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THE REAL DEAL Communion Meditation

Jesus fed five thousand with five loaves and two fishes. The multitude wanted to make Him king, and to escape the crowd He went up into a mountain to pray. The apostles got into the boat to return to the other side. John informs us it was now dark and the sea was rising by reason of a great wind that blew. During the storm Jesus looked down, and saw them toiling at the rowing. He watched them row that boat against the wind for about seven or eight hours. We know this because He came to them in the fourth watch of the night. They had rowed all that time, and had only gone about three and a half miles. Then Jesus came to them at about three o'clock in the morning walking upon the sea.

According to Matthew 14:16 when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, it is a ghost, and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spoke unto them, saying, "Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid."

The word spirit in this verse means phantom, or ghost. And cried out indicates they shrieked, or screamed. They thought Jesus was a phantom, a ghost, a specter, something unreal.

Now the disciples knew the boat was real, they knew the wind was real, they knew the sea was real; they knew they were in real danger of dying a real death by drowning, and they knew this was no nightmare. Every thing about this situation was real; except one thing, Jesus was a phantom, a ghost: unreal.

We wonder how many people today think Jesus is a phantom, he is unreal. Today many are living in fantasyland. The church is a fantasy, and has no real purpose in life. The Bible is not real; it is a collection of myths, like Hans Christian Anderson's fairy tales, and even most members of the church never bother to read it. Baptism has no relevance to salvation at all: an empty form by which we

join a church. The Lord's Supper is a meaningless ceremony where people eat a little piece of bread, and take a sip of grape juice, and many ignore it altogether, especially if there is something else they would rather do.

The disciples found out that Jesus was not a phantom; Jesus was for real, and the only real answer to the problem of certain destruction. Times have not changed; Christ is the answer, and the only answer, the one and only way of escape from the horrible future that looms before the human race.

Sin is for real, the Devil is for real, and Jesus is for real, the cross on which Jesus died for our sins is for real, the church Jesus established in the New Testament on the Day of Pentecost is for real. Dying is a real event for everybody, no exemptions, hell is for real, heaven is for real, the second coming of Jesus is for real, and the Judgment Day is for real. And the Lord's Supper is a real testimony of remembrance of a real event concerning our salvation. The Lord's Supper of Jesus Christ is not only real-it is the real deal.

Alphabet Prayer

Almost every night I fall asleep counting my blessings . . . in alphabetical order. Most nights I'm asleep long before I get to Z-z-z-z-z-z-z. See email below from sender of this prayer.

Almighty God you are An Awesome Amazing God. Thank you for All blessings And truth found in you alone. To you who gives so exceedingly Abundantly Above All that we Ask or think, I say, 'Allelujah!' Thank you for the Atonement And America the

Beautiful is what you are God. Help me to have a Be-attitude as I Build my Being on your Holy Bible. Your Balm of Bountiful Blessings Buoy my Being. You are the Best. Bravo!

Coming to you in prayer is so Calming, Great Comforter. Thank you for sending the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to

