Title: God Is Spirit

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Welcome everyone. I would like to begin in Ephesians today.

Ephesians 4:1-6 NKJV

We talk about this, but I feel like I need to bring it up again. In verse five, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism," is not saying that there is only one kind of baptism. It is saying we are all baptized into the same grave of Jesus. He is the same Lord. We are baptized into oneness with Him. We all have been put in the same grave. We have all been put into the same baptism. We have all been put into the same water. That is what we are talking about. There is another baptism of Jesus called the baptism of fire or the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Jesus, Himself, said that "John came and baptized you with water, but I will come and baptize you with fire." But this is when you have made Jesus Christ, Lord and Master, you are buried with Him in one grave for us all and one resurrection for us all.

How is that happening? It is because it states in verse six, "One God and Father of all, who is above all, and He is through all. But, the last place He is in, is us. He is in you all. This leads us to what we need to talk about today. The one true God is spirit. He is a spirit. Our call is to walk worthy of the calling of which you were called. It is our call as a church in this day and age to know God as the Spirit. The Israelites got God the Father, Yahweh. On the mountain, Mount Sinai, He showed Himself. This is amazing. They were following a pillar of fire in the nighttime, and they were following a pillar of cloud in the daytime, coming out of Egypt. Then God brings them to Mount Sinai and He says, "Now I can reveal myself to you. Now I am going to show myself to you." I *think*, "Who have they been following? God is the cloud. He is the fire." We sing about this. If you understand, "He is the wind, and He is the fire." That is the Holy Spirit, who actually had not been fully revealed yet. They were to know the Father, as "Yahweh, as "I Am that I Am." The name that they will not name again, until they want Yahweh." Until the Jews cry out to, "Yahweh."

The Israelites have God the Father, and it took two thousand years to try to want Him. They still never did it, because then came Jesus, God the Son. God in the flesh. God, as the Angel of the Lord who wrestled with Jacob, who ate with Abraham, who showed up to Joshua. He appears as a mystery in the Old Testament over and over and over again. Then God revealed Him, at a time and season, in a day and an age. We had Him for a brief moment, as a witness that your life is a brief moment in the flesh. But, who you are is not that moment. Who you are is eternal. It is the Spirit, because He is the Father of all spirits.

So, the Israelites have God the Father, and He shows up as a cloud on Mount Sinai. Out of the cloud, comes God. We will read that when He appeared, they did not want to know the revelation of this God. The Israelites did not want to hear His voice. They say we will follow the fire and the cloud. We will eat the manna and the quail. We will have your provision. We will have your blessing. But, we do not want that full revelation of the Father as Yahweh."

When Jesus came and revealed Himself, He said, "Only those whom the Father opens their ears will hear my voice. My sheep hear my voice." Even to this day, some people will not know or have not known who Jesus is. Do you understand? The Jews of that time said, "No, the Messiah cannot come like you. The Messiah cannot come as a servant that will serve us all. He comes as the King." They got it mixed up. It was the Son of Joseph who came first, not the

Son of David. We have talked about this in this house. That is why it is so important that you are called to understand that God is the Spirit.

Jesus went back into Heaven, He said, "Wait here for the promise of the Father." The promise of the Father is Holy Spirit in you. It is not just, "Oh, now we have a Helper, now I have a Comforter. But, "I am coming as God the Spirit, the Holy Spirit." Now, my Spirit doesn't just hover over the waters, just be the leader of your life, or just be the Light unto your path. Now Holy Spirit can be the God who comes down on the mountain and comes in you. You know Him as God.

As a church, this has been "the rub" since Jesus left. We believe in God, the Father, and Yahweh. We believe in Jesus in the flesh. But, what do we believe about Holy Spirit? How did that happen? Because, He is a spirit. How do you define a spirit? Holy Spirit comes where He wants, He goes where He wants to go, and He blows whichever the wind blows. You cannot control or contain a spirit." God says, "I am a spirit," and He has revealed His spiritual nature to the Church. Those that have heard said, "yes," and an outpouring and an awakening of the Spirit happened.

