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I've been going around for the past few weeks and telling people in haphazard fashion about what God told me about CONFIDENCE and when it comes to these major revelations, I always feel like my delivery doesn't do justice to the weight of the revelation. As much as I seek to study diligently and practice the craft of delivery, usually what I end up feeling like is I'm ranting like a crazy person and I'm myself very surprised anybody even listens to what I'm saying and every single time I reflect on how I gave the testimony and I always realize I left something important out. I've gotten a range of reactions to these ideas: discomfort and people trying to end the conversation prematurely, excitement and agreement, and of course, indifference.

And I've had dreams lately about writing this message and the messages that will come after, dreams about writing prophetically in general.. I find that when my writing is at it's best (from my perception), there is an ordained time and I'm in a sort of flowlike state and mood.. But this time around, it's about the urgency of the hour and getting the message out and I feel inadequate for the task, so I pray that God will be the one and I just be the vessel. My own imperfection will make room for God's perfect, strong influence.. Ready or not, here I come, you can't hide.. Gonna fiiiind you..lol.

Anyways, here goes:

Jesus woke me up at 5 a.m. several days ago and said, "Hey, I wanna talk to you. I wanna talk to you about CONFIDENCE."

He asked me what I thought about it and I gave him some unmemorable brainstorm of what it could be, but He gave me a very simple definition. "Confidence is knowing the end from the beginning." He was never confused, He never hesitated, He never didn't know what He was about to do next. He already saw it beforehand. He gave me the example of the man on whose eyes he smeared dirt to heal his blindness. That was not an accident. Everything is premeditated and intentional with God.

He told me other things too, which I didn't even remember until I checked my notes, but let's stay on topic.

So ramping up to this revelation was a call to GET THE HOUSE IN ORDER prior to being LAUNCHED INTO MINISTRY.. and ministry is not specific to church activity, but to being God's ADMINISTRATION of HIS BUSINESS on the earth as it was already written in Heaven. And getting the house in order has largely manifested as an urgency to CLOSE SIDE DOORS, a phenomena I've been describing as CLEARING THE BACKLOG. What are the little tasks we've procrastinated on? Which did we not have the funds to allot at the time? Which were just not the urgent priority? What promises have we made to others and not fulfilled? What books did we start and not finish (or decide weren't worth finishing)? What kind of bad habits have we been needing to actually bring to the Lord and show movement in repenting from? What kind of good habits need to be started? And more and more and more it goes, high and wide and far and deep.

Ask Holy Spirit what these things are and ask Him for a NARROW WAY.. because you might have a thousand things to ultimately do, but you only have twenty-four hours in a day, seven days in a week, give or take some time that God asks us to lay down or in rare occasion, when he lengthens our days (it's a Scripture, look it up) or even time travels us.

On this topic, I will say that I've had to wrestle with people's perfect faith in the enemy's plans.. When I tell people about confidence and I break it down as simply as Jesus broke it down for me, I've seen many light bulbs come on, but I've also had to encounter people's excuses. Opposition is what it feels like. "You don't understand, the reason I can't is _____," and nothing will convince them otherwise. I'll say, "The Word says _____," and they respond with a, "Yeah, but [my false god says].." and I perhaps more than anybody I know am willing to respect these kinds of distinctions, but deep down I think people just don't really want to change. They have new excuses if you have answers for their current ones. Or they agree with you in person and the next time you talk to them they didn't at all take action or seek the Lord like they said they would. And what I see is a capacity for high discipline, a capacity for unwavering faith -- except it's faith in the enemy's victory. So it's been a sad but eye-opening thing. The hand of the diligent will rule, and the hand of the lazy will be put to forced labor.

Even now I'm wary that by describing this I'm coming from a place of arrogance or criticism or condemnation, so please bear with me here. I've been this person many, many times. I've been stuck for years and years and years.. and it hurts me to see people stuck like I was stuck when the answer is literally choosing a different master and putting away the idol that gives us familiar comfort. And yet in practice this can take five years, ten years, twenty years. So for ten years you have the same conversation with the person every time you sit with them.. always the same issue and always the same wall. And I don't know honestly what to do about that but try and tell someone else.