purchase the Church on Calvary's Cross. You Cheer me!
Desiring to give you Divine Devotion, may I Dream of your Deity and awaken to the Day Determined to Deliver your message of Deliverance O Daystar on High.
Exalted Excellency . . . Every blessing is from you Eternal God . . . and is intended for Everyone Everywhere that we too might have life Everlasting.
Forgive me O God that I might be a Faithful and Fruitful Friend. Fighting the good Fight to the Finish.
Glory God! That's what I want to Give you. Thank you for the Greatest Gift ever. Grant me Grace to Gladly have a Gratitude Attitude.
Hallelujah! O Holiest of Holies . . . thank you for the Harmony of your Heavenly Handiwork and my Happy Heart.
Increase your blessings Immortal I AM. Immerse me now In your Incomparable Ideals that others may come to know the Immeasurable Joy found In You Alone.
Just a closer walk with thee O Just Jehovah is all I ask for. Thank you for the Joyful Journey I have because I'm Justified in Jesus.
Keept me O King of Kings and Keeper of all creation. I'm Knocking at your door to Kindly thank you for your Kindness that I might Keep on Keeping on for you.
Lord of Lords . . . thank you for Letting me Look into the perfect Law of Liberty to discover your Love and the Light of the world.
Merciful Maker . . . how Marvelous that your Majestic Motivating Message is Made Manifest to my Mind.
New each day O God is your Nurturing. Help me make a joyful Noise as I travel your Narrow upward way. May I be more Neighborly as I Navigate every Next and Now of life.
Only you God are Omnipotent, Omniscient and Omni-present. Open my eyes that I may always be Obedient and have an Optimistic Outlook.
Praise you O Perfect Physician, Prince of Peace.. My Prayer is that I might Press on to receive your Precious Promises . . . and Point People to your Profitable Plan and Powerful Possibilities.
Quicken my Quest for the Quality of life found only in you O Quintessential spirit.
Revered Redeemer. Help me Redeem my time and be Redhot Ready to Run the Race with Relish. Thank you for your promise to Restore me when I truly Repent.
Sustainer of life . . . help me to Seek your Son and the Spring of living water, Salt of the earth. Thank you for Sending him to Strengthen me and present the way to Salvation.
Triumphant Teacher . . . May I Think Thankful Thoughts as I Thrill to your Timely Truths.
Unto you O God I come to Unburden my heart to your Unending love. It is only as I Understand your plan that I feel Upbeat and Useful.
Verily father . . . your Voice from the true Vine alone gives me the Vim and Vigor necessary to be a Victor and not a Victim.
Who am I Worshipful Father that I am counted Worthy to be Washed in your living Water? How Wonderful are your Words and Way!
Xalted are you in all the earth most Xcellent holy one!

You alone Xcel!

Youthful Father I Yearn for Your ways as I Yield to your Yoke. Yes!

Zoom in on your would be Zealous servant O Father that I might not Zig or Zag in my Zeal for you.

Dear Ed,

I saw you at the NPC (National Prayer Clinic in Grundy, VA) in October. I was the former manager and caretaker of the Church of Christ Youth Camp in Grundy....the guy that had three successful brain surgeries. All the time I was in the hospital I continually went down the Alphabet in my mind, meditating on God and His Word....I couldn't read and this was certainly uplifting to me day and night. (Psalm 1:2, 63:6 and 1 Timothy 4:15).

I truly believe "God Is Just A Prayer Away"..... Your Message at the NPC was Superb! I am amazed that you get better with age! We do serve a Great God. Hope this prayer can be an encouragement to you.

Larry Fields

LETTERS

Beloved Brother Bousman,

Thanks so much in the Lord. We salute you so much in the Lord, brother. What we need are Bibles, Clothing and Shoes. We thank you so much. We have many refugees in our midst and I suffer so much providing for them. The Church here is poor and I don't bother them for such needs. I know if they have they would help but the brethren here are poor, that is the fact.

I do the work not only in the Gambia but in the surrounding countries as well, so I need Bibles. I was on a mission work to Sierra Leone last month and next month I am to be in Senegal, The brethren keeps calling me to come and assist. In most cases many have questions bothering them on some Bible subjects. When I go and give them the Biblical answers to their questions, they get their faith increased and many visitors to the Church give their life. God is indeed great, my brother. The Gambia is a very hard soil and we now have four congregations, I met only one from Ghana. In Ghana, I can preach on the street and about fifty souls will just give their life the same day, whilst in the Gambia if a preacher does not take care he may not baptize even just one person the whole year. Many preachers come and go, they can't work. The Gambia comprises of over 90% Muslims whilst In Ghana they are less than 8%. This is the reason I am happy you are focusing your attention on hard soils like The Gambia. The Good Lord will always abide with you in Jesus' name, Amen. Please we need more Bibles and clothing. In any country I visit the first thing they ask from me is Bibles, and in The Gambia also Bibles are needed so much. To get a Bible to buy in this country is not even easy, and if you see one for sale also you cannot afford the price. I posted a calendar of the women's fellowship here to you and I hope you will receive soon. I salute Sister Naomi in the Lord the women say the calendar is for her. I know she is assisting you so much in the Lord's work, peace from God be upon you, nice family. I salute Sister Naomi in the Lord. Thanks so

much, brother. Amen to His Glory.