It was in the first order of monks where it happened, because they saw Holy Spirit. I think there was a Benedictine, Franciscan, and Gregorian sect. They all over a period of hundreds of years saw a different side of the Holy Ghost, but then they would not receive the next unveiling of Holy Spirit. Holy Ghost says, "I am not just one. I am all things. I am all consuming. How can you describe me?"

Every time Holy Spirit has revealed Himself to the Church these last 2000 years, the ones that believe the first revelation, hated the second, third, or the 20th, Now, we have denomination after denomination, all the way back to the first denomination. That is the issue, they would not receive the next revelation of the Spirit, as God. Holy Spirit, when He comes, does not reveal something new to learn. He is a master teacher, but He doesn't give us new subjects to just learn and know. When He comes, He says, "I am coming as God."

So, if you believed me as God the first time, then I want you to know me as God, the next time." Is this biblical? Yes, because Abraham knew the Lord's voice and walked with Him. Isaac knew his father Abraham's God as His God. Jacob eventually found out that the God of Abraham and Isaac was his God, and He changed his name to Israel. Then, after 400 years of bondage, God comes to Moses and says, "I am going to reveal myself as Yahweh." The Israelites had to learn that He is not just the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, who is a personal friendly God we get to eat with, hang out with, and we love. Now, He is coming as this fiery fierce force to be reckoned with who is zealous and so holy that if you do one thing off, it grieves the Spirit of God in Him and it flashes fire. They were offended.

God has been revealing the newness of His nature throughout the ages, God the Father, then Jesus, and now is the time of our calling to know God, the Spirit, the Holy Spirit. Your offense comes when He says, "I am God." You say, "Well, I just want to know you, but I do not want to give you lordship." Then you give lip service, but not your whole heart in this movement of Holy Spirit.

Deuteronomy 5:1-4 NKJV

He is saying that because God did make a covenant with Abraham, and God extended that covenant to Isaac, He met and told him the same covenant and then God told Jacob the same thing. Okay, there was a new revelation. That when He came on Mount Horeb, that He wanted to make a covenant with us, not just Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

He wanted to make a covenant with you. He wanted to reveal something new. He wanted you not to just know that is a good thing to know about. God said, "No, I want you to know me as God," and this is who you have made a covenant with. He is trying to encourage us. Abraham did not get this. Isaac did not get this. Israel did not get this. You get it. This is for you in your time. A covenant with the Lord, to make Him your God.

Deuteronomy 5:4-5, 22

It was all of His heart. The ten commandments is often read as a bunch of rules, because we have not understood how He said it with His heart. That it was His very nature. It was His very heart that He was laying on the line. This is who I am, this is what bothers me. This is what I want. This is who I am. This is what I want from you. That is the 10 commandments. It is God's heart being vulnerable and exposed. Mankind has mocked it since. But, it is His heart being exposed for people to say that is the God I want to be with. That is it.

Deuteronomy 5:23

They went near to the wrong one. Who are they to go near to? Who do we call you to go near to? Go to Jesus. Go to God. Go near to Him. He came to Moses. A lot of time, that is what the Church looks like. When the pastor is telling you to "go to the Lord," you will go to someone else. When that person says, "Go to the Lord," you go to someone else. It is a part of the soul that you want somebody to go through this with you. You want someone to to bear the burden with you. There is a time for that. I am not bashing that. But, the truth is that your first call is to come near to the Lord. "Come near to me, and I will draw near to you." Keep coming nearer to me, and I will keep getting nearer to you. But, they did not do that. They went near to Moses.

