

Lesson 134 See the signs

Grab ahold of the symbolism I put in life. See the signs and wonders all around you. See Me in My creation. There is another whole world of communication out there that I have given in addition to words. This is the communication of the warmth of the sun – feel My warm embrace. See the kitten playing with its mother and siblings. This speaks of My love. You say you don't believe in coincidence so if this truth is really in you, then see this also as another way I choose to speak to you, through life. Be reflective of all the moments as you pass through life for in them I speak in many ways. Meditate on this and go in peace and see My love communicated all around you.

Introduction

As I was studying this message I realized that it was about both communication and reflection. What I came to understand is that in many ways we unintentionally place limits, upon ourselves, others, situations, we may even try limiting the Lord when it comes to communication. I believe we do this without really realizing it. But in the end what we are actually doing is restricting forward momentum. However, the Lord cannot be limited. There is nothing impossible for Him.

05/13/13 BN - My Spirit is flowing...pouring out. Do not place limits on Me for I AM limitless.

The Lord can communicate with His children through innumerable ways. In the words above for example He described scenes that carried with them messages of warmth and love. He spoke of signs and wonders, coincidence and creation. All of which can be used as a means through which He may enlighten or connect with you, His child.

For example, when Elihu spoke of God to Job he eluded to just some of what the Lord is teaching us about communication.

Job 36:32-37:13 He gathers the lightning into his hands and commands it to strike the target. <u>Its crashing announces its presence and apprises the cattle of what is coming</u>. "At this, my own heart trembles and leaps out of its place. Just listen to the rumbling of his voice, to the thunder that comes from his mouth! He sends it out under all of heaven, his lightning to the ends of the earth. There follows a sound, a roar -he is thundering with his majestic voice, and he keeps releasing [the lightning] even while his voice is being heard.

"God thunders wonderfully with his voice, he does great things beyond our understanding. He says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth!'-likewise to the light rain, also to the downpour. He brings all human activity to a stop, so that everyone he has made can know it. Then the animals go into their lairs and hibernate in their dens. "Out of its chamber comes the storm, with cold out of the north. By the breath of God, ice is given, and the wide waters freeze over. He weighs the clouds down with moisture, and they flash forth his lightning. He, by his plans, turns them around, so they do what he commands them

anywhere on earth; he brings them forth on the earth sometimes to punish, sometimes to express his grace.

Elihu could see and hear the Lord through His creation. He understood that there were messages being delivered unto man and this is what He spoke of. Likewise, the Lord said, See Me in My creation. There is another whole world of communication out there that I have given in addition to words. In essence the Lord is saying, See Me, Hear Me in My creation just as Elihu did. Therefore, in this lesson we will examine and reflect upon the many and varied communication techniques of the Lord.

Communication

From here I think it would be a good idea to begin by reviewing the definition of communication.

Communication is -

-the act or process of communicating (communicate)

Communicate –

- -to impart knowledge of, make known,
- -to give to another, impart, transmit
- -to give or interchange thoughts, feelings, information, or the like by writing, speaking, etc.
- -to express thoughts, feelings, or information easily or effectively
- -to be joined or connected
- -to administer or partake of the Eucharist

Communication then is a way we make knowledge known. It is imparted from one to another through the interchange of thoughts, feelings or information. And it is, according to the Lord, not limited to words. In the message above He included signs, wonders, coincidence, and even creation as a means of communication.

05/09/13 DP - You are My child, receive of My Spirit (saw something descending) received. Fellowship in silence, <u>spirit communication with Me your God Jesus</u>. You are learning to reverence in silence well done.

At first glance we may have thought that, spirit communication, in some way related to receiving a "word" from the Lord. But I think that would be limiting and this is the exact opposite of what the Lord is teaching us this week. Therefore, I believe, when the Lord said, You are My child, receive of My Spirit, Fellowship in silence, spirit communication with Me your God Jesus. You are learning to reverence in silence, I believe He is saying that we are joining Him, we are connected, we are experiencing communication with Him without words in this particular instance. And this is the essence of this lesson that there are many ways through which we "communicate" with the Lord and they should be acknowledged and recognized as well.

Creation

In the Introduction we read the words of Elihu whom we discovered <u>could see and hear the Lord through His creation</u>. He spoke of God's voice as heard through thunder, *Just listen to the rumbling of his voice, to the thunder that comes from his mouth!* Elihu, you see, received the transmitted message of power and royalty as expressed in this, *There follows a sound, a roar -he*

is thundering with his majestic voice, and he keeps releasing [the lightning] even while his voice is being heard. Elihu understood that the Lord's creation could be used to impart or express a thought, a feeling, information and knowledge in much the same way as expressed in this:

Romans 1:18-22 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools. CJB

The Lord's presence, His existence is obvious and should be without dispute. He has made this fact known to us through the formation of His creation as stated above so eloquently.