Alexander Ofori, Evangelist at London Corner Church of Christ in The Gambia, W. Africa

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The celebration of New Year and Christmas is over, and now we have come to the end of the year 2008. We thank God for we are counted among the living. This special message I am sending is to count what the year 2008 has brought us. On 24th February 2008, we opened Messenger Church of Christ and the church is doing very well. On 27th July, we opened Kyangozhi Church. God is doing His work and it is marvelous in our eyes (Psalm 118:23).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank GIJAPA for its general support in all the projects we have carried throughout in 2008. Without the gifts of GIJAPA and other partners, the Lord's work would have been difficult for us. We deeply appreciate all your support and pray that this will continue more in 2009 despite the many demand upon you at this time of entering the other year. On April 28th to 17th May 2008, we organized an evangelism campaign in our community. Your kind support has been put in good use through evangelism where we have given free Bibles, tracts, some of the used clothes and shoes to Christians and none believers and actively educated many souls and others are added to the Lord's Church. Again GIJAPA support has resulted in the growth and improvement of the Church with in 10 months the Church was opened. Your support has further improved our relationship with other people and denomination leaders. Going forward in 2009, plans are coming together in a very good way. We intend to organize more evangelism and training sessions for the youths and church leaders as they can help to spread the gospel to others (2 Timothy 2:2). All our public holidays for 2009 will be used for the training sessions. Will you kindly send us more Bibles, clothes, shoes, 1 sleeping bag, 1 study Bible, story books, and 1 school dictionary? Again, I thank you Brother Ed and Sister Naomi for your love, support and prayers we have witnessed since our graduation. We also thank each and every one of you for 2008 gifts and pray that God will reward you richly for your loyalty in giving. Because of this, I will extend my time for the Lord's work and both hands to God's children and I will always love them. We do appreciate your support and hope you will send us more this year 2009.

Together in Christ, John Maseka from the Solwezi Church of Christ; Zambia, S. Central Africa.

Dear Ed Bousman,

I just wanted to thank you for the Bible, I am so grateful with it. I can share it with the rest of the men here as I'm in a "POD" that holds up to about 30 people. And tonight about 20 people come to our Bible study to hear the "word." You are included in our prayers.

July S. Past prisoner in Arkansas. PS Can you send my next lessons to Springdale, AR I'M GOING HOME!

Dear Ed,

We have received your newsletter in the mail for years.

I have heard your radio broadcast (God Is Just A Prayer Away) since I was a young boy. I know that the words you have spoken to preach the message over the years have been great but, your actions have spoken louder than your words. You have never given up your message. Now is the time for me to show my actions speak louder than my words by helping to support your ministry. May God bless you as He sees fit. Thanks for never giving up!

Jim & Vicki from Jamestown, OH (Thanks for your very generous gift to GIJAPA)

Dear Bousman,

I am a regular listener of your Gospel programme broadcasting from Sri Lanka each Sunday at 8 AM. I am a resident of Kolkata, in the state of West Bengal, India. I would be highly delighted to receive your "free gift offer" and the form to enroll in the Bible Correspondence Course. I'm fine I wish your ministry was serve better to bring peace in the tormented area.

With Thanks, yours sincerely Ashu Guna from INDIA

Dearest Ed Bousman,

My name is Alex L. and I'm in Washington County, Fayetteville, Arkansas. I was saved and baptized October 4th and since then a lot of things have happened in my life, things I wish would have happened a long time ago. I've used drugs since I was 14 and I've been stealing others stuff since I was at least 9 and the last year I've really took a lot from people most these people I never knew and never will. The people around me helped me to get rid of stealing stuff so we could get money to get high, these people would steal from me every time I turned my back. Couldn't trust anyone, not my girl friend, not my X-wife, not my close friends and even a lot of my family. Believe it or not, I always wanted what my parents had: marriage, kids, house, cars, and job, but I always went about it the wrong way.