Deuteronomy 5:24-26

They encountered Yahweh face to face and they are saying, "I am alive!" That is how it felt. Like their skin is getting ripped off for fear of death, and then they turn around and go into the tent. Thankful they are still alive after being before such a holy God. They were terrified of that feeling. Moses is embracing that feeling. Embrace it, because it will burn your heart to purity. They were like no, no, no, no. This should be a rhetorical question, because they are talking to Moses. He heard the voice of God in a burning bush of fire, and he is still alive. It should be rhetorical. But, actually they say, "You are the only one that will go talk to Him for us."

That is their out. That is how the Church can be sometimes saying, "Okay, Pastor, you encountered God. Evangelist, you encountered God. You encountered Him, prophet. It is a little wild. It is a little out there, because Holy Spirit cannot be contained when He talks to you. I do not understand that God. So, you just keep doing that, and let me know what He says. But, I do not want that to be my God." Holy Spirit is saying, "That is who I am. When I come, I am going to come as God." It has taken us 2000 years to get the revelation that the Bride of Christ is a spiritual bride. If we are going to be a spiritual bride, then God the Spirit must be Lord of the Bride. If we are going to be the spiritual Bride of Christ, then the Holy Spirit must be completely Lord of your heart, your mind, your will, and your emotion.

Deuteronomy 5:27

They said, "The Lord our God, He is still our God. He is still my God." We can do this in saying, "Oh, He is my God. He is my Lord. He is my Savior. I know Him." But, He says, "Do you know Me? I offered you something new. I told you something new about me. I am wrestling with your soul here. You will not give up your soul and know the Spirit." You hear it? They say, "Oh, He is the Lord our God. But, you are the only one that needs to talk to Him." We hear the hypocrisy in that. We all have done the same thing. You cannot judge them unless you look at your own soul. They say, "Tell us all the Lord our God says to you, and we will hear it and do it."

Deuteronomy 5:28-29

The heart and it's emotions are in your soul. Out of your heart, the mouth speaks. In the Church, that is our hardest struggle, especially in the American church. We have to be discerning between soul and spirit. In the book of Hebrews, it says, "The word of God is a two edged sword that splits between flesh and spirit, joints and marrow." Joints are your own will and movements of the flesh. Marrow is your blood with it's iniquity. So, it is easy to see this is my willful sin and the sins of my forefathers that I agree with. That flesh part is easy to see and separate that. I understand this is flesh that my soul agrees with. But, the second half of that sentence says, "between soul and spirit." The Church is to be so spirit led, spirit consumed that our soul is not even our own soul. It is the soul of the Lord. "My thoughts are not your thoughts. My ways are not your ways." Well how do you have His thoughts and His ways? Your soul is transformed by the Spirit to be His and one with His, and that your heart would be His heart.

That is a place that my thoughts, my mind, my will, my emotions, and that area of the soul would be as He thinks. That is the transition. That is the justification. That is the sanctification. Those are lots of big words. What does that mean? It is the transformation and the changing of your soul into the newness of the Spirit. It can only really happen with that newness of God in your life. Being made new is God being the new. He is my God. Being made new is lordship, because He is new every morning. My God is brand new every morning, and I have to be changed into His likeness. Then that means that the Bride wakes up new, looks new and maybe looks different every morning. That is the complete opposite of the flesh. In the flesh, we want the same thing every morning. The same carrot cake every year on our birthday. We do not want something different. We do not want to change. We want to stay the same. But, the Spirit wakes up and says, "We are going to do something totally new today. I want to be God of your life to do it with you."

Deuteronomy 5:29 NET

"If only it would really be their desire to fear me and obey all my commandments in the future, so that it may go well with them and their descendants forever."

That is the bottom line. We can sing and we can pray and we can do it, because this is what I do. God is constantly getting us out of that mundane life, those thoughts, and that religion which creeps in. That is the wrestling of the soul and the spirit in the desires of your heart. He will give you the desires of your heart. But, He tests those desires constantly to see what is more important to you. Because, you will only do what is important to you or worth it. You will only spend the time on what is of worth to you. Anything that you do, you will only pay with your currency of time on what is valuable to you or what is worth it for you. People spend their time and their money on things that is of worth to them.