09/05/10 CT - Think of all that has been done for you. Think of the detail that went into creation. Review all that is, was and ever shall be.

10/17/10 CT - Rapt attention, <u>pay attention to all that is around you</u>. <u>Notice life and its fullness</u>. Minor and major chords; musical chords; listen to the music of life. <u>Take it all in</u>. Do you understand that I'm talking about my <u>creation</u>: plants, animals, stars and space, earth and people. It is all <u>My creation</u>. <u>This is an intense sensory experience for you – sight, sounds, smells and tastes</u>. It is all <u>My creation</u>. I Am in it all. Let it envelop you. See me in it.

As I was writing this lesson and came across this last passage it reminded me of the numerous times I have been led to think about the message of love and blessings I have received through the five senses of seeing, hearing, smelling, feeling and tasting. They are apart of His creation as well. I can't tell you how many times I have told my husband, "Thank the Lord for taste buds because this is delicious"! I know that sounds silly but I promise you that I can see the Lord's love for us in this. After all, He didn't have to give us taste buds. He didn't have to give us eyes for seeing or ears for hearing or the sense of touch either. He didn't have to create the beautiful singing voice or the picturesque landscape but He did give us all these things and to me they communicate a love for us as evidenced by the pleasure they bring. Consequently, His creation communicates His care and His love.

The Apostle Paul said this,

Romans 1:20 For ever since the creation of the universe His invisible qualities—<u>both His</u> <u>eternal power and His divine nature</u>—<u>have been clearly seen, because they can be understood from what He has made</u>. NKJV

What this says is that His creation communicates not only *His divine nature* but it also communicates His power to us as well.

06/15/12 CT – Creations' creatures sounding, grab a hold of all that is, of all that is Me, of all that I created. What can man do? Can man make a bird sing? Can man make a crow caw or squawk? Humble yourself before your God. Man shall understand my awesome power. Signs and wonders as in the days of Noah and Moses shall be seen.

Thus far we have learned that His creation communicates care, love and power but let's continue on and see what else He has added to this list.

11/21/10 CT - Give thanks unto the Father for <u>His creation</u>. Remember Me having you look at the <u>creation</u> understanding that it all comes from Me. <u>Majesty and honor</u>. <u>There is majesty in my creation</u>. <u>Honor Me for My creation</u>.

12/19/10 CT - Alphabet soup (everything A to Z).. All that I <u>created</u> is at your fingertips. Grasp it, swallow it in; devour it for it is good. <u>You should get encouragement just from observing my creation</u>; seeing my work. I'm still at work you know. <u>Take comfort in my forever presence with you</u>.

11/20/11 CT - Observe nature and <u>His creation</u>. It is part of His works. <u>It cements our relationship with the knowledge of My presence</u>.

04/18/13 KE - Creation came into existence My son when I spoke light into existence. <u>Light illuminates as this is an attribute of Me</u> in itself.

05/10/13 KE - Tranquility brings peace to the mind. <u>Tranquility is something perceived by the eye that brings comfort to your mind</u>. <u>Look for tranquility in all My creation</u>, as it is all around you. <u>You can see it because it is there</u>. I know you have felt this feeling My son, <u>even standing in an open field</u> you have felt it's response. Let this permeate your being as much as possible. This brings unknown rest you get no other way.

05/12/13 KE - Enjoy My creation son. This gives rest.

05/12/13 MVA - Hope in each day <u>look and see</u>. Each days guidance found in your God Jesus. <u>Surroundings be aware</u>. <u>Much guidance in all</u>.

Previously we stated that His creation communicates His care, His love, and His power but now we can add that it also communicates majesty and honor, encouragement, comfort, relationship, knowledge, illumination, tranquility, rest and guidance as well. Is there any wonder in the fact that He has encouraged us to:

04/04/12 BT - Look to My creation and see My ways.

He encourages us in this because His creation says so much to us even without words. And finally as the Lord was speaking of creation this week He provided examples that illustrate how He communicates through images that we would more than likely categorize as ordinary. He said this,

This is the communication of the warmth of the sun – feel My warm embrace. See the kitten playing with its mother and siblings. This speaks of My love.

