OVERCOMING

"SELF" . .

THE I ON THE THRONE

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"To him that overcomes will I grant to sit with Me on My throne."

Revelation 3:21

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It was Sunday morning and Roy had just prayed. He had thanked the Lord for all that He was teaching us about the narrow way, which leads to life and the marriage of the Lamb. As he prayed, I saw a picture of a church isle. I was looking from the back towards the altar and I had the impression that the church was filled with wedding guests. I knew the isle represented the narrow way we must walk to become married to Jesus.

Although the church aisle presents a familiar picture to most of us, the narrow way that leads to Brideship is not understood by the majority of Christians. It came as quite a shock to me when I learned just how narrow this path is, which explains why so few are found there. Sadly, those few will not be the ones who walk according to the teachings of the traditional (harlot) church.

It was not long ago that the Lord spoke to Roy and told him,

"Tell them (the church) to set their eyes on Brideship."

Years earlier the Lord had revealed to me that not all who are saved would be part of the Bride. Back then I could not comprehend this since I had been taught that if you were saved you were automatically in the Bride, as well as on the narrow way. All the Christians I knew believed this and most of the traditional church still does. But nothing in God's kingdom is automatic, and there is a difference between being born again and being in the Bride. Scripture makes this distinction when it speaks separately of the Bride and those who are the guests. Obviously, the unsaved would not be included in the wedding party, which leaves the role of the guests to be filled by Christians.

Although this truth will meet with disbelief by many, it is nevertheless scriptural. In the very beginning, God revealed how a Bride would be provided for His Son.

And the man (Adam) gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh at that place. And the LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. And the man said, "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of Man." Gen 2:20-23 (NAS)

Here we see how the Bride of Christ will be taken from the Body of Christ, those who are Christians, and formed into a Bride who is suitable for Him. Adam was put to sleep (a type of death) to have his side opened. He did not have to die because death did not occur until sin came into the picture. But
Jesus tasted death for His Bride and His side was opened with a sword that pierced through to His heart! This He submitted to so,

... *He might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.* Eph 5:27

This spot and wrinkle free church is what the Lord has been building since He arose from the grave. It consists of those who respond to the command to take up their cross and follow Him. Those who do will comprise the Bride. It is not being totally without sin that qualifies us because as long as we remain in our mortal bodies sin will be present.

The righteous acts of the saints-being obedient to do what the Lord reveals we must do-is what clothes us in white linen, which is the spotless material of the wedding gown. It is His responsibility to let us know what righteous acts He wants done, thus advancing His plan for the world, while at the same time revealing what is in our hearts that He wants to change. Our responsibility is to respond with willingness and cooperation. But it has not been understood that taking up the cross means laying down what we think we know the Lord wants. Following Him means waiting until the Holy Spirit reveals precisely what He wants.

To date, the Holy Spirit has revealed three main spots on the backbone of the church that must be removed in order to be part of the Bride... no exceptions! Briefly, these include the correct way to use God's money (the tithe), how salvation occurs, and how the Holy Spirit teaches and leads. (These are detailed in other writings that can be found on the Take His Heart website. You will find that address at the end of the book.) We can busy ourselves with many things that may or may not be righteous acts, but He has said specifically that unless we are focused on what He is focused on, we cannot be married to Him. The bottom line is that we cannot know what He is focused on without the continuous input of the "things of the Sprit", and comparing them until we have a clear picture of where He is leading. The Lord's Bride does not second guess what He wants; she knows what He wants!

The narrow way is the only way leading to our marriage to the Bridegroom. The very narrowness of that way is what squeezes out of us those things that are not pleasing to the Lord and are not in alignment with His agenda. Our agenda will take us down the wide way that leads to destruction. There are many traveling this road, including many Christians. This is not to imply they will necessarily end up in hell, but they will encounter destructions that are common to the way that is wide.

It is a serious thing to reject the knowledge the Lord is imparting to His people. Following our own agenda is the killer and it is fueled by something we all have in common: a huge obstacle called self! This self is a hindrance we do not fully recognize without the Lord revealing it; I know this because the Lord has dealt with me about it.

The book you are about to read is what He revealed to me about the origin and function of self and why it will keep you from the narrow way that leads to Brideship.

May the Holy Spirit take what He has made alive to me and plant the seed of this truth in your heart!

~Enemy Beneath the Surface~

Exactly where things begin in the Lord's dealings isn't always obvious. Often, what seems to take place in a moment of time is only the manifestation of what has been working beneath the surface for months, even years. What took place with me recently I now know originated as far back as my conception. It managed to keep its identity hidden from my understanding until the Lord opened my eyes.
He began one Sunday beginning with some things that were spoken by one of the members of our ministry group, which happened to reflect my own thoughts. Later that same day I was out mowing my lawn and became very upset. At first I thought this disturbance was just the result of my unsuccessful battle with the moles who live beneath the surface of my yard. They undermine all my hard work by leaving their telltale holes and tunnels everywhere! I had tried all the recommended means of eradicating them and all had failed, even the traps that were guaranteed to do the job. On this particular day, the damage caused by their excavating provoked in me a very strong feeling of defeat. When I had finished mowing the grass and returned to the house, I was unable to keep back a torrent of tears that poured out for over an hour.

Because the depth of my feelings were not appropriate for a mole problem, I realized this 'beneath the surface' disturbance had to be a sign of something far more serious. Its timing suggested it was most likely connected to what had been spoken in our meeting that morning. Later in the day the Lord gave me the words from Psalm 42:7, *Deep calls unto deep*, and several days after that the word 'deep' was also given to me through a member of our group. Apparently, the Holy Spirit wanted to reveal something working beneath the surface in me that was the real culprit responsible for my overwhelming feelings of defeat.

During the weeks following, I went through the motions of living but felt anything but alive. I lost interest in almost everything, and although I continued attending meetings, I was very withdrawn. I tried hard to figure out what the problem was, but I could not come up with an answer.

Prior to the onset of this experience, the Lord had been speaking to our group about self being a hindrance to walking on the narrow way. As Jesus said,

*Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. Mark 8:34*

Thinking I was already practicing this self-denial, I did not connect it to what I was currently experiencing. However, as time passed I began to question if I really did understand what self-denial is all about. If the Lord was bringing us this word it must be something that was not understood. Obviously, the Holy Spirit would not waste His time or ours revealing what was already known.

Generally, the understanding of self-denial is not being selfish with our possessions and not living for just ourselves. Probably the best known example of our day is the late Mother Teresa who dedicated her life to serving the poorest of the poor. She truly did sacrifice her life for others, and whether or not that was God's plan for her is not mine to judge. Only God knows the answer to that. But knowing what I know now, what if giving her life in this way was not God's choice? Yes, the scriptures say that we are to lay down our lives for others. However, we first lay down our life for Him and then He will lead us in how we are to serve Him in serving others. If, as in the case of Mother Teresa, it wasn't His purpose for her to serve as she did, then she was actually serving self. No matter how sacrificially we give our lives to what we have decided to give it to, that does not qualify as serving God. *Serving Him is finding out what He wants and then doing that*-step by step as He leads!

In support of this truth, Howard Pitman, a friend and present day prophet, has a testimony that is very sobering. In 1979 he was struck down with a massive ruptured artery and on the way to the hospital was judged dead. It was at this point he was taken from his body to heaven where he was told by the Lord that his 30 years of service as Pastor did not count. It didn't matter how much he had sacrificed, how many hours he had spent on street corners preaching and handing out gospel tracts; it had been his own decision to do those things, and though it was good it was not of God. He was told he had been serving a different god; the god of self! The same words were spoken to our ministry group in its early years of learning how to follow the Lord. He said,

"What you are doing is good, but it is not of Me!"
Similarly, many Christian leaders of our day are likely to hear the Lord say the same to them, whether here or in the hereafter. What many of them are doing is good, but it isn't of God. Regardless of their love for the Lord, they are deceived thinking they are following His agenda when in reality they are following their interpretation of His agenda. Although the Lord still blesses them and uses them as much as He can, this is not a confirmation that they are on the right path. It only confirms that God is a Father who blesses wherever He can and is long suffering toward us.

Just before entering this time of God's dealing with me, I had a very revealing dream. In it I was mowing the grass with an old-fashioned lawn mower, the push kind. Sitting off to the side was a bright red power mower, and standing near it was the man who had been the grounds keeper at my previous residence. In the dream I kept looking over at the red power mower wishing I could use it so I wouldn't have to work so hard, but I did not know how to go about switching mowers. Grass represents our self nature, and in this dream the caretaker symbolized the Lord who has provided the power tool to get the job done. He was waiting patiently for me to let go of my own efforts, which are fruitless because self cannot deal with self!