God is saying, "I am wrestling with that with you because I want you to understand that I am not against you, I am for you. But, life is so much better with me, the Spirit of God, in your life. It is so much better with Me than the three hours that you spent here, or the 30 minutes that you did this, or the 10 hours that we were on our phones this week." That is the biggest one. That is the one. Yeah, I felt that, too. "Ouch, pastor." Wow, "If only it were really our desire..." Now is the time for the Church to know the Spirit, to know the unity, and to know the Bride. The same mind and same heart is only one by the Holy Spirit. We talked about this.

I Corinthians

Lord, let us be one in spirit. Let us have the unity of the Spirit that our brothers and sisters would be one with us. The Church will not be one until we all make Holy Spirit completely Lord. That is the line that has to be crossed. That is the lordship line that will always be asked of us. Here at the Garden, there will be a day when Holy Spirit reveals Himself in a brand new way.

He is going to ask us to make Him God again. Make Holy Ghost God again. He has already asked that of me. Yes, but this is the revelation of Jesus. This is the revelation of the Holy Spirit. Constantly through the Bible there is new revelation. He is Jehovah Nissi, Jehovah Jireh, and El Shaddai, El Elyon, the God most high. Every face of God and every name of God was a new revelation. Yes, He is my Provider. Yes, He is my Banner. Yes, He is the Rock of my salvation. Yes, He is Ba'al-Perazim, God of my breakthrough. When you actually encounter Him as the God of your breakthrough, He breaks through where you surrender to it. When you give Him lordship of your life, then it is reality. Every age will find a new face of the Holy Ghost. He is a Seven-fold Spirit. The first time I heard that was in this last 20 years. I learned that there was a Seven-fold Spirit of God sometime during the last 20 years and there are more references of Seven-fold Spirit than some other doctrines that we have.

I felt so angry that I had not heard that in Sunday school. There are more references to the Seven-fold Spirit of God than there are to the baptism of water. This type of fire is what the Bride has to carry toward Holy Ghost. Jesus died for tongues. He died for multiple gifts of healings and multiple ways to heal. He died for interpretation of tongues. He died so that the Holy Spirit could be Lord of our lives, and that we would desire the spiritual gifts.

"Oh, that their heart would desire to fear me. Oh, that their heart would actually desire to use the gifts that I gave them." This is the wrestling of the spirit realm. This is where God says, "You have to know me." Not as just God, the Father. That is the revelation back here. Not just as God, the Son. That was the revelation for a time. You have to know me. This is your calling. This is when you were born, for such a time as this, to walk worthy of the calling for which you were called. You would know one Spirit. I hope you are with me.

I Corinthians 2:14-16

If I am not receiving the things of the Spirit of God, I am walking in my flesh. I am walking in my earthly mindset. I am walking in the dust, that I was born with. I am not receiving the things of the Spirit, right? My mind, my thoughts, my will, and my emotion is a part of my soul. God says, "I am Holy Spirit. I want to be Lord of your mind. I want to be Lord and Master. I am in control."

Paul is talking to the Corinthians. "We have the mind of Christ." We all know this. But, What does that look like? What does that mean, "to be renewed," right? Stated in the book of Romans, "Be renewed and transformed by the power of God in your mind." What does that look like? That means that we start thinking in every situation with the way Jesus would think about it. When an impossibility comes before us, we are not saying, "I need to have faith for this impossibility." Jesus is thinking, "This is how we are going to get this impossibility made possible." Jesus had so much faith He wasn't thinking, "Okay, how am I going to pray for this guy?" He and the Father, say "This is what we are going to do. You are going to get that dirt over there, and spit on it. Then you are going to apply it for healing." He has the faith and that mind of Christ. It is not an impossible thing. The mind of Christ says, "This is how we are going to do this." The faith is already there with the mind of Christ.

