



Shiloh Messenger

Hosting & Harvesting

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I AM THE VINE AND YOU ARE THE BRANCHES

Over 22 years ago, We asked The Lord, How do we do this? We knew HE had invited us, and there was no doubting Him. We desperately had to receive HIS instructions for HIS Ministry and for our own personal lives. HIS Word tells us in Jeremiah 33:3, to call upon HIM and HE will show us great and mighty things we know not of. We are so thankful that HE gives us just the right amount of information at the specific precise times. If We knew everything all in one setting, it would create all sorts of chaos for us. OH THE WISDOM OF GOD!! What HE did tell us during those early days of Pioneering Shiloh was this, "Create an Atmosphere for ME to show up, and I will allow you to participate." We have found this initial and vital instruction from our Heavenly Father to be a sure Compass for us at all times and every situation. Oh The things that we have learned from that initial Pioneering Question are ABSOLUTE. Our greatest Mission and privilege is HOSTING HIS PRESENCE, and through those intimate and sacred meetings we develop and learn oh so much about HIS HEART and the Harvesting of Souls for HIS KINGDOM. Outside of hosting HIM, is no true HARVESTING. Outside of HIS Presence, and HIS involvement, the harvest will not be long lasting. HOSTING HIM, or no true HARVESTING. The Atmosphere has to be right for THE HARVEST. Around this time of year is when generally the greatest harvest takes place in the natural. For each Farmer, how long harvest takes depends on how many acres they farm, how many people they have helping out, and the size of their equipment. But For The Spiritual Aspect Of Harvesting, Which has everything to do with the souls of mankind coming into The Kingdom, He tells us very clearly, "I AM the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit, apart from Me you can do nothing." (John 15:5) Harvest Time in the Spiritual realm comes by Hosting His Presence and being diligent to please THE ONE Who has given us the invitation to labor in HIS Vineyard. We are reminded as well that the Highest reward for a person's toil is not what they get for it, but what they become by it. As we Host HIS presence and lean upon HIM for our every instruction for each day, we become more conformed to HIS Image. Being conformed to HIS image will undoubtedly produce a Harvest. We will indeed have HIS Heart. When we genuinely have HIS heart, Harvest takes place. People come into HIS Kingdom. Souls are saved, delivered, set free, and not for just a season, but eternally with manifestations of their life styles hosting and harvesting as well. Our challenge for each of us as we think upon Harvesting is how well are we hosting HIS presence? Life can be so over whelming in these days that we are living in. Seems like when one important thing is taking care of... there are 5 more waiting in line to be attended to. Our Priorities can become loaded down and it surely could be easy to become discouraged if we do not prioritize the most urgent and most important thing first and foremost. If we shift to the side and plan to get back later with HOSTING HIM.... We create our own lack of strength, lack of wisdom, lack of peace, lack of eternal impact, lack of harvesting. HE clearly tells us Be still and know that IAM God. Psalm 46:10. HE tells us The Harvest is plentiful but The Laborer's are few, ask HIM. HIS Word exhorts us Morning by Morning, HE awakens us, and gives us the tongue of the learned. We can not afford missing or postponing meetings with HIM. We absolutely have no heart for harvesting outside HIS HEART. We will become irritable, and very short in patience for people that are in need of an encounter with JESUS. We can never carry HIS fragrance if we do not meet with HIM in the secret place and behold HIS GLORY, and allow time for HIS fragrance to infuse us. We can not solely rely on what we have learned in our past encounters with The Lord.... We need an everyday filling. We need fresh oil in our lamps everyday as we await our soon coming Bridegroom King Jesus. We were created to Know Him, Love Him, and enjoy HIS presence. We are continually aware that if not careful... we can get so busy and so focused on the projects at hand while working in the vineyard and we can forget about HE that is THE VINEYARD OWNER and that HE invited us to join HIM. Precious Friend, The days go by so fast, we know you can testify and also to the magnitude of so many priorities... But we urge you as we take heed for ourselves as well... HOST HIS PRESENCE. Apart from HIM, we will bear nothing but a mess.... wood, hay and stubble that will quickly be burnt up when HE test the validity of our works. And this test will indeed reveal if HIS heart is infused into our Heart through intimacy of the HOSTING OF HIS PRESENCE. It is sobering. We pray this season of Harvest in the natural will be a bountiful Harvest for you in the spiritual realm by way of knowing Him more deeply and intimately through Hosting HIM. As Autumn approaches with ambition of Harvesting and this new season emerging, ALLOW HIS PRESENCE TO SECURE THE LASTING FRUIT THAT WILL REMAIN AFTER TESTED BY FIRE.

