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Beloved Partners and Friends

How many times in life are we disappointed and even with the Lord because our PERCEPTIONS AND EXPECTATIONS are not materialized or done so in the way that we want? I have alluded to this before but it bears speaking about often. So many conflict situations in our lives and between believers might never arise or be easily resolved if we would all clearly see and understand each other's perspectives and stop seeing and expecting from others based on our OWN POINT OF VIEW OR EXPECTATIONS. I think of how many times the disciples were disappointed, deceived, frustrated and even angry with Jesus because He did not perform or operate according to their expectations. There are so many times we have offended people and even churches because we are not willing to compromise on the mandate that the Lord has given no matter what anybody else wants or expects. I have experienced many church leaders and ministries who see an "opportunity" to make good for their own personal lives or ministries out of another. When their expectations do not materialize their disappointment turns to anger and betrayal. Historically, there is plenty of evidence that Mary, this "saintly" mother of Jesus, was thrilled that her son was to be a king – what kind of king she was not sure - because it meant that she would be QUEEN MOTHER! How disappointed she must have been. Judas had wanted Jesus to raise a mighty army and throw off the yoke of the despised Roman rule. His frustrations that Christ would not bend and yield to his expectations and perceptions caused Judas to betray him. Pilates only concern was that Christ, in Pilates presence, declared himself to be a king. What shock waves this sent through the Emperor's governor whose only

EXPECTATIONS

consideration was his seat of authority. Christ exposed every hidden motive of every person's heart and He still does the same today. How the disciples fussed and fought with each other to gain special favor, prominence or personal blessings. How furious they were with James and John because their mother had asked for one to sit on His right hand and the other to sit on His left in His kingdom wherever and whatever that kingdom might be. Why had they not thought to make the request first? What if Jesus just might have granted her that request? At the cross with Christ hanging in a bloody mess of unrecognizable torn, tortured human flesh everyone was defeated and deeply disappointed because their personal designs had not come to pass in this man who was unbending and unyielding to a single beings personal whims on him. Why? Because Christ had a clear mandate from the Father whose will He fully obeyed to the last jot and title. Nobody could steer Christ in any direction. He SET HIS FACE unflinchingly to the cross and to the cross he went by his own and the Father's will. What a mandate. Today, we need men and women of principle who will fulfill the mandate of the Lord no matter what the design, expectations or perceptions of others might be. WILL YOU BE SUCH A VESSEL? Will you hear from the Lord, so love Him and fulfill HIS MANDATE, HIS CALL no matter what others demand or expect of you? This may mean misunderstanding, unpopularity and outright rejection even by those who are close and you think should support you. How many choices of young people have been in such conflict with their parent's expectations that it has caused great rifts, some so great as to be irreparable. I hardly know of a missionary whose decision for foreign shores did not create great conflict situation because they were disappointing the expectations of another. I am amazed how the intercession work has created such incredible conflict in the nations. This is simply because we have come to fulfill the mandate of the Lord and not set up our own work, divide the church or be a stooge or side kick to anyone. When leaders have their expectations of how they perceive intercession should work and how it should benefit their personal ministries and how we should fall in step with their pro-

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grams and discover that this is not about to happen, they become bitter and angry and enemies. So, what's new? What should be new is the fact that we have the example of Christ and that as believers, we should all listen carefully and allow individuals the latitude to make their personal decisions based upon their mandate from the Lord even if the individual makes a mistake. It is better to make a mistake trying than to do nothing at all and God is well able to take care of all our mistakes. If you do not have a personal mandate, get one or get aligned with someone who has one especially if they have a track record. Above all, hear clearly another's mandate and heartbeat and not what you perceive it to be based on your own expectations. This makes for serious conflict RESOLUTION!

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

PLEASE NOTE THAT SHEKINAH MINISTRIES IN THE UNITED STATES HAS A CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER. ALL MAIL WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE NEW ADDRESS FOR UP TO 12 MONTHS.

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ANOTHER SAINT GOES HOME

John Moshides went on to be with the Lord on April 9th at his home in Annandale VA. He and his wife Martha have been long time supporters of Shekinah Ministries. Martha and their daughter Mindi

went to Botswana to help with crusades and Martha went to teach at the Bible College in Southern Sudan. For a number of years they held Shekinah night in their home. People would come and worship often through the night and into early Sunday morning as the Holy Spirit fell with great power and anointing. A great loss to us but John is delighting himself before the Throne of God. Our love and prayers are with you Martha and the family.

An Easter crusade was held in the remote areas of Malawi. The meetings were powerful with many giving their lives to Christ, being set free and delivered from witchcraft and demons. There were many who were healed and the crusade culminated in a baptism. These are not quite the same as we have in the West. Those who want to be baptized are taken to the closest body of water no matter how muddy. If they were not delivered prior to baptism then deliverance will normally come as they go down into the water. Jesus said to repent and be baptized. He led by example and for those who are born again and do not believe they need to be baptized it is time to be obedient to God's Word.

EASTER CRUSADE



The road to the crusade ground

Baptismal Service



POWER OF INTERCESSION

My dear brother,

I want you to know that I consider you my mentor in intercession. Before I met you, I assumed that I was not called to intercession because I was not a flaky mystic like so many that I'd seen call themselves "intercessors." During these last ten years, I have learned through your ministry that I am an intercessor. I would love to share a brief story with you. Two weeks ago, I was watching a college basketball game on TV, when an "Amber Alert" came on the screen. The Amber Alert is a system that was created in the US to alert the public immediately when a child has been abducted. The child's name was Serenity Platts, and she was a four-year-old girl taken from her home in her pajamas by a pervert in Buffalo. I was very grieved by the report (I have three daughters, and one of them is four). I began to pray, but I sensed the Holy Spirit needed an intercessor...someone who would touch the Father's heart for her.