These are the unity verses. The unity of the Spirit is not the unity of the brethren. It is not having the same mind, emotions, thoughts, and desires. I am really good at this and you are really good at that. I am prophetic and and you are an evangelist. Those things happen and there are partnerships, but it is bigger than this. Where my soul is connecting is not always where the Spirit is wanting you to connect. Where the joints are to be put together is by the Spirit, not by the soul. Where the bones are supposed to be put together is by the Spirit, not according to what our soul thinks will work. That is the rub.

We say, "Why did you put me in this church? I am an intercessor, and I love to pray. I cannot find anybody to pray with me, but He put me in this church." Or, "I am having dreams every night, and I cannot find one person to interpret dreams with me. Why did you put me in this church, God?" It is the heart and the soul that causes us to long to connect with one another. That is a natural thing, and God wants to pop our joints together. He wants to put us together. When you know that He has called you to a place, you can say, "Yes, God I know you called me to the Garden family. Yes, I know that you put me here. But, my soul is saying, "Help me. Love me. Somebody see me." This is the soul. He will let us do that. He will let us mature. But, the unity of the Spirit is not the unity of the soul. The unity of the Spirit is "something greater is here." Something greater is here. The unity of the Spirit opens our eyes to stop thinking about ourselves and actually start seeing those around us.

Philippians 2:1-2

What you are longing for in your soul to have happen, Paul says, "I have found that the only way to get it is through Christ who strengthens me." He says, "I am in chains. You cannot cry to me, I am in jail. I do not know why you were born in Philippi, but those are your brothers and sisters. You have a gift for that family. Christ puts you in that, "for such a time as this," to know Him as God and to help that family. Not to do what you want to do in your life, but to the glory of God, do what God wants to do in that day, in that time, in that city, in that region, for eternity's sake, "Fulfill my joy by being like minded." He was after the Spirit of God.

Philippians 2:3-4

He says, "I am trying to obtain the resurrection from the dead." So, if he is going to go for the resurrection of the dead, He has to go to the Spirit that raised Christ from the dead. He says, "I want you to be like minded. I am going after the Spirit that raised Christ from the dead. So, you go after Him. Have consolation in it. Have comfort in that love."

I have been hearing this word, "insular," for probably five days. Have you heard that word? The definition of insular is, "a characteristic of an isolated people, especially having or being or reflecting a narrow, provincial viewpoint. Provincial as in a region, an isolated life on an island. If you are from an island, or you have an insular life in an isolated people.

We are talking about, "Let each of you look not only for your own interests, but also for the interests of others." Even during Paul's time back here we realized that we can get insulated, or insular. If you are in Hawaii, you know the only news you really care about is the Hawaii news. They are a state of America. But, so much of what happens in the continental United States of America, has no effect on the island of Hawaii. Alaska has a similar situation. What are they going to do? Are people going to come up here if Russians attack us? Right? Yes, we put a ton of military bases here. If you live on the island of Fiji, you do not care about the opinions of Australia. You are in an isolated place.

That is the insular life of an isolated life on an island, your region, or your bubble. You are thinking inward. That inward place might not just be all about you. That can include those in your sphere, or network, metron or workplace, or my family life. I only care about this sphere. That is insular. I am not conceited about myself. I think about my family. I think about my work. I think about my family. Then I think about my work. I think about church, and then I think about my family, and then think about my work. You only do what you can do on the island. You can only go where you can go on the island.

God says, "Each of you do not look out for your own interests, but also for the interests of others. This is impossible to do by your own soul. I have learned this. It is impossible to do in this day and age. We have been training ourselves to only focus on ourselves, because this phone will only tell me what I want it to say. I will only look at what I want to look at. Since

these have come out, we have been training ourselves daily to insulate ourselves and be insular. I want to read the news that I want to read. I want to watch the scores that I want to watch. I can filter whatever I want to watch. But, it is also very addicting. When they can notify you, "Oh, wow, somebody 'snapped' me." We have been training ourselves to do that every day. God is saying, "You are insular, and you are looking inward." The only way that we can get out of it is by Holy Spirit. I am telling you the truth.