Oswald Chambers titled that old Devotional Classic well... "My Utmost for His Highest" ****There will be no utmost for HIS HIGHEST without inquiring of HIM and becoming empowered by Him in the sacred meeting place everyday, not occasionally.

"The Fire on the altar must be kept burning, it must not go out. Every morning the priest is to add firewood and arrange the burnt offering on the fire and burn the fat of THE FELLOWSHIP OFFERING on it. The Fire must be kept burning on the altar continuously . It must not go out." Leviticus 6:12. KEEP THE FIRE ON THE ALTAR BURNING. BURN THE FAT OF THE FELLOWSHIP OFFERING. These words that HE spoke are Life giving.

OH THAT WE HOST HIM AND THEN WE SHALL HARVEST.

"CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE FOR ME TO MOVE, AND I WILL ALLOW YOU TO PARTICIPATE."

Shiloh Graduate Update

After 16 years of a destructive lifestyle, I arrived at Shiloh June of 2009 and graduated a new man in Christ in June 2010 with a burning desire to preach the Gospel that set me free. I graduated on a Friday and started full time ministry the following Monday and still at it today. I am 3 times ordained, one of which is under Pastor Rocky and Shiloh Ministries. I have been a full time missionary since 2013. Our gracious Father has allowed me to preach the Gospel in 16 nations and see over 2000 commitments to Christ. Glory to God! The journey has been nothing but beautiful surprises one after another. For the last 5 years, my family has been serving in China, where we serve both the international community as well as the underground church of China through preaching, teaching, and Bible distribution. I am also the jr high and high school supervisor for an underground Christian education school k-12 as well as the teaching Pastor for all staff and students. And if that doesn't sound busy enough, I have also been studying in seminary online. My amazing wife is a seminary graduate and has been studying to become a counselor and is now working on her internship hours. She truly has a pure innocent heart that loves people. As well as being my interpreter, she too has been involved serving beside me in many other ways. She also does all of this while doing the hardest job on earth, being a stay-at-home house wife and mom. She's a strong woman and I am a blessed man. However, this letter is to let everybody



know that our season in China has come to an end as we will be joining Shiloh full time as missionary staff, September 1, 2022. Yes it's hard to walk away from a place that we have sweat, cried, prayed, suffered over as well as leaving family and friends behind, but we know without doubt that this is God. With serving Shiloh we also believe that part of our calling to America is because of our experience in closed and persecuted countries. Persecution is knocking on America's door and the corporate American church needs to be prepared. All the details in how we will serve in that has not yet been clarified. All we know is the first step is Shiloh. But with persecution there is something else knocking on America's door that we are excited about, and that is revival. So there's the big news, **WE ARE COMING TO AMERICA**, ready to live out our mission statement, "Amplifying, Illuminating, and Infusing Hope Around the World" as well as our life's Bible verse... "But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God." - Acts 20:24

We love you and God bless,
Charles, Hannah, and Samuel.

Shiloh Ministries is one of The Lord's many Ministry tools to reconcile men for restoration. We are blessed to be used of Him to preach the un-searchable riches that are in Christ Jesus (Eph. 3:8). Everyday we are hearing such wonderful testimonies of our Graduates pursuing their calling of a Godly husband, father, missionary, Staff person at local Churches and a minister of reconciliation in the work place. We are asking that you prayerfully consider financially supporting Shiloh Ministries every month. The Lord's ministry at Shiloh has always been financially free for the man who desires freedom from his addictions. Because of this, we simply trust The Holy Spirit to lead people to give financially. This ministry is grateful to those who express gratitude to God by co-laboring with us in discipleship. The expenditures are huge managing a campus that houses over 30 students, staff & interns. Please prayerfully consider Shiloh Ministries every month as good ground for your financial seed. We invite you to visit our web-site and read our Testimony section. It bares witness of our graduates fruit that is on display, for The Glory of God. Thanks for your giving to The Lord's Ministry at Shiloh!

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