The common problem to all of us lies in believing that because we are born again, have the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit, we are then able to navigate the narrow way with just a little here and there input from the Lord. We go about having our Bible studies and prayer meetings and think this gives us the ability to follow Jesus. However, Jesus, who was the very Son of God and knew the Father's will, had the Law, and knew the exact purpose for His life, did not act according to these things but waited for the Father's instructions.

*Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will . . . *Heb 10:9

*Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner." *John 5:19

In light of knowing how Jesus walked, we need to ask ourselves what it is that causes us to think we know what to do without waiting for God's specific instructions. We are, after all, a Body dependent on its HEAD. Instead, Christians are doing all kinds of things in their own strength, like I was doing in my lawn mower dream. This includes interpreting what we think the written Word of God says, which results in beliefs that are keeping us in bondage. The freedom the Lord purchased for us will never be gained through self usurping the authority of Jesus, no matter how "good" our intentions or works may be.

*There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death. Prov 14:12 (NAS)*

What the Lord had been speaking to our group about self was a "specific" and it came through the "things of the Spirit," which included demonstrations in the natural to provide understanding. God can always be counted on to provide us with one or more demonstrations, but it is never possible to anticipate what circumstance He will use, who He will use, or how they will come about.

Just weeks before I emerged from my dormant state, one of those unanticipated circumstances came. I, along with others, had made some judgements regarding Roy. When the Lord revealed this to him it was hurtful and it also put him in the position of having to bring a prophet's correction-something he does not like to do. But knowing the serious consequences of judging a prophet of God, He stepped willingly into his place and lowered the boom. It came with force but not with harshness. The Lord's correction cut deep. I felt shame and remorse, but immediately repented, and was therefore granted His grace to receive forgiveness and healing for both the cause and effect.

What had taken place here was a demonstration of how self sits as judge and how the enemy uses that judgment to usurp authority and disrupt the work of God. We cannot avoid judging. We make judgements daily about many things. However, we need to make sure that we use righteous judgement, which is based on having all the facts, and that includes the Lord's input.
Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment. John 7:24

Following this lesson, the next circumstance occurred the morning of October 26th. As I stepped out onto my back porch under sunny Kansas skies, I happened to notice one of the nearby mole traps I had set weeks earlier. It looked like it might be sprung, so I quickly unearthed it. Sure enough, it held one very dead mole! I was elated! But my elation was not limited to this natural event. I knew this was a sign that what had been working in me was about to surface. I could even connect it to a promise the Lord had given me as far back as January 27, 1994. Part of that promise was my freedom from the oppression of wickedness, which I had learned did not just come from outward things. There are things in all of us that must be exposed so they can be dealt with.

The next day at prayer meeting the confirmation came. I was given the word through another member to "Come forth!" I thought of those same words that had been spoken to Lazarus when Jesus had called him to come out of the tomb. Although I had not died, something of death had been working in me, and now the resurrection power of Jesus was calling me forth to receive life. In raising Lazarus from the dead, the Lord was painting a picture of what He was going to do for us spiritually. Lazarus was His dear friend, and yet when word came that he was dying, Jesus intentionally stayed away until he was dead. Our old man must die, and if we are on the narrow way with Jesus, He will at some time intentionally stay away from us too until we die, and then He will come with His resurrection power to give us life.

It was during this same time period that the Lord provided me with another sign. My computer hard drive crashed . . . died, and had to be replaced with a new one. This same thing had happened to me five years earlier and had come to confirm a word He had given me from Isaiah 42 regarding the "new thing" He was doing. At that time all the "old" on my hard drive was wiped out, a sure sign that nothing there was worth saving! This time, however, only non-essentials were lost. Fortunately, all that pertained to what I have learned since the last crash, and all that was important to the Take His Heart ministry, was saved.

Four days after the above prayer meeting, Roy came to church with a word and song that the Lord had given Him. It was prophetic applying to all. Nevertheless, it held a very personal meaning for me. The word was,

"It's a brand new day!"

That was just how I felt, and I knew things would be different from that day forward.

~That "I" on the Throne~

None of the Lord's past dealings in my life were quite like this most recent one, but that's because this particular one was a core issue. It is what He has been working down to for years, the stripping away of the old me, layer by layer like those of an onion. Each of His past dealings was a step toward exposing what hides in the heart of the 'old man', the place where all the characteristics of the flesh nature originate. This latest experience was to reveal that nature, which is self, and after three long months the revelation finally came. I awoke one morning with this word:

"SELF IS AN ISSUE OF GOVERNMENT!"

This perfectly explained and confirmed the things of the Spirit in our Corporate Flow Chart as well as those in my own chart. I saw that self is the "I" on the throne. Self is that part of us that wants to "rule the roost" and be its own god. It wants to make its own decisions and even control others whenever possible. It wants to be the judge of good and evil, right and wrong . . . as it sees. This, I now understand, is the true issue regarding self-denial. It is not so much a matter of what we give or
give up; it is whether or not we have truly acknowledged the Lord as Head, the rightful King, and
abdicated the throne so He can rule!

The only "I" that has a right to the throne of life is the "I Am." Self cannot co-rule with Jesus. To be His
Bride we must be one with Him, our will the same as His, our focus the same as His. This may sound
obvious, but until we understand how the Lord governs-a truth Satan has stolen from the church—there
will be no true unity in the Body of Christ. Unity begins in our being unified with Him. This is what
Brideship is about, what being "married" to Him means.

The government of God comes through the instructions that issue from His throne and flow down the
River of Life to His Body. This government is theocratic and spiritual in nature; it is not a democracy
whose rule is of the people, by the people, and for the people. It is of God, by His Spirit and for His
purposes! Nevertheless, this is a hard concept for us to fully understand because it has been so
drummed into us that God created us with free will, and in our minds that equals being able to make
our own choices and rule our own lives. However, the free will "choice" we were given comes down to
just one thing: a choice between life and death, our way or His way. Deut. 30:19- 20 says,

*I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death,
blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; that you may
love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your
life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your
fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them. (NKJ)*

What we have wrongly thought is that our "choice" to become a Christian, and the subsequent reading
of the Bible so we would know what to do, is choosing life. In the first place we did not "choose" Jesus;
He chose us. (John 15:16) Secondly, reading the scriptures gives us a certain amount of knowledge, but
the problem with this is the multiple interpretations of the reader, obviously differing so much that we
have many church denominations. The bottom line is that "life" never originates with us; it always
originates with God. Our only choice is to respond to Him by following Him. This is what takes
the government of self off the throne.

Following Jesus through the "things of the Spirit" is where our protection lies, whereas self-government
plays right into the hands of the enemy. Satan’s knowledge is far superior to ours and his warfare
strategy very devious. In the early years of the church when he saw he could not stop us by killing us,
he "came in amongst us" wherever he could get a foothold through self. Christians understandably did
not want to die so when religious compromise offered them a way to live by accepting a government
other than God’s, they accepted it, and Christianity became the state religion under the rule of the
emperor Constantine. That change in government eventually took us into the dark ages from which we
are still emerging.

We have to remember that Satan is out to steal, kill, and destroy by any means he can, and only the
Lord knows how to lead us forward in victory. This requires His current instructions. Without them we
are merely the blind leading the blind. How His current instructions are determined is discussed in the
next chapter. For now I want to give you a picture of how God's Government conducts the business of
warfare that we as the Lord's army have with evil.

In 1990 General Norman Schwarzkopf led the successful mission called Operation Desert Storm against
the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. I have never forgotten his account of the strategy employed in that brief
but successful war. It began by setting up an extensive communications system in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia,
which served as headquarters. (I had a personal interest in this since my son was the officer second in
command of accomplishing this task.) Without a solid line of communication, any strategy, no matter
how good, is doomed to failure. Following the establishment of the "command center" came the
mobilization of our different branches of the military including its allies who joined in. Each military unit
was set in its respective positions, each ready to move when the command was given. As it turned out,
the extensive and successful air invasion made it unnecessary for the ground troops to be deployed. But
imagine what chaos might have occurred if the individual branches of the military had acted apart from
orders coming from the man who had the responsibility of issuing them!
This is a perfect picture of how warfare is properly conducted, not only in the natural realm, but in the spiritual realm as well. It is also a perfect picture of the Body of Christ as a corporate "unit" where each individual is accountable for his or her position, and the unit as a whole accountable to Jesus. He is the "Commander of the army of the Lord" and has an exacting communications system headquartered in Heaven. It is designed to keep the members of His army on earth informed and focused on their current portion of battle. It is His system of communication that the next chapter explains.