Looking as my past I can say how could I be so foolish? I never seen good people because I wasn't good and my idea of good was a lot different than others. Now I see good people everywhere, Mr. Bousman Jesus has given me my sight back. You are a saint you send Bibles to people all over the US. I saw this man today get this Bible in the mail and first I was hoping it was for me, then I saw who got it, he's young and he was so proud of that Bible, the smile on that man's face made me want to cry. A young man proud of his New Bible, how come I didn't see that growing up? Mr. Bousman you made two people happy today. I have a small Gideon New Testament but I need a "sword" one I can keep for the rest of my life. I've done 9 years in prison already and if I go back now then I know it's God's will but if I end up getting out, then I have plans or God has plans for me and I'll need a "sword." Can you please help me with the Bible? I'm from Colorado and Oklahoma and I don't know anyone here. It is strange how I ended up here lost and He found me I found HIM. I prayed for you that God would bless you. Thank you for being a good person.

You're helping us. Alex, A prisoner

Dear Ed,

I listen to your programme on Radio Sri Lanka every Sunday at 8 AM. I was encouraged by your message and would be happy if you could mail me a copy of it. For many years we did not have a shortwave radio but got repaired and we're delighted to hear your programme. We were in W. Africa as "Tent Making" Christians, but in 1990 due to the Civil War we miraculously escaped and were airlifted by US Marines onto their warship and finally came to India. We lost everything, but never lost hope in God. Since we had 2 small sons, the struggle for my husband, Simon was much to reestablish the family from scratch, he over worked long hours as a result his health got affected with chronic diabetes in 1998, he lost his sight in right eye due to blood clot, his left eye underwent laser treatment, he had to give up his accounting job, and in 2005 his kidneys failed and now he is on dialysis 3 times a week. I would like for you to pray for him, our life is touch. Thank you for your ministry and please send us your free correspondence course that you offered at the end of your broadcast.

Yours in Christ Mellonie S. from Pune, INDIA

Dear Brother Ed & Sister Naomi

Greetings from Union Christian College. I'm sorry indeed for my long silence. Having taken the position of Vice Principal, am not able to have time for myself - so submerged by administrative and academic work. Hope you would have received a bunch of answer scripts that I sent recently from my student's correspondence studies. Hope you do well by His grace. Please have me in your prayers.

With warm regards, Edward D. V-Principal at the Union Christian College, Meghalaya, INDIA



UPDATE FROM IKE & LEE

Life here is now calm and normal after the elections though there was much tension in the country and so the truth is already started working. There was not much soul winning activities between December 7 2008 and January 7 2009 due to the elections, as nobody would like to listen to anything but about the elections. We also took the time to prepare our lessons, sermons, church programs and had family meetings and visited some brethren and visitors to our church meetings. We also took the opportunity to visit our smaller congregations to see how they are faring and it was fun.

We thank everybody at GIJAPA and all those who contributed to GIJAPA in 2008. Our special thanks to all those who donated clothing for the poorest people in the rural areas of Ghana. May god bless every one of them.

Lessons are being mailed out and still receiving them from students. This year we shall do all we can to get more lessons mailed out for grading and to students? Thank God for the Ed's sermon translation program we began, which has been very fruitful to us and God. We are still on with it.

CAN YOU HELP? We are seriously in need of an amplifier, 2 quality cordless microphones, 2 horns and a generator for our work for we have been hiring all these plus vehicles all these while and this time we are praying that God will provide us with the above materials. If a church, an individual or an organization has used ones they would like to ship to us or if anybody would like to assist us to purchase them locally, or can assist us to buy any of the above items used, we shall be very thankful. We greet and bless all who listens to GIJAPA radio broadcast and, contributes to the radio broadcast and makes it possible for GIJAPA to help us in shipping of Bibles and clothes and other materials we need.

THANK YOU and God bless.



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