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PART 2 ORIGINAL 1983 INTRODUCTION

PREFACE

Allow me, dear friends, to speak to you just as I am, a brother and friend in Christ Jesus.

Some time ago, I had written saying this: if you prayed and fasted and did all the Lord asked of you, but in no wise did you come to know Jesus any better personally than you did before, you would have missed the most blessed part of being in the Net of Prayer.

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When you join the Net of Prayer, you become yoked in Love for others under **Jesus' direction** in your prayers, concerns, fasting, and intercessions—essentially you come under Jesus **IN ALL THINGS!!!**

Make no mistake: it is not me, Chuck-JOHNEL, that you are yoked to, **it is Jesus**. I only deliver His Word.

BURDEN OF PRAYER

Let's be plain here. It is a burden to pray, but it is also a joy. Thus, prayer is called a labor of love. Next, it takes a discipline of daily prayer to rightly pray at all and lastly each of us must be yielded to pray the way the Holy Spirit shows us to pray. It is not uncommon for me to wonder at times why we pray in certain ways, and if the choice were mine, I would pray about things other than the Lord shows me/us to pray about.

Thus we learn, exercise, practice "Obedience, Discipline, Yieldedness" to the Spirit of God in the Net of Prayer.

All this is a Holy Spirit preparation for something much greater; for while we pray on concerns that Jesus has, thus laboring in Love of Jesus, it also serves another Holy Spirit purpose. Through Obedience, Discipline, and Yieldedness we gain the opportunity to enter into a deeper, more intimate relationship with Jesus Himself.

WHY DON'T YOU QUOTE MORE SCRIPTURE?

I did years ago. But, Jesus showed me to speak plainly by His Spirit in everyday terms and to share the Scriptural basis later. Why?

Long ago, when I shared Scriptures, I saw men had a literal blindness to the most obvious meaning where man's doctrines prevailed in their minds. They would see the meaning of any given Scripture through man's view of it and be unable to see the deeper real meaning of it. So Jesus showed me to use everyday language to convey the message and then would later provide the Scriptures to back it up.

When I had deep insights into "IN THE SPIRIT" back in 1981, I included these insights in newsletters and reports at that time. However, it would not be until late 1982 that Jesus would show me Ezekiel 8:3 (one of a number of Scriptures that literally describes what He had given me and others to see), Even then, others could not accept it, even when the Bible clearly said the same as we had

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experienced. Again, it was man's doctrinal views that held God's children captive, even bound.

Over and over, I asked myself-Why???

Jesus made it clear, these did NOT know Him. Instead, they only knew of Him through men. Sadly, it was men they knew, not Jesus. Jesus' desire was that they should all come to know Him personally.

MORE TO COME

But, this is only an introduction. I will be writing a series of reports on this subject from what I have personally experienced and from what the Lord leads me to write. I write these reports so that each of you may, in turn, gain from what I have learned as Jesus taught me.

In the next report I will discuss *HOW TO KNOW JESUS*. Here's a hint: "THE YOKE IS EASY!"

God Bless, Chuck-JOHNEL