~Only One River~

Apostles and prophets are the generals receiving the bulk of the instructions to organize and deploy the different "branches" of the Lord's army into battle. However, leadership functions in the church have been so out of order that the line of communication is not flowing in one stream as it should. Instead, there are many streams of information flowing in and flowing out of the organized church, which is interfering with the unity of the Lord's troops and giving the enemy access to territory once held by the saints. (The United States is a good example of this!) These different streams of information have divided the Body of Christ and exposed Christians to a multitude of voices other than the one voice of God. Leaders, of course, are not the only ones at fault here, but ultimately they bear the bulk of the responsibility.

Biblically, there is only one river, one stream of information that flows from God's throne, not the many "tributaries" that currently exist. The reason so many varied streams have taken root in these last days is because the truth about how the Holy Spirit teaches and leads has been lost-stolen by the enemy. Without this truth being followed we cannot be sure what is from the Spirit and what has been interjected by Satan, either directly or indirectly through our own incorrect beliefs. Fortunately, the Lord is restoring this truth, which has a very simple formula stated by the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 2:13.

Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Ghost teaches; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

Self is carnal, and though it can possess great knowledge, that knowledge differs from the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit has its own language and communicates through dreams, visions, prophecy, words of knowledge and wisdom, and signs and wonders. Unfortunately, it is possible for the enemy to counterfeit these gifts, which he does, especially with those who are immature and others who are not in right covenant with the Lord. This is why it's important to compare spiritual things with spiritual things. We need accumulation of them to build an accurate picture.

Even with the understanding of how we are to compare what comes from the Spirit, there is the problem of trying to remember the multitude of those messages. Not only is it easy for us to forget things, our mind has a way of getting the facts twisted. We hear through "filters" of personal beliefs.
Therefore, what comes from the Spirit, or is perceived to come from Him, needs to be recorded. By doing this, we then have them at hand to compare and see how they fit together, or see what doesn’t fit. Once they are written they are established and God can deal with them. He deals with substantive things (faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of what is unseen). Without His instructions being recorded, we are left to rely on our faulty and forgetful memories, which can differ from one person to another.

Here at Take His Heart Ministries we record everything. The Lord said we were to do this, and we have a scribe who takes notes at all our meetings, plus we record by audio tape to make sure we don’t miss things or misinterpret them. This practice has brought us criticism by some who do not understand that record keeping has always been God’s way. It is how we got the Bible!

And the LORD said unto Moses, "Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel." Ex 34:27

Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, "Write all the words which I have spoken to you in a book." Jer 30:2 (NAS)

Then the LORD answered me and said: "Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry." Hab 2:2-3 (NKJ)

"Write in a book what you see, and send {it} to the seven churches:" Rev 1:11 (NAS)

"Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;" Rev 1:19

And he that sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And he said unto me, "Write: for these words are true and faithful." Rev 21:5

These scriptures are only 6 out of 99 times in the King James version of the Bible, both old and new testaments, where God instructed His servants to write. In the case of the verse from Habakkuk, if what was for a later time had not been written, how would they have known it was coming or that it was God who had told them when it came? The same is true of other prophesies in the Bible that have not yet come to pass, but when they do we will know it is in God’s plan and be able to go with it.

The written word we have in the Bible is the foundation we have to build on. Without that foundation we would not have those particular spiritual things to compare with current spiritual things. So the question that needs to be answered is this: when did the people of God stop writing down what the Spirit is saying to the church? When did what the Lord speaks now become less important in our lives than all of the other things we record? Our whole society is structured around written documentation: our laws, government functions, personal identification, and so on. All of these things are merely temporal, whereas all that God says is eternal!

The record our ministry group keeps is appropriately called a Flow Chart, precisely because it contains the Lord’s instructions that flow down the River of Life from His throne. Some things in the chart are from years ago, but only now are we seeing them come to pass. Some of them we did not understand until recent revelations have brought them into focus. This is what is meant by comparing spiritual with spiritual. Dreams, words of knowledge, words of wisdom, prophecy, etc., are all spiritual things that form a picture when they are put together. Following the Lord in this way not only keeps us on track, but it produces in us the fruit of the Spirit; and this is one thing the enemy cannot counterfeit!

Keeping a flow chart is not for our group alone. It is a practice being restored to the whole church. As others learn to do this it becomes possible for us to compare spiritual things with church bodies in different locations. In this way we can know what is coming from the one river that flows from God's throne, and this is what will bring the Body of Christ into unity under the Headship of the Lord Jesus. It is how the government of God, which will establish His kingdom on earth, will function.
This practice may sound very complicated, even impossible, but it is already beginning to come together. During this past summer (August of 2004), the Lord joined our group together with a group in New York. Now there is a flow between us and it is amazing how the pieces of the two different groups fit together completing what each receives. This is how the Lord is beginning to establish a world wide network to bind His people together in much the same way that the ranks and different branches of the military came together in the example of the Desert Storm operation I shared earlier. Jesus, as the Head of the Body and Leader of God's army, is capable of commanding His entire force without conflicting directions. His communications system is far more sophisticated than the one established for Desert Storm.

Although the world lays claim to the Internet's world wide web, it is God's invention for His purposes. All wisdom belongs to Him, so regardless of how or for what reason man thinks it came into being, its main purpose is to facilitate the spreading of the gospel and connect the Body of Christ. This is the primary communications system that has been set in place whereby the leadership of the church will be able to know they are receiving orders via the one river coming from God's Throne. At present there is much spiritual information being passed along through this medium that has not originated in heaven, but there is coming a "command center" on earth that will receive and pass on only the Lord's directions. At present, it is still in "set-up" stage, but it will come to pass. If the world's systems can organize under one head, which we already see in the United Nations and in the plans for a one world church (Satan's spiritual and political counterfeits), then how can we think it would be impossible for the church to do?

The Lord's Flow Chart of instruction to us is a reliable tool for guiding us to and keeping us on the narrow way. It not only takes us forward, but it is also a major tool capable of reaching into the past to free us from the prisons of our old nature. This was the message in my lawn mower dream. While self had convinced me I knew what I really didn't know and could do what I really couldn't do (pictured in the push mower), the Lord had already provided His power tool-the flow chart-to do the job. All I had to do was let go of my way and receive what He was saying, whether or not it agreed with what I believed. The Holy Spirit reveals what is hidden: what we can neither see or deal with ourselves. In this case, what He had been speaking to the group about self was His "spiritual crowbar" to pry loose what He was dealing with in me, and perhaps in others as well.

Once the mote of self-government was out of my own eye, I was then able to see what a big problem this is in the church. Just like I had been doing, many are using their own individual push mowers to accomplish the work of the Lord, or what they think that work is. But without understanding how the Holy Spirit teaches, and without recording what He speaks, way too much personal interpretation is made of what the Lord is saying. This is why the organized church is in the ditch instead of on the narrow way! It is disastrously unfortunate that we have caused great damage to the name of Christ by subjecting His word to our own interpretation. By not waiting on His present instructions, we have lured ignorant believers into practices not ordained of God. This is self superimposing its government over God's government, which will never accomplish His purposes. We must understand the Lord's way of getting His instructions to us and how this facilitates the unity of His Body as well as our coming into individual wholeness. There is no other way to defeat an enemy that understands the ways of God's kingdom and uses every method he can legally use to keep us operating within the government of self.

Without one Head and one stream of information we cannot prevent strife in the Body and many acting on inaccurate information. What better examples do we have of the damage that comes from many heads and many streams than the world's news media. Each wants to be the first to report breaking news and often does it at the expense of accuracy. Newspapers report their individual views, and radio and TV stations have their slants as well. Without accuracy of facts, plus the bias of those reporting, we don't know what to believe. But imagine how much more reliable the news would be if they had a headquarters to channel things through that would put the facts together so they could all report the same things!

Of course the world is not going to operate without competition, which naturally generates conflict. But in fifteen years the Take His Heart Corporate Flow Chart has never failed to lead us accurately. It has
set people free from spiritual influences they did not know they had. It has taught us the true meaning behind things in the Bible that have been misunderstood and taught without first having the Lord's revelation. It has given us direction and kept us moving forward. It has also caused some to leave the group because they did not want to deal with what the Flow Chart was revealing about them. They could not accept what the Lord was speaking through the gifts of the Spirit that contradicted their personal beliefs.

One of the posters we have on the wall where we meet says this:

. . . BECAUSE THEY DO NOT CHANGE, THEREFORE THEY DO NOT FEAR GOD. Psalm 55:19 (NKJ)

It is sorrowful to see those who come with a desire to serve, but in refusing to submit to the Lord's guidance, they reveal the truth about who they truly want to serve. They leave because they lack the willingness to change, which shows they do not truly fear God and prefer to retain the government of self.