So the nature of confidence is COMPLETION. It's RECONCILIATION. Healing old hurts, closing up old wounds, discharging debts (yes, that's literally what FORGIVENESS is). It's a supernatural thing to be able to open or shut doors in Christ Jesus.. it's like taking east and west and putting them together continuously.. even metaphysically an impossible task, but we serve the God of the Impossible. Jesus is Alpha and Omega, which means He premeditates everything and He has the final word on everything, and somehow He manages to work all things for good mostly without altering people's free will choice.

To be confident in something means there is no hesitation. Do you believe Jesus is Lord? That He heals today? Hopefully there is no hesitation there, even in the face of persecution. Do you believe He is Lord of your finances, your health, and your relationships? The nature of the questioning will reveal that there are decreasing levels of confidence when you examine these questions compared to the others. And why is that? I speculate it is largely because there is still an unfilled gap in the area and your foundation is not quite as secure as other things. A painful area is an open wound, often still tender. It is a broken lens through which we learn to filter everything else. In the realm of eternity, everything is like leaven, and a little leaven leavens the whole lump. It's a log in the eye, the reason we are unable to pass through the eye of the needle, that thing we refuse to lay at the altar (sell all we have, make peace with our enemy) so that we might have wealth in heaven. The double in mind is unstable.

That's why confidence games (otherwise known as con-artistry) work so well. Someone is able to deceive others to believe he is stable, mostly because by comparison they are unstable while he is stable in his mission to con them, whereas someone who has been conned before is far more certain than the con-artist is who tries to con the one who is no longer naive.

Sometimes people come with the truth and good intentions but there is just the slightest trembling in their tone of voice and we can lose confidence in them and without confidence (otherwise known as faith, so think "good faith" and "bad faith" in the legal realm or business realm) there can be no agreement. Without faith there are no works. Men in our society understand this very well. Try and go up to an attractive girl and ask her out on a date. The slightest hesitation, the slightest uncertainty in

your walk, the slightest shaking of your voice will bring up an automatic wall, and this is a GOOD thing. But if someone loses their confidence they lose their willingness to even try.. and even this is a good thing. Why should God's daughter be given to someone who will be a liability to her? Yet the slickest person who has had the most practice can snare the naive when they don't know any better. That's why it's a good father that doesn't spare the rod and that is why it is a fool who despises correction. The world will bring correction one way or the other, but whether or not it is blows to the back or ways unto death (slay) or merely a little bit of embarrassment in a safe environment depends on someone's willingness to believe their teacher and submit to authority.

My goodness, I don't feel I'm delivering this so well.. lol.. but let's keep going. I'm confident in God's truth even if I'm not super confident about my writing ability and clarity of thought.

The way this has worked for me is a charge to actually take inventory of my life. This is a charge from God and if you wanna pray for me and do the same for yourself, please do so. I'm being tasked with actually inventorying all. All my belongings. All of my projects. All of my systems. All of my books and writings and plans. I need to have systems for project management and financial strategizing. I need some foundational studying in the realm of accounting so I can actually be fluent in the language of business (tip from Warren Buffett). And the reason for this is all of the areas I am lacking are side doors for the enemy to come and take advantage. Ignorance of the law will not stop prosecution. Whether we realize it or not, we have a multitude of systems already in place, mostly manifesting as habits or neglect. It will show up on our weighing scale and it will show up in our bank balance and in whether or not people answer our phone calls and whether or not we have any authority over anybody at all.. and in areas where there is neglect, we will see a poverty.

I'll give an example: I remember when I first started going to the gym, it was a very intimidating experience. I didn't know how to use the equipment, it felt like people smelled weakness on me and weren't willing to help me to learn and were aggressive in pressuring me to cease using the equipment they were waiting on and I could feel their eyes as I awkwardly tried to finish up to their arbitrary satisfaction. I had no knowledge of diet or exercise so there was no grid, no order or sequence or pattern. I didn't know what to expect, results or injury, or in what timeframe. But I was heartbroken enough to invest the extra resource to go through that discomfort of being crappy at something until I wasn't crappy at it anymore. In this way, pain can be a gift..