This is a soul filled place. This is a soul filled realm. This is of the soul. The only way that you can come out of this soul filled realm is by the Holy Ghost, because He says, "I want to come and be God here." Now, here is the rub. He wants to be God of your phone. Do you think there will be cell phones in Heaven? I am serious. Someone says no. There will be no cell phones in heaven? Why? You do not want to call somebody on the other side of Heaven? You think this is a silly question. I see your faces. But, you see it. Lordship looks like something. "I will show you my faith by my works." You just show me you have faith. Right?

Holy Spirit is a bubble burster. He is also a dot connector. Wednesday night, Nancy, said that prophetic insight is an addition problem of "personal revelation, plus personal revelation, plus corporate revelation, plus corporate revelation, equals prophetic insight. Two plus two, equals prophetic insight." He is a dot connector, okay. But, this has been a problem, and I can feel it in the spirit even here. What we talked about a year ago, we do not remember. I am not saying all of us. I hear them. I am talking about as a whole, as a body. As a body, we can get stuck on "God told me this word five years ago. This is how He has been pulling it through." Or, "God gave me this prophecy ten years ago, and I know that one." But, what did God tell all of us a month ago, three months ago, or a year or two years ago?

What did God tell all of us of the hope of our calling? That is the dot connect. That is the bubble burster that the Holy Spirit is trying to say. "You need to know me as God." To steward the Word of God is to be spiritually minded. To steward the words of knowledge and the prophetic knowledge is to be spiritually minded, not soul driven. Where this does not affect my personal revelation. This does not affect my family's revelation. This does not affect me. So, I will take what God has given and eat the little bit of meat that affects me, and spit out the rest. I do not try to remember that. This is the consuming world that you have been training yourself in.

You have been training yourself to do what I just said, in every other area of your life. In every other area, we are bombarded so much by what our eyes can look at in America, that you can choose what you want to see at any time for you. But, God's saying, "That is not how the Kingdom of Heaven works. I give a message from my people and it applies to you." If I am God, then you will hold on to it, even if it is not personally for you. But, that is not how we have been trained in our nation. That is not how we are training our kids. That is not how we trained ourselves. This is the revelation of God. The Bride will be made ready by the Spirit, not by how the soul wants to be ready. This is splitting of the soul and the spirit.

God told us this at the beginning of the year, "Rise to the Occasion." This is what we put up here every day? What does "Rise to the Occasion," mean? When I saw that, my first thought was, "what occasion does God want me to rise to?" How many of you thought that? What occasion does God want me to rise to? What if I never find that out? He is not asking **me** to rise to the occasion. He is asking **us** to rise to the occasion. Then I miss it. I am embarrassed to say that is how I thought. "Okay, God, what are you asking **me** to rise up to in my walk with you and my journey with you? Maybe He told us that at the beginning of the year, not for just all of us individually to rise to an occasion, but that we all as one family would see an occasion and rise up to **as one** mind, through the Spirit of God alone. This is what God told me.

I have my question. What is the difference between the first sentence and the second sentence?

- 1. "What do you want me to do, God?"
- 2. "What do you want to do, God?"

It is "me." That is the difference.

We can actually do what God wants us to do when we remove ourselves. We actually hedge our bets when we ask "What do you want **me** to do, God?" You hedge your bets in your soul. You hedge your bets in your mind. God says, "I want you to do this." You say, "I am not quite there yet. I am still working on that." But, when you have the question of maturity that says "What do you want to do God?" Then He will say, "I want to do this," and you will say, "This is what I have, two loaves and three fish. Whatever you have given me, I will give it to you."

Whatever gifts, mantles, or prayers, and if I am an intercessor, a healer, or an evangelist, "What do you want to do God? How can I add? How can I get it done with you and my family?" That is the Kingdom of Heaven. That is the Body of Christ. That is the Bride of the Holy Spirit. "What does God want to do? Verses, what does God want me to do?" When you remove yourself, you come out of that insular and isolated lifestyle and into the Kingdom of Heaven. You come out of the soul realm and into the spiritual realm.

