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MORE ON FATHERING

"For this reason [seeing the greatness of this plan by which you are built together in Christ], I bow my knees before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, For Whom every family in heaven and on earth is named [that Father from Whom all fatherhood takes its title and derives its name]."¹

Our Heavenly Father not only designed us, He knew just how we would develop as we grew up and what we would need to learn at various times. In the natural world, those who study children have also identified stages of growth. Our Father had it all laid out from the beginning.

Last month we looked at the infant and toddler stages and what we are meant to learn. These correspond with the levels of "Sevens" in Scripture. I am so indebted to Arthur Burk and what he has taught us about this. What wonderful teachers the Lord has raised up in this season! Other "Sevens" include the Redemptive Gifts from Romans 12, the seven last words of Jesus, the seven days of Creation, the pattern of the Tabernacle, the seven Redemptive Names of the Lord, and the seven Churches in Revelation.

The third level of fathering is the pre-school child. This is the period when the father teaches and trains the little one to know what he parameters and standards of behavior are. Not only that, he demonstrates reconciliation and restoration after the inevitable crossing of boundaries. **"That is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation."**² (emphasis mine) The dad has to separate the behavior from the identity, just as our Father in Heaven does!

If a natural father is not patient and loving during this time, he can cause grievous wounds. Correction has to come from a loving relationship, not rules.

On the Third Day of Creation, there was a separation of sea and earth, and creation of plant life. We see the establishment of the conversion factor, where the plant draws nutrients from the soil, producing food, and other life sustaining materials. The seed is a life-giver, it dies to multiply itself.

The Teacher gift has the same effect on people, truth is planted and life comes forth. Words of truth multiply the blessing of the Lord. Sow lavishly!

In all the other "Seven" examples, there are two things that have to balance. Jesus gave Mary to John to look after. The Armor refers to the two feet that must balance preparation and peace to walk firmly. In the Tabernacle, the third step is the Table of Showbread, representing the Word of the Lord, the Bread of the Presence. The Word helps us parent from a Biblical foundation.

The fourth level of fathering is where the father trains the child how to handle relationships outside the family. A child secure in his identity with his father, can interact well with people who come from a structure that is different from his own. The Exhorter gift is a people person. He loves people and thrives on connecting with them.

The fourth day of Creation brought the sun, moon, and stars. The stars are an example to the extravagance, diversity, and intensity of creation. The sun governs passively, just being there established order, for nothing grows without it. It has a vertical expression, that shows connection with the Lord, and a horizontal expression, showing connection with people. The moon regulates time and tides. This level of maturing brings forth the diverse talents a person has for relationships. The challenge for an Exhorter is to spend enough time with the Heavenly Father to have something to give the people he connects with.

Jesus' cry, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"³ expresses the great fear of an Exhorter – to be alone and abandoned. A person wounded from a lack of fathering at this point, doesn't fit well in groups, often feels lonely in a crowd. Also, they often seek non-human relationships, pets, video creatures, or even "imaginary friends" (which can be demonic).

The piece of Armor that corresponds to this level is the shield of faith. It is easy for the well fathered person to walk in strong faith and help others to do so. The name Jehovah Shalom was recognized as Gideon was able to change his whole mind set when he learned he had the attention and approval of the Heavenly Father. In the Tabernacle, the Candlestick brings light to the Holy Place. The Exhorter brings light on the other gifts. He helps the cerebral Teacher balance learning with the revelation by the spirit. His light helps the Giver to yield to the Spirit, rather than operate his gift in "religious" acts.

The fifth level of fathering is like going to school. Our gifts are nurtured and enlarged by others investment in us. Others assist our growth by developing what is inside us and bringing it outside. This corresponds to the Giver redemptive gift. They have a passion to be life giving to their community. Often they will resist receiving. This person can have diverse interests. He must learn to steward his own gifts and resources and the provision that flows to him. His purpose is to be a blessing in the Kingdom of the Lord, a goal much greater than self.

Here we learn to celebrate family, because the Giver has the ability to release generational blessings to his whole family line. A generational world view develops. He can appear independent, but never needy. The key is never to be independent of His heavenly Father. Abraham had no security, no legal right in the land. Abimelech had walled cities, covenants with other rulers, wealth and standing as a nation. He still asked Abraham for a "covenant of peace" because "God is with you"! There is great safety in maintaining a strong relationship with both one's Heavenly and one's earthly Father, and in walking in holiness.

There was great diversity on the sixth day of Creation. Animals, birds, and man were created. For the first time, life was based in the blood, and there was nurture of newborns. The blessing was spoken over increase and multiplication.

In John 19:28, Jesus says, "I thirst." It is very difficult for a Giver to admit he has a need. Jacob was an example. He was constantly blessed by God, but

always trying to earn it or make a deal. In the Armor, this level is represented by the Helmet of Salvation. When we are in right relationship with the Father, we can safely receive input from the outside, through our eyes, ears and thoughts.

A wounded Giver will try to do Kingdom work with his own resources, or conversely, to use Kingdom resources for his own agenda. He avoids blame – it is never his fault. He shirks responsibility, and always wants help, even to get healed. Because of fear, he tries to control resources.

In the Tabernacle, this level is represented by the Altar of Incense. This represents worship and intercession, which come easy for a healed Giver. He is rooted in a maturing relationship with the Father.

1 – Eph 3:14-15AMP

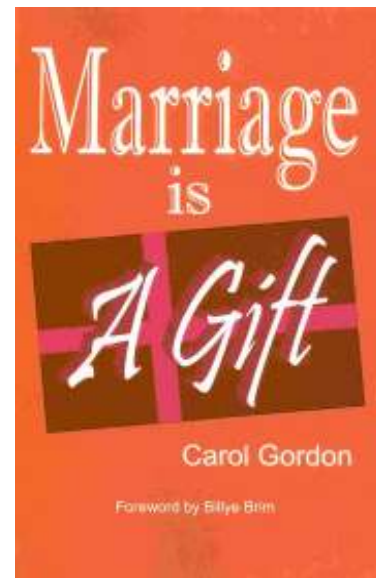
2 – 2 Cor 5:19

3 – Mark 15:34

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



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NEWS AND NOTES

Dear Friends and Partners:

The Heart 2 Heart Couple's Retreat was a blast! I went out for a mini-retreat ahead and was so loved on by the Lord! He has shown me that I am stepping up to begin ministering to leaders.

The current teaching on FATHERING is stretching us all. I hope you will order the CD's because the articles here in this month's and last month's newsletter just barely touch the meat of this healing tool. Notice updates on the website!

We graduated our first student from the Discipling the City class. Others have completed part and are finishing up during the current series. At the recent lesson on the Holy Spirit, one of the students received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit!

Remember that no matter where you live you can participate in one of Heart Menders prayer ministry teams. You can sign up to pray for the ministry and me, or for the prayer requests that come in, or for the Radio Outreach team.

We really appreciate those of you who support Heart Menders with financial partnership. Your faithful gifts large or small, make it possible to reach out to a broken world. It is exciting to see the Lord orchestrate just what we need! He always involves people as partners, so that they can be blessed as well! Thank you again for your part!

The Lord's purpose for us to address our culture with the message of wholeness in the Lord continues to grow in our hearts. Please pray for Heart Menders, Heart MENTors (the men's ministry), and HOPE FOR THE HOPELESS. Also, please continue to pray about a facility to serve and heal the very deeply wounded. Please do your part and pray! It is a pleasure to pray for you regularly. Please keep praying, "LORD, HELP CAROL FULFILL THE CALL ON HER LIFE."

Your sister in Him,

Carol Gordon

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