I've known and applied for years now the three principles of intercession: identification, agony, and authority. I knew the situation was urgent, and asked the Holy Spirit how I could immediately deepen my identification with Serenity Platts and the horror she was enduring. As I prayed for wisdom, I sensed the Holy Spirit command me to go into the woods behind my house in my pajamas (which I was wearing already) and pray there. This seemed outrageous at first...besides the idea itself seeming odd, it was almost midnight, there's always animals back there (coyotes), and it all seemed a little scary to me. "Don't you think Serenity Platts is afraid?" the Holy Spirit asked me. Finally, I told my wife what I was thinking, as she'd been praying with me, and she knew that I had to go back there alone. I slipped on some shoes, and went deep into the woods behind my house. At first I was trembling and walking quietly, anxious by every bump in the night. I was cold and scared just like Serenity. But within a few minutes, a holy rage and boldness came over me so strong that instead of being afraid, I felt feared. I began to speak in a violent tongue, shaking trees, making noise...I've never felt this strong in my life! After a few minutes of praying with what seemed like supernatural adrenaline flowing through me, my heart began to melt for the little girl. I cried out for her as if she were my own daughter, weeping and pleading with the Father for her deliverance, and the perpetrator's capture. Then, as if I'd made an offering that was accepted, it was over. I knew that I'd touched the Father's heart. This was all between 12:00am-12:40am. I went back to the house, and found out the next morning that Serenity Platts was returned to her home at around 12:20am, and the abductor was captured just after 12:30am. When I read the report, I was not surprised in the slightest. I knew the Holy Spirit had used me. So thank you for your obedience to come to the US, and thank you for teaching me how to intercede. Please also know that you are a huge inspiration to my children. Your name and exploits come up in my home several times a week.

From Pastor Michael:

Your testimony has me weeping as I read it. Wow! That is so incredible and yes, what VICTORY there is in intercession touching the Father's heart. The Lord has me interceding for one of the biggest perverts of a movie star right at present and I cannot even think of his name that I start to weep and plead for his salvation: Colin Farrell.

From the intercessor in Reply:

I must tell you this...I have a friend who is an evangelist, and he recently told me that one of his outreach team members was witnessing in Miami to "a man in sunglasses." The man was wide open, he said, to the gospel, as he was broken from getting out of addictive behaviors and rehab. He actually prayed with him. When the man was done witnessing, the man in sunglasses said, "Do you know who I am?"

"No," said the believer.

"I'm one of the biggest stars in Hollywood! I'm here in Miami filming a movie!" (Miami Vice)

"What's your name?" "Colin Farrell."

This report came about a year ago. How interesting that you are interceding for him! I hope this report stirs your faith to continue!

CONTAINER

We are wanting to send a container to Africa by mid May depending on availability of finances. The school still has many needs. We desperately need items for the Geography classes and for the Biology, Chemistry and Physics classes. Maps, world globes, wall charts, are all requested.

For all those teachers out there—please see if there is old equipment that is no longer used by your school that can be donated. We also need furniture and supplies for the cottages. We need books for the school library—reference books and Christian books which can be boxed and sent via Media mail. I have just moved and have a 10' truck load of things that I no longer need that I will be taking to Toledo. I know that you have plenty of things laying around in your basement, garage or storage areas that is in good condition and that you will not be using. We always have far too much in our homes. Please send to the following address:

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Phone (419) 249-4848 and our contact there is Michelle.

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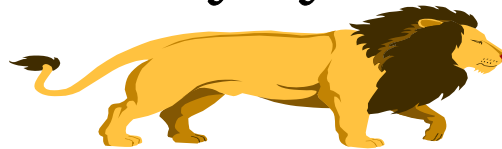
Pastor Michael will be coming to the States immediately following the official opening of the school in July. He will only be here for a month from July 18th since he has to be back at the school for the opening of the new

term. If you would like to have him come and speak please contact the Missouri office as soon as possible. It would be really good to have him for two or three days and hold special meetings so that he can impart something lasting to congregations.

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The Only Good One is a Dead One	\$10
This is That	\$10
Price of Disobedience	\$10

MALCOLM WEBBER

The Blood of God	\$12
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The school buildings have been painted thanks to Dennis Posterick from Minnesota. As soon as we have photographs available we will put them on the web site and in the newsletter.

We are also progressing with the dormitories. Nearly all of the new intake of students for this next term will be boarders.

Our thanks to all those who have given towards the house for Pastor Michael. So far we have almost \$8,000. What a blessing it will be for him to finally have his own place.

Please order the Intercession DVD's Pt 2. This is a teaching series on what to do and how to pray and what not to do. It is extremely enlightening and will definitely change your prayer life both personal prayer and group prayer.

Remember too to get your copy of "Lusting Again." This will help to illuminate areas in your life where you may never have realized you had a problem and show you how to fix it so that you might become a more effective vessel for the Kingdom of God.

AVAILABLE TAPE SETS

Tapes cost \$4 each so a set of 10 would be \$40.

Canada Conference 2003	6tapes
Georgia Conference 2002	4tapes
Kingdom Living	16tapes
Intercession	8 tapes
Tabernacle of Moses	10 tapes
Sermon on the Mount	8 tapes
Revival	8 tapes
Until All Have Heard	5 tapes
The Bride	6 tapes
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Break Through to Freedom	3 tapes
Issues of the Heart	3 tapes
Chicago Conference (Obedience)	3 tapes
DVD Creation/CD Creation	\$20
Intercession DVD (6 hours of teaching)	\$50
Intercession DVD Pt 2 (3 hours)	\$30
White unto Harvest DVD and CD	\$50