Whether or not we are on the narrow way is a matter of our choosing to keep on pushing what we believe is right or taking hold of the instructions issuing from God's throne that has the power to bring us to the truth. It is either accepting His rule or sticking with what self believes, thus keeping the "I" on the throne!

~ The Anchor of the Soul~

There is a way which seems right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. Prov 14:12

Most of the Christians I know, or have known, want to do what is right, and are doing what they think is right. But what we think is right may be a dead work that needs to be cleansed by the Lord who is the mediator of the New Covenant and knows what those works are.

. . . how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant . . . . Heb 9:14-15 (NAS)

The dead works being referred to in this scripture had to do with those under the Old Covenant who believed they could be saved just by following the practices set forth in the Law. We know this is not possible because scripture also says,

. . . for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. Gal 2:21

Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: Rom.3:20

What they failed to do was mix their righteous acts with faith.

. . . but Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness. Why? Because they did not seek it by faith, but as it were, by the works of the law. Rom 9:31-32 (NKJ)

Salvation has always been by grace through faith in Old testament times as well as New Testament. However, the church has erred the opposite of Israel's error by not mixing our faith with the righteous acts of God's laws.

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also. James 2:26

In other words, the difference between what seemed right to the Jews was that just doing the righteous acts of the law was sufficient for their salvation. It was not done looking to the promise of its fulfillment in the Messiah to come. On the other side, what seems right to the church is that faith is sufficient for
salvation apart from the righteous acts of the law. The fact that Jesus fulfilled the Law does not mean it was abolished.

_Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law._ Rom 3:31

His fulfillment of the law, plus the fact that _He was the fulfillment_ of what it promises, is what makes Him the mediator of that same righteous Law to us.

_This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them_; Heb 10:16

The Holy Spirit cannot be separated from the Law, and the fact that _He is in us_ by way of our confession of Jesus, puts His Law in our hearts. But it remains to be written in our minds. This is done by obeying His instructions, regardless of whether or not they _seem_ right to us. The act of obedience is what opens the door for the Lord to write what is right in our minds! He, as the Mediator, reveals where we are in error and what needs to happen to correct the error and come into alignment with His ways. This is how our conscience is cleansed of dead works and replaced with His works—those things that _are_ right.

This is basically what my lawn mower dream portrayed. The push mower was what seemed right to me. I had the right desire but I wanted to accomplish the task in my own way for the satisfaction it would accrue to _myself_. But works of _self_ are all dead works that are based in pride and we must humble ourselves by acknowledging that only the Lord can accomplish His work in us and through us. He alone is the Mediator and has the "power" to do the job. Our efforts are fruitless no matter how hard we "push" to get things done.

Just the other day I read an article titled, "What is a Dead Work?" Part way through the article the author gave this definition: _"Dead works are simply any works that are useless and not birthed out of the love of God by the faith that He placed in our hearts."_ Although this is a true statement, it is very "general" and leaves the impression that just because we love God and have faith we have the ability to initiate works acceptable to God. We do not. _Dead works are anything initiated by self_ regardless of our love and faith. Faith is obeying whatever is ordered by the Lord. It is faith because we do it whether or not it agrees with our ways or _seems right_ in our eyes.

It was not until His recent dealings with me when I had a more complete picture of the conflict between what seems right to us and what actually is right. However, I had received a piece of this picture about six years ago. On my way home from a weekend spent with friends, the Lord began to speak to me about some things in the book of Job. He revealed what is at the core of our natural man that leads us in the ways of death, which is the basis of the _self_ nature. But it is something we do not truly know about our hearts until the Lord reveals it.

_The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?_ Jer. 17:9

Before I get to specifically what God showed me, it was at this point in my writing that a prophecy for the Body of Christ (a thing of the Spirit), came from outside our group. It reads in part as follows:

_"I will now reveal that which has been hidden, but I have not come to reveal only sin that has been hidden; I have come to reveal the hidden mysteries of the last days, says the Lord. I will reveal thoughts and intentions of your heart that you may be set free and no longer be taken captive by those intentions. I will set at liberty those who desire to walk in freedom in this day and I will reveal to you the open door and _the anchor of your soul_, that which the enemy has used against you. I will bring these things to the light that you may be free. I will bring revelation and the knowledge of the times and the seasons in which you live. These things I desire to reveal to My prophets, for I do nothing unless I first reveal it to My prophets, says the Lord."_

I understood what was being said here and the reason for it coming to me at this time. But there was still a piece missing that I needed to adequately explain this "anchor." Then, something I read just a few
days ago written by another Christian, made it clear. Basically, what was said is that we have a choice whether or not to accept the lies that Satan fed Eve in the Garden of Eden. But the truth is, we are born already believing those lies because they are resident in the fallen nature that we inherited from our original parents. These lies are the very core of self that keeps our soul anchored until the Lord sets us free.

This core of self is one of those "hidden things" the prophecy speaks of that God is bringing to light at this time. This is not our individualistic personalities, preferences, or even our idiosyncrasies. It is the fallen nature that is governed by self-will set above God's will-the "I" on the throne. This self-government is the result of the three lies visited upon Eve in the Garden. Because she was deceived into believing the devil's lies, all her descendants have been born with these lies imprinted on their soul. We did not have a choice whether or not to accept those lies. No one is born innocent as many claim. We have an inner self that is stamped with deceit. The three original lies of the devil are present in us all, whether or not we are aware of their presence or whether or not we consciously believe them. They do not just disappear when we are born again. They are part of the old man and will rise to compete with the new man that wants to obey the Lord. If you have read the 7th chapter of Romans you know there is a struggle between these two and it is only through the Lord working with us that we can overcome the government of self, that which is the anchor of our souls.

ANCHOR # 1 Has God said? This was the question facing Eve about what God had said regarding the trees in the Garden. When her answer included that even touching the tree would result in death, which God did not say, she revealed her lack of understanding. Because she lacked understanding, Satan was able to steal the word of God and interject his own interpretation. The parable of the sower (Mt.13:18-23) tells us that this is the way the devil works.

When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and understands it not, then comes the wicked one, and catches away that which was sown in his heart . . .

Matt 13:19

Just recently the Lord gave me a sort of "formula" that is the process toward understanding the word He is sowing. It goes like this: Receive, conceive, believe, achieve. Seed, whether physical or spiritual, that is not received cannot conceive, which then cannot be acted on in belief so it brings forth fruit. However, this same formula works against us if we receive the seed of Satan's lies, which is exactly what Eve did. This same strategy used against Eve, and continually used against us, was even tried on Jesus right after His baptism.

When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry. And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Luke 3:21-22, 4:1-3 (NKJ)

God had said that Jesus was His beloved Son, and this was the word of God that Satan wanted to destroy. This time, however, it was not possible because Jesus had perfect understanding.

Satan's whole strategy is aimed at destroying the word of God, and he will do whatever he can to keep us from it or twist it in some way so it doesn't bear fruit. He knows it is the one weapon over which he has no power. This is why it is so important for us to follow the things of the Spirit so we can gain understanding.

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. Prov 4:7
Having succeeded in placing doubt in Eve's mind, Satan then proceeded to outright deny that God said death would be the consequence for disobedience. "You shall not surely die!" This not only accuses God of lying, it denies the reality of death, which we all do in many ways. It is easy to see this denial in children who have no concept of death until fear teaches them. But this isn't by any means limited to children. What about the drug addict, who in spite of the overwhelming evidence, still believes he can indulge without repercussion? And who ever gets up in the morning believing that it is a real possibility they could die in the very next hour? There is resident in us something that insists on believing we are immortal and can get away with doing as we please. But sin brought death, which is a reality whether or not we believe it.

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: Heb 9:27

Lastly, the enemy makes an incredibly slanderous accusation that God actually knows evil! How absurd! He tells Eve that the reason God does not want us to eat the forbidden fruit is because then we will be like gods knowing both good and evil. Although the English versions of the Bible say like gods, the Complete Jewish Bible says like God. Regardless of which is correct, both make the same insinuation, that God does not want us to know what He knows, which is both good and evil. To know means to have carnal knowledge of, and God has never taken part in evil. He is a holy God!

These lies imprinted on the old nature, which we all have, are the reason why we see so many things contrary to the true reality until the Lord shows us differently. It was Satan's plan from the beginning to establish his lies in us so God's word would appear to be in opposition to our best interests.