When the Lord interpreted these scenes for us, it was something different all together wasn't it? It was not ordinary at all. Basically, I think the Lord is telling us to not under estimate the value of what He has created as it gives life.

Signs & Wonders

In the last section we learned how the Lord communicates to us through His creation. In this section we will learn how He uses this very same creation to give us signs and wonders that will communicate to us as well. This week He said,

Grab ahold of the symbolism I put in life. See the signs and wonders all around you.

What is a sign? A sign is,

Sign--an indication, -any object, action, event, pattern, etc. that conveys a meaning

Therefore a sign tells us something. It points to something that has happened or that will happen at some point in the future.

09/05/10 BT - Earthquakes, floods, wars, & rumors of wars - the signs are here. Straighten up and fly right. You have been called and I AM coming.

01/08/12 CT - Submerge, go beneath the surface to make discoveries and believe the signs. 04/22/12 BT - The Kingdom of God is nigh at hand. I come like a thief in the night. The signs are all around you. Wake up Bride, wake up Bride. It is time to stand up.

06/15/12 CT - Creations' creatures sounding, grab a hold of all that is, of all that is Me, of all that I created. What can man do? Can man make a bird sing? Can man make a crow caw or squawk? Humble yourself before your God. Man shall understand my awesome power. Signs and wonders as in the days of Noah and Moses shall be seen. Submit to your God, submit to your Lord Jesus. Be the person I created. Creations' creatures sounding! 05/01/13 MVA - See your surroundings, signs abound.

05/07/13 SN - Signs in the midst, watch...pay attention.

And from the bible:

Genesis 1:14 God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to divide the day from the night; <u>let them be for signs</u>, seasons, days and years;

Exodus 4:9 But if they aren't persuaded <u>even by both these</u> signs and still won't listen to what you say, then take some water from the river, and pour it on the ground. The water you take from the river will turn into blood on the dry land."

Luke 21:10-11 Then He said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven."

In these passages that we just read you can see how the Lord referred to the "signs" that will abound. He has used these in the past and He will continue to use these to point to something that will happen in the future. Hence He uses signs as another form of communication. They are another way He has chosen to deliver His message to us without the use of words.

But at this point let me pause and say that He has cautioned us as well because He is not the only one who will employ the use of signs and wonders. The enemy can use these tactics as well so it is very important for us to know the Lord, His character, and His divine nature as a means of helping us distinguish good from evil.

Mark 13:21-27 If anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'Look, He is there!' do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand. "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.

And I would like to close this section on signs and wonders with this:

April 18th **God Calling** - Such light, such joy flows out from this house. It affects all who come here. Do not feel that you have to try and help them. <u>Just love them</u>, <u>welcome them</u>, <u>shower little courtesies and love-signs on them</u>, and they must be helped.

Yes, I wanted to close this by making you aware that you can also convey His message of love or care. You can point others to a future of hope, peace and tranquility through the silent communications of signs, gestures and little courtesies as well. In this He would be well pleased.

Coincidence

Thus far in this lesson we have talked about communications received from creation as well as from signs, wonders and even communications one can receive through little courtesies as well. In this section, however, we will talk about coincidence. A coincidence is defined as a striking occurrence of two or more events at one time apparently by mere chance. Let me give you a scenario of this. Two people, for example, could run into each other on the street and one might say something like, "What a coincidence, I was just thinking of you. They attributed this meeting to chance, however, we know that the Lord has a plan for all. We believe, and the Lord has declared it to be a truth, that it wasn't just chance. We believe the Lord orchestrates this kind of thing all the time. In fact He had this to say about coincidence,

You say you don't believe in coincidence so if <u>this truth</u> is really in you, then <u>see this also as another way I choose to speak to you</u>, through life.

Did you catch that? The Lord just said that not believing in coincidence is understanding a truth. Therefore, He is saying that there is no such thing as coincidence. He has a plan and it goes forth.

April 17th God Calling - In all true discipleship, and in the true spiritual development of each disciple, there is first the wonder and the joy of first acquaintance, then comes the long plain stretch of lesson-learning and discipline, when Joy seems so much a thing of the past as never to be recaptured again. But the constant experience of Me, the constant persistent recognition of My Work in daily happenings — the ever accumulating weight of evidence in support of My Guidance — the numberless instances in which seeming chance or wonderful coincidence can be, must be, traced back to My loving forethought -- all these gradually engender a feeling of wonder, certainty, gratitude, followed in time by Joy.