But eventually I copied enough people's exercises and read enough random internet articles to gain some kind of fluency (remember, we're closing up gaps here) that it didn't feel so intimidating to be in the place and it didn't feel so foreign to use the equipment and then I could start noticing that some people were very successful at it and others didn't know much about what they were doing, and I began to ask the people who seemed to know what they were doing if they could give me advice, and some of those people were really helpful and others were reluctantly helpful. I could start to look at reality -- that some people were progressing and others weren't. That I needed to look at my results and measure them or else I wouldn't know if I was getting any better. So the more I filled in these gaps, the more confident I became.

And here's the punchline: this just became part of my overall personality. Confidence in my physical fitness started to break through into my relationships. I noticed people just generally treat you better when you are physically fit, and even when I got injured and lost my physique, the memory of it remained. You just carry yourself in a different way because you are confident in one thing. I imagine this is how people feel when they are confident in finances. Pray for me because I don't quite know what this feels like yet (lol).

Remember, Jesus said in His Father's House there are many mansions. Right? And mansions have rooms. Jesus went and prepared a place for us, right? So what if the fitness area of our life is one room in our spiritual mansion.. but that room is neglected, collecting dust, or worse -- it is occupied by a foreigner, the side door was left open and that foreigner is starting to abuse that room and get bolder to try and start colonizing another room.. Just think about this. The areas of our lives that we neglect and don't have a lock on the door are open to thieves and if the window is open the wrong weather can come in and damage the house and if the walls get filled with mold then that can spread.. I'm probably pushing this metaphor a little too hard, but I hope you understand.

So what if we are called to be a writer? Then that library will probably be a disproportionately large area of our house. If we are neglecting that area or filling it with unprofitable liabilities, how much proportionately will that affect the rest of our lives and every visitor who comes in and every investor who is paying that mortgage (remember, faith is the title deed of invisible things hoped for)? I hope this point is driven home.

So let's go back to the admonishment to get our house in order if we intend on being given access to someone else's. Which rooms of our house are neglected? How many rooms in our house do we have? We can start in the physical realm. Which rooms in our house are not in order? Which ones need to be restocked? Which things need to be thrown away? Remember, there is a time and season to collect and a time to throw out, a time to pluck up and a time to sow. And what about our spiritual house? How is our resting space? How is our work ethic?

This is very real to me. Our lives are not our own and so too our houses are not our own. They are on LOAN to us.. Jesus gave us a DOWN PAYMENT (title deed) so that we might occupy residence connected to His House in His Kingdom.. He paid with HIS BLOOD. When the Master comes to His house unannounced, in what state will He find it? Will he find that the house is not just kept but operating for their ordained function? Is the kitchen making food, is the restroom keeping us hygienic and presentable, is the library producing documents? What little Jesus gave to us, have we been faithful to keep it? Do we dare ask Him to give us more land when the land He gave us isn't well kept? Is the house occupied by demons in every room from the tribe of EXCUSES and JUSTIFICATIONS and PRESUMPTIONS? Are they multiplying or being cast out? Did we put to death our sins that are like open portals to illegal aliens? I hope you're hearing me on this.

I hope the point is obvious by now: none of us are perfect and if we're being honest, all of us have something to be working on, and even if we perfected everything we had in our territory, the Lord would simply give us more and then we have imperfect faith as we try and work it to perfect faith. We go from glory to glory. But I speculate that the Lord operates in seasons of harvest.. and in each season we have finite number of seeds and finite amount of land and resources like water and tools and helps and servants (otherwise known as angels).. but here is the point -- the more and more of our land we have under our solid dominion, the more and more confident we are going to be when the Master returns.

The Lord told it to me like this. When I looked at my physical land and I saw how much produce I was producing and I realized that this produce even if sold for great profit would not even be enough to take care of myself and my household, I told the Lord, "I need more land." And He said to me, "But Son, you haven't yet maximized the land you have. Did you measure how much produce you expect to have every single year? Do you know the cash value of all of your assets? Do you know what each square foot of your land is doing at all times? If I sent you an investor who could write you a check to give

you double what you have now, would he have CONFIDENCE in you based on your ability to answer these questions?" I'll let you guess the answer. But that's just the thing: it was EMPOWERING to know that I still have much to do. Each day has it's own provision for worries, and it's a problem that people focus on yesterday's worries or tomorrow's worries, spending up their provision today and not fixing the hole in the house that they are called to fix today. People get so disempowered as if they don't have anything under their control, but yet all of these side doors are open, all of these rooms are neglected, and they are acting like God is the one preventing them from meeting their wife when maybe she came and they didn't recognize her because of the log in their eye or maybe she remained hidden because her Father didn't want her to take on someone else's debts and thus become a slave.