The bottom line regarding what took place in the Garden of Eden is the choice Adam and Eve were given to live either by the government of God or the government of self. With the choice of self-government, they took upon their own shoulders the responsibility of determining good and evil by way of what they experienced. It included the burden of providing for themselves through the sweat of their brow and pain in bearing children. They had to leave behind what had been provided for them and were thrust into a world where death would manifest, not only in the physical world, but in all their relationships. Worst of all was the spiritual separation of their pure fellowship with God.

When the revelation of self comes to us, it awakens the reality of our needing to let go of all that we have unknowingly taken upon our own shoulders. It requires trading the ways of death for the ways of life. But this trade is far from easy. We have the ways of death ingrained in us and transferring the burden of self-governing onto the shoulders of the Lord feels like losing something, which we do. We lose part of the identity we knew and were comfortable with. It is a lot like a physical surgery that is painful and requires time to heal. I am well acquainted with the process! Each time the Lord has revealed something about my self-nature it has caused me to go through a time of feeling disconnected and set aside. It is not pleasant at all. It is down right unpleasant, but the peace that comes afterwards is well worth it!

Now no chastening for the present seems to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. Heb 12:11

It is wonderful coming to rest in the Lord and following His government. Self-government is a burden and we have to be shown its ways so we can close the open door and anchor of our soul that the enemy has used against us!
While Jesus was on earth, He functioned in the ministry gifts of apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher, as well as all the gifts of the Holy Spirit. When He ascended to heaven, these gifts were then given to the church to function through various men and women. Their total presence in a corporate body is what comprises the government of God on earth and connects it to His government in heaven. Imagine the volume of messages coming from the throne room every day to all the different parts of His Body! It is because of this mass communication that there must be a means of coordinating these instructions so the Body can function as one unit able to accomplish the purposes of the Lord. There must be one Flow Chart that everything gets channeled into and out of to keep us all on the same page. It is the only way we can accurately compare spiritual things (I Cor.2:13) and have a unified government that responds to its Head. A successful government must keep records in order to have its laws established and enforceable. A flow chart is the narrow way in which God communicates His government.

Before I came to understand how truly narrow God's way is, I had always likened the Christian life to a large fenced pasture with lots of space to move about freely-conducting life in a manner that suited each individual within certain established boundaries. Only if we wandered outside of its boundaries would we encounter problems and be in trouble with God. Time and learned truth have made me much more narrow-minded.

To begin with, although a pasture does have boundaries, it is stationary. It does not lead anywhere. The narrow way that we are meant to follow is progressive. Its protective boundary is the Lord's present word (indicated in the Flow Chart). As we follow by focusing on what He is dealing with at the time, we will remain within that protective boundary.

I was finally able to get this picture firmly planted in my mind the day Roy demonstrated how God says the Flow Chart is to be followed. He put a sheet of paper on the floor and then stood on it. This represented God's present word, what we are to be focused on right now. We were then told to imagine a whole string of paper, laid out behind this one sheet, representing all the things He has given us previously. Some of us had been concerned about past things that we thought still needed to be dealt with. But focusing on those things took our focus off present things. It was explained that what we had not done, or had not completed, was in the Lord's hands and He would bring them forward to the present, if and when it was necessary. For us to try dealing with past things amounts to taking the responsibility onto our own shoulders rather than leaving them with the Lord. As for the future things of the Flow Chart, they would appear in front of that one sheet of paper that he stood on and would only become visible as God revealed them. Future things are God's business also and it is presumptuous for us to think we know how it is going to be. We don't know until He reveals it. Even prophesies yet unfulfilled in the Bible have to be brought forward into the light in the Lord's time frame. Any other way is the product of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, the guess work of mankind that exalts self above the revelation knowledge of the Holy Spirit! The only way we can fulfill God's plan is to follow God's Spirit.
There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit . . . That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Rom 8:1 & 4

Waiting for the Lord's present instructions through the Flow Chart, in order to know how to proceed, seems strange to many in the today's church. This is mainly because it has been taught that having God's past written instructions (the Bible) is all we need to go by today. But who decided that? God has always led His people in a tangible manner in every succeeding generation. Jesus said,

*I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.* John 14:18 (NKJ)

If the Lord had considered the Bible all we need to keep us on the narrow way, why did He send the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth? (John 16:13) Following the Spirit is the only way we can fulfill God's plan in this current world.

. . . for without me you can do nothing. John 15:5

Beside our ignorance as to the specifics of God's plan, we cannot possibly mastermind a successful strategy against an enemy far more knowledgeable than we are. He was originally God's "light bearer" (the meaning of the name Lucifer). He is well acquainted with the ways of the Lord and is very adept at counterfeiting those ways. Our only defense against this powerful foe is the government of God; His Body following His present word, interdependent with each other, but totally dependent on God.

God's government is designed to destroy the works of the devil, the purpose for which the Lord came to earth.

*He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.* I Jn 3:8 (NKJ)

Those "works" are what manifest through self-government because that is the medium the devil works through to accomplish his evil deeds. Self-government opens the door to evil spirits that influence us to act against the word of God. They may not seem evil because they come disguised as angels of light and even appear to be doing God's work, as did the girl with the spirit of divination who followed Paul saying,

*These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.* Acts 16:17

What King Saul did also appeared to be a "God thing," but it was an act of imposing self over the government of God. He acted outside his sphere of authority by doing what seemed right to him but was very wrong in God's eyes. (See I Sam 13:8-14).

We see another example of self imposing its will above the will of God in the words of Peter regarding what Jesus was revealing as next on God's agenda.

*From that time Jesus Christ began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "God forbid {it,} Lord! This shall never happen to You." But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's." Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it." Mt. 16:21-25 (NAS)*

The devil knew that One was coming to defeat him, and he used every means at his disposal to prevent it. When that didn't work he plotted to keep Him from the completion of His mission. This word that Peter spoke was just one of Satan's attempts to keep Jesus from the cross, and it is a perfect example
of how self enters into the government of God. Peter did not understand the plan of God because he was focused on an agenda that wasn't God's. We are no different and what seems right to us is often very wrong. We have many ideas about what the Lord wants us to do, but unless we have a "thing of the Spirit" we won't know for sure. This is precisely why we must take up our cross daily, put down our own ideas, and follow the Lord.

When Israel was preparing to cross over the Jordan into the Promised Land, their instruction was to follow the Ark of the Covenant being carried by those given that position. Further, they were instructed to stay far enough behind so they could see to follow.

And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through the host; and they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it. Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed this way heretofore. Josh 3:2-4

This passage of scripture is actually prophetic of our day, but also presents a picture of what and how we are to follow. The Ark containing the Law represents the government of God. Following it is how we are led to the fulfillment of His promises and the accomplishment of His purposes. The "distance" (2000 cubits) the people were to keep between themselves and the Ark is a time span, but also depicts our waiting until we have a clear understanding of the direction the Lord is leading. If we try to go forward based on partial knowledge or our interpretation of one or more pieces of the whole picture, we are getting ahead of the Lord. We cannot "cross over" without following His present instructions. Things that may have applied in the past may not apply to the current situation, and if we "camp" on those, or interject other "things," this is self entering into the government of God. It is what Peter and Saul did and what we often do too without even realizing what we are doing.

The Apostle Paul states the government of God in another way in 2 Cor. 10:3-5 where he says,

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

We cannot "cast down" what we don't know is operating. The revelation of "self" came to me through accepting what the Flow Chart was revealing, which then provided understanding regarding the personal things I was experiencing. The individual pieces alone could not tell me what I needed to know. However, because it was recorded, it was indisputably there, and when it all came together I was finally able to see what the Lord was after. It was the Flow Chart with its recorded pieces that created the whole picture.

It is the whole Bible, recorded piece by piece, that has given us a complete picture of our lostness and need for a Savior. His story is also recorded. The government of God operates through documentation, a procedure the world has patterned its government after—at least in most countries. This is His way and it is the only way regardless of the arguments that will rise against it. Those who will stand in opposition are out of step with the Lord and are not walking on the narrow way. They are like the virgins that did not have oil in their lamps (in the parable they were not prepared because they had not been following), when the Bridegroom came to claim His Bride (Mt. 24:1-13). Some of these will be like the ones who filled the church as the wedding guests in the vision I shared at the beginning of this writing. Others will not even be admitted because they do not have on the proper garments! Their acts are not righteous acts because they are directed by self.

~Revelation~
We cannot know the mind of God unless He reveals it. Self-government stands in opposition to this, which makes self a very serious issue. It is responsible for souls going to hell! There is blood on the hands of the church because persons have placed self-government above the government of God! Although the "I" on the throne will not prevent the Lord from fulfilling His overall plan, an un-dealt with self remains the enemy's tool to muddy the pure waters that come down the River of Life and keep many of His blessings from being realized.

