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“TAPESTRIES

by Carol Gordon

“[The purpose is] that through the church the complicated, many-sided wisdom of God in all its infinite variety and innumerable aspects might now be made known to the angelic rulers and authorities (principalities and powers) in the heavenly sphere.” (Eph 3:10 AMP)

This prophecy was given to me in September 2007: *“I hear the Lord saying that He has created Heart Menders with a unique fabric woven of many different kinds of threads. Threads with different colors and textures, but the fabric that He has produced, while hard to understand by men, is beautiful to Him. The DNA of Heart Menders is unique in the Kingdom and cannot be compared with others. It is a DNA that was birthed out of many hours of prayer and intercession, of travail and spiritual warfare. And it is pleasing in the sight of the Lord.*

“And the DNA of Heart Menders contains many different facets. It is not one thing or another. It is many things at once. When people see the various projects and outreaches and conferences and classes, they will say that Heart Menders is divided or lacks focus. But it is all one, says the Lord. It is a richness of tapestry that I have created for my own purposes. It is interwoven by the master weaver with many different threads, but they all make up one tapestry. It is a reflection of Me, says the Lord.”

Our view of life is linear, seeing things in a natural order of events. The Lord’s view is eternal and intricate. It looks one way to us here, but will be entirely different when we see from the perspective of eternity. As I was going back over this prophetic word recently, I was very encouraged. The Lord began to let me see a cross-cut of a thick tapestry as a reminder. It is all about the intricate divine connections He is weaving. Some we have undervalued, others we think have disappointed us.

In the Lord, we can adopt an eternal mindset here and now. Last month I mentioned asking the Lord how He saw Louis. It changed the way I saw and related to him. We need this when we are struggling in our relationships with people. We CAN see them through the eyes of our Father (and theirs).

The LORD is always working with us and with others. We see it as struggles and trials. He sees it as training, building, and growing us. **“Til we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head -- Christ -- from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love”** (Eph. 4:13-16).

Early on, we caught on to the fact that this life is a training facility, and marriage is one of the intense courses we must pass. **ALL OF LIFE PLAYS OUT IN HOW WE DO RELATIONSHIPS.** Most people think life, and marriage in particular, is about them being happy. In case you haven’t figured it out yet, this is not the purpose! The purpose is to manifest the love of the Lord. Have you noticed, the toughest place to practice the love walk is often with the people you claim to love the most?

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Some of the symbols of the Holy Spirit are oil, fire, and water. We are described as vessels (II Tim 2). I often picture the process of cleansing we go through as we grow in this way. Our little vessel has some "gunk" in it. The Holy Spirit Oil comes in and softens it. Then the Fire ignites under the vessel. Water fills the vessel and is heated, the gunk rises and is washed away. After a rest, the whole process starts again. Does this sound familiar to you? Soon, we learn to welcome His cleansing processes, because we have learned we will be richer on the other side. His love prevents Him leaving us like we were when He began His work in us. Philippians 1:6 promises He will complete it.

Our Father shows His love by pouring out more and more grace each time. We respond with the "Yes!" of faith to this magnificent gift of grace. "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Heb 11:6). The closer we grow through prayer and worship, the more we will trust Him to healing our broken relationships. We will find ourselves resting in JOY, even when circumstances do not look promising. "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths" (Prov 3:5-6).

As we trust and rely on Him, He will make us like Him, able to build and rebuild healthy connections. Trust His Hand is at work in every circumstance, weaving His purpose for you and through you. ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU CAN'T SEE IT YET AND ESPECIALLY FOR YOUR LOVED ONES. "While we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal" (2 Cor 4:18).

(All Scripture references are from the New King James Version unless otherwise noted)



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Dear Partners and Friends:

The PRAYER CLINIC was just over the top! Brother Willhite and Dr. Lea were a tremendous blessing to us. What an honor to have them as our guests. They have promised to come back, so if you missed this one, you will have another opportunity. All the sessions were filmed. That is a LOT of DVDs. We are producing a single DVD of the high points.

The Autumn Assembly for Prayer for the Great Awakening, in Branson, was tremendous also. I am so blessed to find myself in such places and with such leaders.

My October guests on HeartMenders.TV were Rev. Caszie Bennett, Rev. John Youell, Laronda Alexander, and Rose Mende. I still have a backlog of teachings to upload, and am working on it. The computer was in the shop a couple of weeks. I am on Facebook, and we are working on a YouTube presentation.

BE EVER MORE FAITHFUL IN PRAYER! CHALLENGES ABOUND. KEEP YOUR FOCUS ON THE LORD AND NOT ON THE NEGATIVE CIRCUMSTANCES. COVER YOUR FAMILY AND THE BODY OF CHRIST! Pray for A GREAT AWAKENING and for His people to move ever closer to Him.

Again, I encourage you to join any of our prayer teams, for HM Prayer Requests, HM Support Team, and Media Outreach. Be part of a prayer group where you live. Always include your home church and Heart Menders, as well.

Thank you again to our financial partners. Your gifts, large or small, are urgently needed to help us share the message of healing for the broken hearted and the restoration of families.

Please keep praying, "LORD, HELP CAROL FULFILL YOUR CALL ON HER LIFE!"

Your sister in Him,

Carol Gordon

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