Oh boy, I hope you believe me when I say when I started writing this I didn't think it was going to have this tone. This is a kick in the pants even for me.

This is where FAITH comes in. Do we have faith in God's word that if we are faithful with little, He will bless us with much? What does being faithful mean? Well, faith is perfected in WORKS, which means the WORD we gave when we promised to take on an assignment is true, so I will say that we might receive something with joy but whether or not our faith is shallow or not will determine if we bear fruit come harvest time. We might believe and plant some seeds but then we get busy or the weather is too hot or the bugs become too numerous and we don't invest the time and sweat and our faith is never perfected because our enemy had more confidence than we did and took over our garden.

You know something? Being a physical gardener, I actually believe plants are literally alive and conscious (all of creation bows in worship) and they have confidence in the gardener that works beside them and they will produce well if they believe the gardener will take care of them no matter what comes, but they will die more easily if they are under the hand of neglect. That's a word from the Lord right there. I also believe the pests and animals are like little children who know if they can get away with stealing produce from the owner.

Anyways, let's see if I've come to the end of this message.

I believe we are in a small window.. perhaps another month or maybe two or maybe less but I don't really know (be ready in and out of season, be holy and above reproach).. a window in which we have opportunity to ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any open doors that we need to close. Many of them will merely need to be closed with a Word. Some may require agreement from others (not to be confused with gossip), some may require prayer and fasting. Some may require diligent effort. Some we might need deliverance from which means we need to get help which means we need to admit we need help. And let me go ahead and add this: some may require that we actually know our Word. And if we're tracking the theme of this message, you should know that if you know your Word backwards and forwards, your confidence will multiply. If you've put in the time to seek the Lord, your prayers will win more confidence from both angels and men (and demons). But the time is short -- I believe some things are going to begin to happen for each one of us and some things are going to happen corporately on the earth.. and we don't want to be found as the five virgins who did not steward their oil.

I'm sorry to say this but unless God is directing you to, you most likely can't afford right now to sacrifice the call God gave you to babysit someone who has neglected their own garden. There is a time for God to direct you to do that and listen to what Holy Spirit says.. if you've been diligent you probably have provision to do so, but don't mistake making provision to help another for false obligation masquerading as ministry. The enemy sends spies and they often look and behave like Delilah or Saul.

It is a time to get alone with God and be real with yourself so that you are confident that what you are doing is what God told you to do. If someone (perhaps a king or an investor) should ask you, what did God say about it, the last thing you want to respond with is, "I didn't ask." I tell you the truth, opportunity comes like a thief in the night. If you lose someone's confidence, it's a slim to nil chance they will come around again. As you complete the things God told you, your confidence will begin to grow and snowball and gain momentum. But there is a very serious urgency to do what must be done in this hour.

Let me just end with a prayer for you.

Father in Heaven, I seek for anyone who should read this letter to receive an impartation of the CONFIDENCE OF JESUS, to be just like you are and to do exactly what they see You doing. Open blind eyes, make the lame run once again, unblock deaf ears, strengthen hands with might, shut the door to opposition, refresh souls, renew minds, win the hearts of those in whom you have sown Your dreams and visions, that they would finish strong the race You have set before them. Let the Blood of Jesus be a full and complete currency that will have reconciled every debt so that each one has opportunity to reach the point of breakthrough when You come in this harvest. Speak clearly and urgently and lovingly to anybody that will believe and set aside provision to seek You in this hour. Make of willing vessels to be not just hearers but doers.

We pray in the Name of Jesus, LET IT BE SO!

Alright dudes, that took more out of me than I thought it would. I love all of your faces. Until next time.

Yours In Christ,
Ryan