Over the years this self-government has not only ruined individual lives, it has derailed ministries ordained by God. His purpose has also been nullified in gatherings He has called because control of them was taken by one or more individuals assuming the position of "head" in place of the Lord. I attended a series of meetings where this happened. Man (self) audaciously conducted business without waiting for the Lord to reveal His agenda. The end result was that the Lord's purpose for the meetings was not fulfilled. It also wasted time and finances for those who attended, some having traveled as far away as Australia and Africa. Additionally, it left questions in the minds of many and disbelief in others wondering if the Lord had been involved at all. Nevertheless, because He was involved, He has salvaged good from man's mess-as He always does. But this is just one example of a whole history of self-governed men and women who have led multitudes down the wide way of destruction!

Are these acts intentionally meant to mislead? In most cases the answer would be a solid no. They were done in ignorance of God's ways, following instead in the footsteps of tradition. These "traditions" are hard to break from because they "seem right" to us and are part of who we think we are. They are deeply embedded in our souls and their demolition can get pretty messy.

Going through the experience I have related in this writing was a "demolition" of my ways. It was painful to have the darkness in me exposed, especially when it was done in the open where others could see it too. But the old that was not of the Lord had to be torn down so He could then build the new. This is the way truth is established, though it is not always a painful experience. It is only the root issues and the things (beliefs) we do not want to let go of that cause us pain. In either case, the process from the old to the new is still the same as what God expressed in His word to Jeremiah.

**Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant. (Jer 1:9 &10 NKJ)**

God has not changed how He does things. What was spoken to Jeremiah is still the way it works today. It is simply the two sides of receiving truth; first the negative tearing down and uprooting, and then the positive planting and building.

Approximately 27 years ago I had a dream that made this principle very understandable to me. At that time I was living in a 3-story house with my two children. My husband had chosen a life style that kept him away and he was pretty much out of the picture. In the dream my two children and I were safely huddled together in a small room watching as a bulldozer came toward us. I knew it was going to level our house. I also knew that it was the Holy Spirit driving the bulldozer! After the demolition of the house, the foundation was also demolished, which turned out to be nothing more than linoleum flooring laid on top of the ground. The dream was not only prophetic of God ending the marriage, but I came to understand that God was revealing most of my beliefs about Him and about myself (represented by the house), had no solid foundation. Most of what I believed at that time was not based on truth. Thus, in His mercy, He was going to be tearing down the old structure and replacing it with revealed truth.

Both the material and spiritual house I have now is very different from the one I occupied at the time the demolition work began. I am a new building, the result of learning to follow what is revealed by the Holy Spirit, the only way spiritual truth comes. For instance, just a few days ago I was cleaning out some old files and came across an article I had written about self. It read like I understood what I was talking about, but that understanding was merely the knowledge of facts without the illumination of the
Holy Spirit. I did not really know what self was about until it was recently revealed to me. The result of possessing knowledge based on only facts leads to walking in the flesh because it has not been breathed on by the Spirit. Knowledge "puffs us up" making us think we "know" things apart from God. But Godly knowing only comes by revelation and it comes in the Lord's timing. Building is achieved in sequence and He alone knows when we are ready for the experience that yields understanding. It is the process of establishing in the natural realm that which comes from the Spirit's realm. The Apostle Paul had knowledge of Jesus but he did not have revelation knowledge until he was knocked off his horse on the Damascus Road! God initiated the time and place of that revelation and it came with a physical demonstration.

Everything in our relationship with God begins with Him. He is the initiator, the Head of the Body. The government is on His shoulders. This is why everything we come to truly know about His kingdom comes through revelation, whether it is instantaneous, as it sometimes is, or through the process of line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little there a little.

The church is built on the rock of revelation and the confession of that revealed truth. It is the only way the kingdom of God is established on earth. Jesus demonstrated this truth when He asked His disciples who were saying He was. He then redirected His question to asking them the same.

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Simon Peter answered and said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades shall not overpower it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Mt 16:15-19

This "rock" that Jesus said He would build His church upon is referring to the revelation that comes from the Spirit. Many people think they are saved because of what they have learned through "words which man's wisdom teaches." But one cannot be born of the Spirit without the revelation of who Jesus truly is. That must be followed by our confession of Jesus as the Christ to another person, and then Jesus will confess us to the Father. Jesus is the mediator of the new covenant and this means that no one comes to the Father except through Him; He in turn presents us to the Father. It is in this way that the gates of hell have no power (authority) over the church. It is the communication from heaven to earth and from earth back to heaven, as stated in the last part of that verse. Binding and loosing refer to establishing on earth what is revealed by the Spirit, which are the keys to fulfilling "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." (See Matthew 16:15-19)

God's kingdom is a spiritual kingdom and it is not subject to the mind and government of man. This is why the church must have the revelation of the Holy Spirit in order to walk in the ways of God. This is the way it was always meant to work, beginning with the Garden of Eden. The Tree of Life symbolized God revealing truth to man, and since God is truth, it cannot come from any other source. It never originates in mankind, which is precisely why self is not capable of mediating our spiritual life.

The book of Revelation in the Bible is the Revelation of Jesus Christ. It is all about His government and how He is implementing that government from heaven's throne to and through His Body on earth. It clearly shows that He alone has the right and the power to break open the "seals," revealing the events to come and issuing direction and correction to the church.

It is through the Lord's revelations that we receive the truth which sets us free and prepares us for what is coming. But we have our part too, which is to receive and act on those things He is revealing to us.

And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. Luke 12:46-47

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a
bide adorned for her husband. Rev 21:2

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. Rev 19:7

We will not be prepared for the Lord without submitting to His government. But I must give you fair warning that the "I" on the throne does not give up easily! There is strong resistance that comes from the core of our old man. As the Lord begins to expose self, it will rise up and attempt to retain control. It does not want to be dethroned and it will resist by blaming its sinfulness on someone or something else. When I started through this process, I began resisting certain things of the Spirit that were coming down the river of God. I could feel the resistance rise, and it became a wall separating me from the others in the group. Although I wholeheartedly believed in the Flow Chart, when it began revealing things that were contrary to my interpretations of how things were, I accused it and/or the persons the information was coming through of being wrong. You might as well say I was accusing God because it was His gifting in those persons I did not want to submit to. (Submission is not to a person but to the gift and position appointed by God.) Consequently, the Flow Chart was the very instrument the Lord was using to put His finger on self.

My greatest resistance at this time was to Roy, who being a prophet represented the greater of the Lord's authority. We had fellowshipped and worked together for over two years, but with the onset of exposure, self drew back from him like a snake retreating to its hole!

At this point is where many turn back from following the Lord. Hearing things that do not agree with our personal convictions, and clinging to them without considering messages from the Lord, will cause us to fall from the narrow way. It was this very thing that caused many to turn back from following Jesus when He was here on earth, as recorded in John 6:59-60.

These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum. Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, "This is an hard saying; who can hear it?" When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, "Does this offend you? What if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before? It is the spirit that quickens; the flesh profits nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. But there are some of you that believe not." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. And he said, "Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father." From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, "Will you also go away?"

We find this same attitude in the Old Testament among those being led by God through Moses.

This is that Moses who said to the children of Israel, "The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear. This is he who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the Angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers, the one who received the living oracles to give to us, whom our fathers would not obey, but rejected. And in their hearts they turned back to Egypt, saying to Aaron, Make us gods to go before us; as for this Moses who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him. Acts 7:37-40

Resistance to God-appointed authority and God's established way is rebellion. God equates rebellion with witchcraft, which is a work of the flesh-the "I" on the throne! Unfortunately, the majority of the organized church has so long been under this false authority that the issue of rebellious self-governing remains hidden. In my first book, God Said, "My Church is Dysfunctional," I shared the message God had given me regarding coming out of the organized church. The reason for the command to "come out" is because of its harlotrous condition, following a way of governing other than God's established way. This false system comes through words which man's wisdom teaches, not what the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing what is spiritual with what is spiritual. Those who continue submitting their minds to the teachings of a harlotrous church or group will continue to be infected by that belief system and run the risk of the destructions that are encountered along the way that is wide.
For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly (self), and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things. Ph 3:18 & 19

"Earthly things" include religious activity that comes when we think we know what God wants. In spite of the many that pray long prayers and spend hours studying the Bible, they are still in the category of minding earthly things if they are relying on their own ability to interpret the things of God. It is this self-mindedness that makes them enemies of the cross of Christ! This is because the original sin of choosing self-government over the government of God is why Jesus hung on the cross. Hanging onto self-government is rejecting the very purpose for which He died! It doesn't matter that we may be getting many things right. Until we take up our cross, which is the "I" getting off the throne to follow Jesus, we will not be on the narrow way. We can't have one foot on the narrow way and the other on the wide way; it is either one or the other!