Ephesians 4:11-12

"What do you want to do, God? You have told me I am this, because I am in this office of teacher, pastor, evangelists, prophet, or apostle. Then I will use my office, and I will use my gifts to get part of your work done." But, we cannot do it all by ourselves. These offices are not given just to do the work, because they are actually not to be doing the work. These gifts are given by Jesus Himself, "to equip the saints for the work of the ministry." Right?

The calling that you have is the ministry of the Holy Spirit. You have the ministry. Now, am I a saint? Yes, so I have the ministry, but then those that have been called for an office, they are to do the ministry and then equip those to do it. To equip those to do it even more. To equip those who go and are to be launched to equip those, and go save more than I could ever save. To equip those to heal and go heal more than I could ever heal. Jesus did that. The Church has healed more people than Jesus ever did. The Church has raised more people from the dead than Jesus ever did. The Bride of Christ has prophesied more than Jesus ever prophesied. He did it. He laid down His life so that we could see and receive the glory of God. You see, this is what it looks like to be in the office of an apostle, a pastor, a prophet, a teacher, or evangelist. I am going to equip people to go do more than I could ever do.

Ephesians 4:13, 15-16

We are being knit together by how? By asking that question, "What do you want to do God and I will supply?" Not, "What do you want me to get?" But, "What do you what do you want to do in this house, God, and I will supply it?" That is what breaks that soul filled realm of "God, I dream all the time and nobody wants to interpret. So, I will supply the dream. I will supply the interpretation." "I am an intercessor and nobody wants to pray. I will supply the intercession." I am a prophet and nobody cares about my part, but I will supply the vision." This is the mandate. This is the call of a spiritual walk by a spiritual God, who is brand new every morning. Come on.

Ephesians 4:17

The futility or insular nature of your mind is where you do this cycle every week. Today it is Sunday, and now it is Monday. I will reset and I will do it again. It is a futile endeavor, yes?

Ephesians 4:18

I am trying to bring light to what we are doing. It is just that we were trained this way. God is bringing light to it. "Being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them because of the blindness of their heart." That is the biggest issue. "Oh, that they would desire in their heart to fear me." We are separated and sometimes we do not feel like we are alive. It is because we are separating ourselves. Because the desire of our heart is this (cell phone). That is it. But, He says, "I am a Spirit, and I want to be Lord over your life. I want to be God in your heart." Amen.

Stand up and let's pray. If you need prayer for anything will be up here. Thank you for listening. Take it to heart. The Lord has been calling us to steward His words here. He has been calling us to steward them well. When I have been with Him, and when we heard the message that Brandy brought to us on a Wednesday night. I remember sitting there thinking, "I have not learned how to do this." You might think right now, "I do not know how to steward God's voice. I do not know how to do what you are saying, Grant."

It takes spiritual discipline. It takes a lot of sacrifice of yourself, your mind, and your thoughts to not just take every thought captive, but change in the life style of thinking as an island that I go around. It can be a region of captivity in ways. But, it is also that I desire to only stay on my island, and not go into the newness of the Holy Spirit and the lordship there. That is what it looks like. Find those that do this well. There are people in our house that this does not apply to, because they have burst out of that bondage. They busted out of, "It is all about this." Now, they are thinking about others all the time." There is freedom there. There is victory there, and that is what God is calling us to rise up to. Can you rise up to the occasion of stewarding His voice? By the Spirit alone we can do so.

"Holy Ghost, here we are. Teach us, 'Your thoughts are not my thoughts, and your ways are not my ways." Let us be humble enough to not think that this doesn't apply to us. Let us be humble enough. Let us be worthy enough. Let us be faithful enough. Let us be bold enough and courageous enough to forgive ourselves and change. In Jesus name I pray, amen.