sickness. In chapter 3 of his first letter Paul said they were breaking off to make closed groups, one following Apollos, another following Paul, and so on. He told them to stop it and grow up. Jesus is what matters, who they all have in common.

For those creating a clique apart from the others there was no divine healing offered; Paul mentioning the reason for their illnesses but offered no prayer for them - they did it to themselves. They said they didn't need the others. It was up to them to correct their attitude which in turn would close the door on their many sicknesses. They were to judge themselves.

This is serious stuff folks. Human nature seeks the lazy way out, the way of no responsibility, the short cut: "Please God heal me but don't make me deal with my heart." But if you did it to yourself, there will be no divine healing. Mercy maybe, like with Epaphras who recovered, but not an instant healing. Obviously not every sickness and condition is the result of people doing it to themselves, but in this narrowly focused study, we can see there are some who qualify as having done it to themselves; like Epaphras and some of the Corinthians (and John, lol).

Next week, balancing faith and medicine and who Jesus healed in the gospels...Not what you think! Until then, blessings,

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Lesson learned; final in the series #5

Hi all,

Last week I shared how Paul told the Corinthians their prejudice against members of their own (house) church had made them weak, sickly, and some had even died. They did it to themselves, as did Epaphras who worked himself nearly to death. We sometimes open the door through failing love or working or stressing ourselves, but when can we expect God to heal us?

Name that healing...

Can you name any specific instant healing in the gospels or Acts in which the person had knowingly done caused that condition? To put it another way, of the specifically cited individual healings in the gospels, did Jesus ever heal a person who had knowingly caused that medical condition in their body?

The answer is no. In Matthew 15:30-31 it mentions the maimed being made whole - 'maiming' is the result of an accident - they didn't knowingly maim themselves.

Consider: The woman with the hemorrhaging issue didn't do anything to create that condition in her. Did blind Bartimaeus or the man born blind purposely make themselves blind? No. Did any of the deaf people, lepers, those unable to speak, lame, the woman severely bent over - did they knowingly do something that gave them their condition? No. Did Malchus whose ear Peter cut off with a sword but Jesus put back on and healed, ask Peter to cut off his ear? No.

Did the daughter of Jairus who died of a fever, the Gentile woman's daughter 'vexed' of a demon, or Peter's mother in law knowingly do something that caused them to get the fevers and illnesses that Jesus later healed or raised them from the dead? No. Not a single one of the specifically named cases in the gospels that Jesus healed even hint at the person having done it to themselves. The man Paul raised from the dead after he fell out the window was an accident, but he didn't purposely fall out the window. Dorcas got a fever and died, who Peter raised from the dead. Did she get the fever on purpose? No.

So why when we eat ourselves into obesity, thus causing joint and heart/lung issues and more do we pray for a divine healing? Why when we eat factory prepared foods void of nutrition or knowingly don't get enough vitamins and minerals and then are sickly, do we expect divine healing?

Why do people smoke knowing it can cause cancer and a host of other conditions, or purposely lift something we know we shouldn't, or overwork to the point of exhaustion and/or causing ailments within us (as in my case with the vertigo or even the AFib), or carry worry and fear when we know we need to get with the Lord to give it to Him - and expect God to instantly heal us? If the record of Jesus and in Acts is instant healing only for those people who came into their condition through no direct intent nor fault of their own, why do we expect Him to instantly heal us when we knowingly did it to ourselves?

Our bodies are of the earth and we are stewards of everything from our time on earth to our earth bodies. We are responsible. It's that simple. Sins against the body are manifest in the body as Paul said. What infrastructure must we set up to change our lives as it pertains to health, nutrition, walking in love towards fellow disciples?

Balancing faith, healing, common sense, judging your own heart

Paul told Timothy in his first letter (5:23): "Stop drinking only water, and use a little wine for your stomach for your frequent illnesses." Whether the 'oinos' (wine) was fermented or just juice is irrelevant for this subject - Paul told Timothy to use what he considered medicine for his stomach. Last week I shared how Paul noted Erastus had worked himself literally to the point of death, and needed time to recover.

Taking time to recover and drinking some wine for his stomach's sake are both practical solutions. Paul, this man who called blindness on Elymas the sorcerer who opposed him, who raised a man from the dead who had fallen out of a window, this man from whose hands God did special miracles through cloths he had been in contact with - this man of noted miracles over the course of years, told his friends to take some medicine, get some rest and recover.

Examples

When our kids were little and they got a fever or cold or something, we would lay hands on them, but if they weren't better within a short amount of time, certainly no longer than 24 hours, we would get them to a doctor. You don't make innocent children suffer just because you are 'standing in faith' - you have to do what is right because you are on the earth in the natural first, and then the spiritual follows.

People violate common sense and then wonder where God is. They do everything wrong in the natural and then cry out for a miracle. Thus they live a roller coaster life of down then up, miracle then down then up to a miracle then down again - rather than living in a flow of provision unlocked by doing what is right in the natural and common sense.

It is like the lady I've shared about who would write checks to local merchants knowing she didn't have money in her account. Then she came to me, her pastor, for prayer to give her husband a raise, to have favor with the banks to remove some fees, to have favor with the stores to let her write more checks - but for God to answer that prayer would mean He was enabling her sin, or at the least partnering with her in her sin.

His solution was that I worked with her to help establish a budget, and discipline - doing what is right in the natural set up the infrastructure of her life through which God could flow. It wasn't elegant, it was difficult, hard on the flesh, and 'normal'. But it was the divine answer, the divine 'touch' from God she needed.

That is why Paul...

...repeatedly lists the qualifications of leaders as morally upright, stable in life, stable in family. They have the infrastructure in place for God to bless them in the natural. He is in the spiritual, we live in the natural. God is righteous and honest and He can only flow through that - so if our lives are not matching His integrity, then we tie His hands.

This series has been one in which I've shared my own experience and conversation with the Father concerning why I had vertigo. His solution wasn't a dramatic divine touch, rather He directed me back to better stewardship of my time and energy. His solution was seen with the very mundane and practical steps of taking a full day off each week, but it was a divine touch.

The supernatural is often hidden within the practical. That makes it seemingly simple, mundane, even boring. We don't want to be like Naaman whose pride at being told to wash in the muddy Jordan river

7x would heal him of his leprosy caused him to turn away - the miracle didn't come in the form he expected so he rejected God's solution. Don't be like that.

Very often it is the simple act of taking responsibility for our lives that is the supernatural act God requires. It isn't glorious nor does it come with goosebumps and chills. As with Jesus making people sit down in organized groups, the Father flows through practical things we do to facilitate Him moving in our midst.

I hope this series has provided food for thought...new subject next week, until then, blessings,

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