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**Old News**

Hebrews 11:1-3 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (2) For by it the elders obtained a good report. (3) Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. (KJV)

Those that have walked with our Lord and have been consistent in their walk are referred to as elders, because they obtained a good report card from our Lord. They are the ones that choose life over death, and have learned to walk by faith and not their carnal senses any longer. These are the people that are walking in a newness of life daily, and who do not settle for anything less than what God intended for them. These people know that God saw them before the foundation of the world and planned a very good outcome for their walk with Him, and will not settle for anything less.

Matthew 7:13-14 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: (14) Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. (KJV)

Are you one of these people who just settle for what others tell you, or are you going to seek out the things of God and not quit until you find your place in His body of believers? It may sound like a simple question, even a no brainer; however, it’s amazing according to the scriptures how many do not find the path that leads them home. God’s picture perfect plan that He drew up for you today is not something that you will find in the outward realm of this world, rather it is located right inside of you and is the only place that you will find your answer.

Matthew 16:24-26 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. (25) For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. (26) For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? (KJV)

This is where many fall away, and never find the new life that God intended for them to find in Christ. Many still hang onto the old, and because of that they miss out on the new realm that our Lord would have them to operate in. It’s not until you die to self and let go of the old that you will then be able to find a new life in a new realm that our Lord was dying to give His people access to.

Matthew 10:37-39 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. (38) And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. (39) He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. (KJV)

So how about it; is there anything or anyone that you are hanging onto that you hold in higher esteem than our Lord? Because if that is the case then you will not find that path that you need to be on, rather you will be on that wide track with all the other people pleasers of this fallen world.

Matthew 19:28-30 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. (29) And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. (30) But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first. (KJV)

You know, with many children the first words that they learn to speak is no, because that is what they hear the most from the parents. I have found out personally for myself that if the Lord says no to a situation in my life it’s because He has a better plan for it down the road. I have found that when I have let go of the old, then it allows the Lord to replace it with a hundredfold in return, in a new and better way. When I hang onto to old things, well, it just becomes old news in a hurry.