01/08/12 CT - There are no coincidences but there may be signs. Do you catch the signs I give. The closer we are the more easily they are seen. Petals falling represents time passing by. Do you observe the subtleties of life. Be observant. Look for my messages.

There is no coincidence there is only His loving forethought. There may be signs. There may be subtleties. There will be messages but there is no coincidence.

Reflective

In the previous sections we have talked about the alternative means of communication the Lord may choose to use besides words. We talked in detail about how He will use creation to communicate to us as well as signs. However, how many of His messages, how many of His communications will get past us if we do not take the time to pause and think about our day. In the passage above the Lord said,

Be reflective of all the moments as you pass through life for in them I speak in many ways. Meditate on this and go in peace and see My love communicated all around you.

Hence He said, step back for a moment and think about your day. Realize that He speaks to you in many different ways not just through words. Concentrate on this fact, ponder it. See His love, His encouragement, comfort, relationship, knowledge, illumination, tranquility, rest and guidance. See His care and His power. See His Majesty and His Honor. All of these we learn about from communication with Him; communication received through His creation and communication received through signs. The Lord said,

03/07/13 KE - Think upon Me today. Reflect back on things that I have brought you through.

Reflection you see, is always good. It helps us to grow in Him. It is encouraged.

Joshua 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but <u>you shall</u> meditate <u>in it</u> <u>day and night</u>, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Psalm 77:12 I will also meditate on all Your work, And talk of Your deeds.

Malachi 3:16 Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, And the Lord listened and heard them; So a book of remembrance was written before Him For those who fear the Lord And who meditate on His name.

1 Timothy 4:12-16 Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

June 25th God Calling - When men seek to worship Me they think of the worlds I rule over, of creation, of mighty law and order - and then they feel the awe that precedes worship.

To you I say feel awe, feel the desire to worship Me in wondering amazement. But think too of the mighty, tender, humble condescension of My Friendship. Think of Me in the little things of everyday life.

How many of the Lord's communications would get past us if we did not take the time to reflect? I would think that the answer would be many because of the tendency of His children (us) to think of life as ordinary. The Lord, however, said that we should be reflective because He speaks to us in many ways different ways. He said we should be reflective so that our way would prosper. He said we should be reflective so that we can more easily hear Him. Therefore with all this in mind, we can see the many benefits of reflection that the Lord has acknowledged.

What Message(s) are you Communicating?

Thus far we have talked about the many ways the Lord utilizes to communicate to His children. But in this section we will talk about how this same principle can be applied to us. For example, in one of the God Calling's that we read earlier, I believe, it was the **April 18th God Calling,** where the Lord taught us that we too communicate through other means besides or in addition to words. And as I was pondering this fact, the Lord brought this dream back to mind. It goes like this,

05/14/12 CT DREAM – I was driving my car. Evidently, I had not been paying attention while I was driving because I drove about one-third of the way into the intersection before I stopped to check for traffic. An oncoming car had to swerve to avoid me. This person was driving very, very fast. After they swerved to avoid me they accelerated very, very fast again and sped down the road. I turned in the same direction he was going so I saw what was happening. As he sped down the road another car started to pull out in front of him at the next intersection. I don't think the second car realized just how fast he was driving. He had to swerve a second time to miss that car but as he did this his car started spinning. The two cars then started driving at each other and making threatening types of maneuvers towards each other. Like you might imagine one would do while experiencing road rage. A man got out of the car that had been driving so fast. (I think it was a silver range rover) He got out. He had a gun in his hand. He walked over to the other car and shot the driver. I had stopped my car and I was watching all of this that was taking place. The man then started walking towards my car. He said something to me like, "You're next" or "Don't think I won't shoot you" ... something to that effect. I don't remember what he actually said. I woke up before he shot me although in the dream I didn't think he would actually shoot me. Then after I woke up the Lord said, "Negativity begets negativity. It's a chain that binds your soul." This reminded me of the song "All Praise Belongs to You" on the Take His Heart website. The first line of the song goes like this:

Break the chains that bind our soul, That we may praise your name; unashamed and boldly amongst your people.

The Lord then revealed to me that we are performing spiritual warfare when we sing this song.

In my heart the Lord taught me at this point that any negativity whether we direct it towards ourselves or others, whether it is a thought or an action, a word or a deed, any negativity whatsoever has a negative effect. For example if I were to look at myself and criticize my own looks (i.e. my lips are too big, my hair is too curly), whatever the criticism may be when we have a negative attitude that we display towards ourselves in any way then we are having a negative effect. This does not mean that you should go about puffing yourself up. It simply means don't be negative. Don't be negative in thought, in action, word or deed. Don't be negative towards yourself or others. We are all a part of God's creation. "Negativity begets negativity. It's a chain that binds your soul."