~Putting the Pieces Together~

It was last summer at a resort on Grand Lake, where I spent some time with my friend Doris and her family, that the Lord provided some pieces to the puzzle regarding what I was going through. On an afternoon when everyone else was otherwise occupied, Doris and I went to the club house and spent several hours relaxing putting together puzzles. The one I worked was only 100 pieces so I was able to finish it—all except for the 4 pieces that were missing. One of them was a border piece and the other 3 were in the center.

I knew these pieces were significant, but it wasn't until later that I learned what they represented. The 3 pieces in the center were the 3 lies of Satan that are the anchor of the soul (self), and the border piece pictured the open door that gives Satan access to influence self. However, even though these pieces were "things of the Spirit," they remained just "pieces." They had to be compared with other things of the Spirit or they remained isolates facts. By themselves they led nowhere and were not much use to anyone. They had to be put together with other pieces to yield their message.

Similarly, though many Christians are confident of their ability to hear and follow the Lord on an individual basis, the Body of Christ is a corporate Body. It cannot function properly when its parts are disconnected. It is designed to work as a unit. This is easy to understand when we think of how our physical body's individual parts all work together. They could not sustain life on their own. There has to be a head and a nervous system connecting them in order to function as a body. The Body of Christ is designed to work in the same way. It has one Head connecting all the parts of the Body through the Holy Spirit.

As it stands today, the church is not operating as one Body. Gradually through the years, it has lost the concept of its corporateness. It was replaced with the focus directed to an individual's "ministry," the "personal" relationship with Jesus, and casting Him in the primary role as our "personal" Savior. These
concepts emerged during the seventeen and eighteen hundreds through the teachings of such noted evangelists as Whitefield, Wesley, Dow, Taylor, and Finney. Along with these ideas came the emotion-manipulating hymns and altar calls, which in essence, shifted the responsibility of the Holy Spirit to reveal to sinners their need of Jesus onto to our shoulders through man-devised strategies. But God did not give us the job of manipulating people into His kingdom. This shifting to "a better way of doing the Lord's work" ushered in the era of superstar-Christianity: one man doing it all. It was a subtle way of putting man as the "head" to replace Jesus and substituting methods and tactics in place of the work of the Holy Spirit.

The one man as "head of a church," "senior pastor," or even just "the pastor" is entirely unscriptural. It is a spin-off of Catholicism with the Pope as head of the church. In the Old Testament where one man led, such as Moses, Joshua, and David, they were types of Christ. But we do not need types anymore because we have the real Christ. This does not preclude God using one man to which He communicates specific truths, but that one man will always be submitted to Jesus and to a Body of corporate believers. He will not function on his own or in a way that puts him/her above others.

God's designed the church as a corporate organism to counter the effects of the fall that brought the rule of self. This living, corporate organism flies in the face of Satan who works to keep us operating as independent persons. His strategy has always been to divide and conquer, and anything that supports unity is a target he will aim for.

Having read thus far, I am sure you can see what I have presented is a picture of the difference between the two ways of spiritual governing; God’s government or the government of self that is controlled by the enemy of God and man. In this arena of warfare, God is bringing forth His most powerful asset to unify and mobilize His army, which will also be His greatest weapon to use against the strongholds of the enemy. This will raise the level of warfare on the other side as well and provide a target for Satan to focus his attacks against. You have probably guessed this refers to the Corporate Flow Chart.

This concept of keeping a written record of what God says is not some new doctrine. There has to be a means of bringing together the "pieces." It only seems new to us because traditional teaching leads us to believe that everything we need to know already exists inside the pages of our Bibles. But confining the Living Lord to the pages of the Bible limits Him to what He has spoken in the past. It does not allow for the fact that He is alive and well and ruling the affairs of planet Earth!

In the book of Revelation Jesus said,

*He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says unto the church.* Rev 3:22

It does not say "said" but "says" which is present tense. We are just as much a part of the church as those alive at the time of those words. At the end of that same book it says,

*And he said unto me (John), Write: for these words are true and faithful.* Rev 21:5b

The book of Revelation was given approximately 50 or 60 years after Jesus left earth, and He was still telling His servants to record His words. The book of Acts is a record of the acts of the Apostles who labored under the direction of the Holy Spirit and kept records of those activities. The writing was ongoing because circumstances were constantly changing that needed to be addressed. Nothing remains static in the church if we are following the Lord. He is always working and to build by adding new understanding to each succeeding generation so we are equipped to stand in the battle of our particular time. We cannot use bows and arrows against an enemy who is armed with nuclear weapons! Times change and so do the directions of the Lord to expose and destroy the work of the enemy.

Earlier in this book I asked, "Who or when was it decided that it was no longer important for us to keep a record of His words?" My answer to that question would be that we have been taught that any writing other than what is contained in the "canonized scriptures" is violating some sacred law of God whereby He considers the books of the Bible as the end of all He has to say! Perhaps there is a
misunderstanding that arises from what is said at the end of the book of Revelation.

*I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God shall add to him the plagues which are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.* Rev 22:18-19 (NAS)

What we are not to "add to or take from" this prophecy is referring to our own *interpretation* of what is being said. That *could* include things that are written. There are thousands of writings about the meaning of the Revelation claiming to be "biblical." But man’s speculations that add to or take away from the true meaning of the prophecy, written or otherwise, does not annul our responsibility to continue writing what the Lord is saying. We must be careful not to change the foundational teachings of the Bible, but what we write that He speaks today is how He is *building* on that foundation. The lack of keeping a continuous record of His words is one of the ways the church got off track and consequently built so much on a foundation *other than the one that was laid* in the first place. (See I Cor3:10-11)

With that said, let me now say that the teachings on the Take His Heart website are evidence *supporting* the prophecy of the Revelation of Jesus Christ as He is presented functioning in His kingly role. The progressive teachings that He has given to this ministry over the past 15 years have been to restore the foundational teachings of the Bible, all of which point to a greater revelation of Jesus who sits on the throne as the Head of the church. These teachings about the ways of God’s government have been to bring the church out of the idolatry and demonic influence she fell into through the false teaching coming through the agency of self-government. Each step we have taken under the direction of the Holy Spirit through the Corporate Flow Chart has lead to the most recent teachings which emphasize the narrow way that leads to the marriage of the Lamb. Nothing on this site has originated in the mind of any person. It is the Lord’s truth that has come down the River of Life from His throne, has been demonstrated through our lives, and is verifiable by the Scriptures. If you will take them to God for confirmation and follow His leading, you will find your way onto the narrow way leading to Brideship. You will come under the *government of God* and finally be freed from the *government of self!*

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**~ Gather up the Fragments ~**

At the end of the last chapter I had intended to end this writing, but several days ago I received the word "eager," along with the admonition not to get ahead of the Lord. This was partly referring to my eagerness to complete this book. Then, this morning He reminded me of several things, fragments, that I realized I needed to add.

Before I get to them, I want to share with you what the Lord showed me 35 years ago that has been the basis for teaching me to pay attention to details no matter how small or unimportant they might seem. This revelation came from the 6th chapter of the book of John, the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000. But it was not the miracle of the loaves and fishes that touched my heart; it was about the leftovers the Lord told His disciples to,

"*Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.*" Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the *fragments* of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten. John 6:12-13

It was not until years later when I connected with Take His Heart Ministries that I came to understand
the significance of what I had been shown. Baskets were simply containers to hold the pieces left from the original loaves and fishes that Jesus gave to the disciples to distribute to the people. Likewise, the Flow Chart is the container that holds the pieces the Holy Spirit receives from the Lord to give (reveal) to us.

All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you. John 16:15 (NIV)

The "fragments" are important because they are part of the whole. However, we don't have the ability to "digest" all of what the Lord has for us all at one time. Still, He gives, knowing we will not necessarily "get it" right then, but expects us to have enough respect for what has come from His hand not to just let it fall to the ground to be left there. We have the responsibility to pick up those pieces so that nothing of what He gives is lost. What we don't "eat" at the time is stored in the Flow Chart where it is available for Him to use when the timing is right.

Over the years I have kept a journal, appropriately called "My Basket," where I kept my personal "fragments" of things the Lord revealed. However, I lacked understanding and was sporadic in my efforts causing me to miss many important pieces. But of the ones I did keep, some are now fitting into the corporate record we keep here at Take His Heart. I regret that I did not keep better records because the details of some things that I now realize were important are lost and cannot be accurately recalled.

