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## Quotes

"But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh and dwelt in the land of Midian... Then Moses was content to live with the man, and he gave Zipporah his daughter to Moses. Exodus 2:15, 21.

How did God prepare Moses to be His man to lead the Hebrews out of Egyptian bondage? He prepared him not in a day, but over time; not through an event, but with a process. God also led others through a lengthy leadership development process: Noah-waited 120 years before the predicted rains arrived. Abraham-waited 25 years for a promised son. Joseph-waited 14 years in prison for a crime he didn't commit.



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God prepares leaders in a slow cooker, not in a microwave oven. More important than the awaited goal is the work God does in us while we wait.

Waiting deepens and matures us, levels our perspective, and broadens our understanding. Tests of time determine whether we can endure seasons of seemingly unfruitful preparations, and indicate whether we can recognize and seize the opportunities that come our way."

*The Maxwell Leadership Bible*  
**John Maxwell**

**"Enjoyment is not a goal, it is a feeling that accompanies important ongoing activity." -**  
**-- Paul Goodman**

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## Living Waters

**Isa 43:25** I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

**Psa 48:14** For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.

## Editor's Corner

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# The Vine

"I am the Vine, you are the branches: He that abides in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing." **John 15:5**

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**West Valley Church of God -- "Come worship with us..."**  
**Submissions: TheVineEditor@aol.com**  
 We meet at the Congregational Church of Northridge  
 9659 Balboa Boulevard, Northridge, CA 91325  
**Saturday Service 10:30 A.M. - [www.westvalleywvcg.org](http://www.westvalleywvcg.org)**

## A Gentle Reminder

**Isa:9:6: For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his NAME shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.**

We have often read in new testament scripture, that Jesus claimed that He and the Father were one.

In looking back into old testament scripture, it is impossible to ignore the prophecy in Isaiah:9:6, wherein is listed some of His names, or should I say "NAME", since it is not a plural reference. This can only lead one to realize that Jesus'

statements and claims, were not only referring to mindset/attitude/spirit, but also to a much more profound association.

We are instructed to baptize in the "NAME" of the Father, Son and (through?) Holy Spirit. One name. One Entity. Three "parts" you say? It is confusing. However, scripture also teaches that 2Co:3:17: "The LORD IS that Spirit" - {capitalized}, it is referring to a "Holy Spirit" not as a separate entity. If the LORD is Holy, so is HIS Spirit. It is He himself. Jesus never mentioned more than He and the Father being ONE. Jesus further stated, Joh:14:18: "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." (Jesus himself; the Father himself *through* His Spirit/power/essence), ONE name.

## Upcoming Events

● **Bible Studies, Letters and other Events...see Weekly Bulletin and Bulletin Board.**

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## In Spirit and Truth

by John Brown

**John 14:10** Believe you not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself; but the Father that dwells in me, he does the works.

Now was the third person of the trinity in Jesus? **Who did the works?** The **Father**, not a third person of a trinity. It was the Father! This is plain and just as clear as anything!



**John 14:11-12** Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me, or else believe me for the very works' sake. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believes on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto my Father.

He would of course be administering the spirit Himself.

**John 11:41-42** Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank you that you have heard me. And I knew that you hear me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that you have sent me.

Jesus asked the Father to do what? To resurrect, to give life. Who did the works? Jesus was only a man. Yes, He was God in the flesh. The important thing for you and me to understand is that even as God the Father worked in Jesus Christ, He is working in you and me. The pattern was established in the Son. The Father that lives in you **does the works**.

That is how the miracles were done. In John 5, Jesus said, "Of My own self I can do nothing." As close as they were, what He requested of God was always according to God's will, and so God gave it. In that sense brethren, Jesus never did a miracle in His life. What happened is, that when the Son requested, God sent forth **His Spirit**, and performed it. It is the Father who enables, and not a third person in a trinity. It is the Father Himself. **Do you understand the import of this? Do you understand who's living in you? It's the Father Himself** that enables us.

Let us go to the book of Philippians. We will carry this even further, so that it comes right down to you.

**Philippians 2:1-5** If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, fulfill you my joy, that you be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done

through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let **this** mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.

Now go to verse 12 as we carry that thought forward as we continue the context.

**Philippians 2:12-13** Wherefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which works in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

The Holy Spirit in the form of a third person is not in you. It is the Father **Himself**, by **His Spirit**. [The Father **is** Spirit] Are you understanding how close the relationship is?

**Matthew 16:17** And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed are you Simon Bar Jona: for flesh and blood has not revealed it unto you, but my Father which is in heaven.

I could go on and on with this.

**I Corinthians 12:6** And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which works all in all.

**Proverb:30:3: I neither learned wisdom, nor have the knowledge of the holy.**

**Proverb:30:4: Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?**

## Women's Ministry



March 7, 2020, our Women's Ministry meeting and catered luncheon featured delicious Mediterranean foods, to which the ladies added homemade salads, and some desserts.

Highlights of the meeting were intercessory prayers, and both Judy and Carlton Green spoke about the

importance of making and verbalizing our goals; physical, spiritual and financial... whatever they may be, giving some examples of how keeping these in their daily prayers made a very significance in their lives, against many odds. Ladies were invited to add their personal comments, and we closed with prayer.



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