We deliver messages daily through body language, through neglect, just in many different ways and they do not all revolve around the spoken word. The Lord explained it like this,

11/27/12 CT – Majesty, majestic are His ways. They are good because He is good. <u>Have this said about you by following after His ways</u>. Create your legacy now by being good as He is good, by being Holy as He is Holy, by being pure as He is pure. The light we shine onto the world is so important. <u>Keep you light shining brightly by following after My ways</u>, by remembering the greatest commandment and the second (Love the Lord and Love your neighbor), by bringing together all I have taught you (remember the lesson on davening, we are all God's children, we are all creations of His, therefore we should love them all as He does).

01/11/13 CT – Gratitude, man has no gratitude for the wondrous gifts he has been given. He no longer recognizes his blessings. Be a servant who sees. Be a servant who feels. Be a servant who acknowledges all the gifts man has been given. Appreciate them. Appreciate the creation in all its forms, not just the flower that blooms, but the smile on your neighbors face as

well. Realize that I made it all. I made the canyons and lakes and the singing voice. I made the rain drop and the tear drop. Appreciate, acknowledge, see, and feel the awesomeness of your God. Display your gratitude through your service to Me.

03/14/13 DP - Live and love, enjoy life. I created you not just to serve but to reflect and enjoy life. Take in it's beauty, do not be blinded by doubt and worry. I am true beauty seen with spiritual eyesight, see clearly. Know and understand you are called for a purpose, let nothing stop you from performing at your best.

03/17/13 MVA - A true disciple is a true reflection.

03/28/13 MVA - Never miss opportunity to show My Love to others. Gifts are given for the benefit for all. Each must be brought to fullness. Continue forward always forward. Life cause all to see. Each person brought across path show life. Reflection be of your God Jesus. 05/08/13 CT - Symbols, exaggerations, explicitness, the world is full of these. What are you associated with? In other words, what do people think of when they think of you? Do they think of worldly things when they think of you or do they think of Me? Can they see Me in you? Can they see My qualities in you? Do they see a person who loves the Lord? Do they see an obedient servant? Can they feel love, patience, and humility or do they see hate, envy and malice? Reflect Me and all that I am. This is your assignment.

We reflect the Lord and our relationship with Him through our actions. What do people think of you? Can they see the Lord in you? Reflect Him. Communicate His message of love, hope, of all that is good through yourself.

Galatians 5: 16-25 Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

We reflect the Lord through our behavior. We communicate our beliefs through our behavior. What are you saying? Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control, these are all more than just words. They are acts that communicate from one to another.

Summation

As I was studying this message what I came to realize is that the Lord was talking to us about communication and reflection. I came to understand that in many ways we unintentionally place limits, upon ourselves, others, situations, and at times we may even try to limit the Lord when it comes to communication. We decided that we do this without really realizing it. But in the end what we discovered is that what we are actually doing is restricting forward momentum. However, the Lord cannot be limited. There is nothing impossible for Him. He can communicate to us through signs. He can communicate to us through images garnered from His creation. His ability to communicate is not limited. However, ours....

03/21/13 MVA - Communicate. <u>Broken fixed</u>. <u>Re-assemble lines of communication</u>. You have heard correctly. I AM building unity in strength. Purpose in all. Feed My sheep. 03/28/13 SN - Be open to communication...from others and from Me.

04/29/13 KE - Our communication is vital, and always needs to be kept in check. <u>I want too commune with My people</u>. <u>They need to use their faith to believe they can hear Me</u>.

05/09/13 DP - So many have become dull of hearing.

05/10/13 SN - Communication lacking, bear hope, committed, gentle, walk.

Evidently, our communication skills could use some improvement. The Lord said that communication is vital therefore, there's no better time than now to become reflective and move forward delivering His message with care and compassion...

05/31/10 CT Keep <u>delivering the message through your care and compassion</u> even when they don't accept, keep delivering it to all I bring to you.

The Lord wants to use His children to deliver His message and what we have learned in this is that His message is not always delivered through words. His message can be delivered in a variety of ways. Therefore, we must be mindful of all our actions and behaviors. The Lord wants to encourage you. He said,

03/29/13 KE - I AM preparing My bride for miraculous things. She shall do wonders unknown to the world. I will release this power in her. <u>Things shall come alive and be made known</u>.

He wants to make them known through you, are you ready?

May the Lord Bless you in This, Cindy

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