This brings me to one of the "fragments" I was led to include in this writing. It was a recent conversation with a close friend who is struggling to implement the needed changes the Lord has brought to her attention. Much of her struggle has to do with responsibilities she assumed because of what she was taught. It is understandably hard for her, as it is for us all, to let go of how we have functioned for most of our lives. Each change is like going through a mini wilderness, which is a place we have not been before and produces feelings of insecurity. While the world teaches us we are to set goals and use strategies, the Lord's way is a one step, one day at a time way of life. The transition from the one to the other is difficult, and yet once we begin practicing the Lord's way, peace will come because we will have transferred the government from our shoulders to His. We will be free of the burden that comes with all the effort it takes trying to control our lives. My friend is a faithful follower of Jesus and is definitely on the path leading her to that place of rest where she will find peace.

For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience... Heb 4:10 (NKJ)

Another "fragment" I was led to include was the word "interference" that came though a recent dinner meeting given by a friend who is a chiropractor. The purpose of the meeting was to present some basic health truths that would prepare us for a more quality life in our old age. One of the pictures used in this presentation was a fetus (only about 41 days old) that already had a fully formed back bone. The nerves extending out from the spinal cord are what bring about the formation of the various internal organs, and these nerves are also the transmitters of vast numbers of messages flowing back and forth from the brain to the body every second. Openings on each side of the vertebrae where the nerves are channeled through serve as protection for those nerves. However, when there is a misalignment of any one of these vertebrae, it causes the nerves to be squeezed, limiting their ability to transmit. This creates an interference in communication to their specific body part, which can lead to deterioration of both the nerve and body part. Any misalignment, regardless of how small, will interfere with the ability of the nerves to transmit information vital to the body's proper function.

It was easy to see how this information added further clarity to the importance and operation of a flow chart, the instructions that come from God's throne to the different parts of the Body. Obviously, the throne is the Head (brain) transmitting continuous messages to the Body. But when the Body's backbone (the government of God) is out of alignment there is an interference in transmission and we are not receiving what we need to know. This is related to the scripture that says,
My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Hosea 4:6

Interferences have caused a great deal of misalignment in the Body of Christ producing a deteriorated condition of many of its parts. Some of this is due to an innocent lack of knowledge, but some is also due to self-rulled leaders who are preventing those who would enter in (Luke 11:52). The full text of Hosea 4:6 is seldom quoted, but it says,

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

This was spoken to Israel who had rejected the knowledge God had given to her through the law and the prophets, which eventually caused her to be rejected as a priest to God. Her role was to be an intercessor to bring the nations of the world to God, and to be a light to the Gentiles by her demonstration of the living reality of God. That role of priest to God through intercession and demonstration was passed to the church (both Jew and Gentile) under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. But even as Israel's rejection of knowledge resulted in her rejection, so it is with the organized church at the end of the age. Her rejecting the government of God in favor of self-government has made her a harlot church. She may be clothed in royal robes and jewels with the appearance of being the Queen, but she drinks from the cup of her fornications and has blood on her hands! (See Rev.17:4-6 & 18:3-7) The true Queen, the Bride of Christ, is being arrayed in the simplicity of white linen, which are her righteous acts. This "Queen" is about to come on the scene with the true authority as the one who legally bears the name of Jesus. She has been stripped of self and understands how to walk in the government of God.

The third "fragment" comes from an e-mail I received from a ministry based in another part of the state. They recently held a conference where some very good things took place. Because of these "good things" a movement has now started to reproduce the same kind of meetings wherever they can get someone to facilitate them. Although the intentions of those involved are also "good," this is another example of how man takes over something that should be left with the Holy Spirit. Attempts to duplicate something "good" is how many church denominations have been established. Man takes a move of God and forms it into something he can control. Once this happens it becomes religious in nature because it is not under the government of the Lord. Man is inserting self into God's government, the same thing that took place in the series of meetings I wrote about in a previous chapter.

The last "fragment" came within our own ministry group. The words spoken about our being complete in Christ prompted a member of our group to request prayer for an impure heart. This impurity was not because of any immoral activity in her life. It was what she has believed about herself based on the messages that came from years of childhood abuse. But those messages are lies the enemy has used through the agency of self to keep her from stepping into the powerful work the Lord has called her to. In ministry to her she was told to focus on what God says she is and that truth would set her free.

This particular fragment was a real eye-opener for me. It had not crossed my mind that our negative beliefs about our personal identity was connected with self usurping the authority of God. But I realize now that there is no area of our lives that has not been affected by the self-god that ascended to the throne at the fall of mankind.

These four fragments were all parts of the Lord's overall message about self being an issue of government. But they came to me after the main body of the message as "fragments" that had been put into the "basket" (Flow Chart) so that nothing of the Lord's message would be lost. They give further emphasis to what results when the government of self is allowed to operate.

- It interferes with what the Lord wants to communicate to His Body because it is out of alignment with His government.
- It takes what God is doing into its own hands and tries to reproduce the "good" that only God can do.
It denies us the peace that comes by resting in His ability to carry the responsibility of directing our lives. 

It keeps us bound to an identity that is contrary to who we are through having identified with Christ in His death and resurrection.

I have learned the dire consequences of doing all that is listed above! Possibly this is why I am so adamant in my support of God's teaching about His government and how it functions through the Corporate Flow Chart—a power tool that cuts right to the heart of the matter. It accurately exposes the ways of the flesh, and the devils who hide there. It does what we can never do through our own efforts. It is only the "things of the Spirit" that come from the hand of the Lord Jesus that are capable of leading us to, and keeping us on, the narrow way; it is only the "things of the Spirit" that we can trust as truth.

In closing, I would like to add that among God's people there are many wonderful teachings, prophetic words, and exhortations that can be read in books, heard in sermons, and accessed on the vast resources of the Internet. But as wonderful as many of them are, they remain only pieces if they are not properly assembled to fit with the Lord's current agenda. Left standing alone, they serve only the objective concerns of the individual or group with no ability to engage the forward movement of the whole Body of Christ. Paying close attention to what the Lord is saying to us as individuals, as well as our particular body of believers, is important; but what doesn't fit with His revealed agenda for the church as one Body, will only support division. God's purposes will only be fulfilled through a unified organism under the Headship of Jesus.

It is frightening to look back in church history and see what can happen when we don't acknowledge Jesus as the King of kings and the Lord of lords! Fortunately, there has always been a remnant of Christians in each generation willing to lay down the self-governed life and follow Him. The process of arriving at . . . the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; (Eph 4:13-14) has seemed slow in coming. However, looking at just the last four centuries, much has occurred speeding up the process. It began with the Word of God being put back into the hands of the people during the Reformation years. It was like a new birth for the Body. At the beginning of the 20th century we experienced the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, bringing the breath of life to the Body, and in our generation we have witnessed the restoration of the five offices of ministry listed in the 4th chapter of Ephesians—the soul of the Body. The last of these 5 ministry functions to be restored are the prophetic and apostolic functions, without which we would virtually be blind and unable to see where we are going. But even with the eyes and the mouth of the Body functioning, restoration cannot come to completion without the reestablishment of the foundational truths that began being lost as early as the first century. This is what Take His Heart Ministry is called by the Lord to do. We are committed to this calling, yielding to His hand as He teaches us those truths through the avenue of comparing the things of the Spirit in order to effectively communicate the government of God to the church.

The next step in the maturing process is unifying the Body by joining together the true church under His government. Though the enormity of this is almost too much to comprehend, we know that all things are possible with God. He will bring His people into the mainstream of His government in His way, in His timing, and by His Spirit. His seat of government will provide access to the one River of Life that flows from His throne through the gifts of the Holy Spirit in His people. These "things of the Spirit" will be channeled into the reservoir of His "command center" and flow out from there to all who wish to drink from it. This river will be crystal clear because it comes from the Government of God untainted by the government of self!

And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. Rev 22:1

It is only this pure, crystal clear river of Life that has the power to remove the spots and wrinkles
(unrighteous acts) on the garments of the church. These thought patterns and ways of self-government are not acceptable to a Holy Lord who wants a Bride that will be one with Him in thought, word, and deed. Self must be overcome in order to be married to Jesus. To be His Bride, ruling and reigning by His side on the earth, leaves no place for the "I" on the throne!

To him that overcomes will I grant
to sit with me in my throne, even as I
also overcame, and am set down with
my Father in his throne.

He that has an ear, let him hear
what the Spirit says unto the churches.

Rev 3:21-22

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