



THE TRUMPET

For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Matthew 3:2-4

"A SPIRIT FORMED LIFE!"

BY JOHN JEYASEELAN

There is hardly a week that goes by without my wife hearing these powerful words from me: *"Honey, the peace of God is overwhelming! I wish that everyone in this world could enjoy what I enjoy within me – the love of God and the peace of God!"* Those are the words that come out of my heart. A heart full of gratitude, love and appreciation to my God with whom I have had a personal relationship for over four decades! Though it may seem like a long time, I feel like my adventurous journey of faith is just beginning. Only God can do such a thing in a believer's life – creating all things new and recreating the life of a believer!

The very first chapter of the Book of Genesis holds the clues as to how God intends to shape the life of a God-fearing man/woman through the power of the Holy Spirit.

A LIFE WITHOUT GOD!

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters" (Genesis 1:1-2). In the first two verses of the Bible we see the combination of God, earth and the Spirit. God is the Creator of all things; the earth in its raw form was formless, empty and filled with darkness; the Spirit of God was brooding over the waters to bring God's will and purpose to all things especially to the earth.

We are the earth. *"The LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being" (Genesis 2:7).* The Hebrew for man (Adam) sounds like and may be related to the Hebrew for ground (*"adamah"*). We were of the earth and the dust of the ground when God formed the first man and breathed into his nostrils the *"breath of life"* (Hebrew *"Ruach"* – Spirit of God, Breath of God).

Just as the raw earth was without form, a life without God is a life without clarity

(darkness), formless (lacking a purpose) and empty. I thank God for His merciful intervention that brought me out of a life filled with chaos and confusion. I could hardly forget the days of old when my life was in disarray without God. I could clearly describe my life in the above three phases:

- Empty – I was trying to fill my life with everything but God but the more I filled it with things I thought would bring fullness and joy the more I became disillusioned and empty. My God created soul could not be satisfied with anything but God Himself.
- Dark – I lacked clarity and could not see where I was going. All I could remember was that I was wandering without direction. Things were foggy and things were not right. I had normal vision but was spiritually blind.
- Formless – There was no purpose in my existence. My life did not take shape nor could I make any impact on others who were also in purposeless wanderings. I assumed the form of the environment I was placed in. I could be easily manipulated and swayed by the circumstances of my environment. I lived a defeated life.

There are countless many that are trying to make it without God. Be assured that your life without God is a life filled with emptiness, purposeless wanderings and without fulfillment all of which will change with your recognition that God is your Creator and that you need Him badly. Then, and only then, will your life begin to take the shape and the purpose for which God has created you!

A SPIRIT FORMED LIFE BEGINS WITH CLARITY!

God thundered His command from heaven: *"Let there be light, and there was light" (Genesis 1:3).* God's word is the light of His eternal mind that brings clarity and purpose to one's existence. The Hebrew translation suggests that God made light

to appear or made visible on the earth that which was foggy and filled with vapor diffusing the light. The haze was lifted and the light brought clarity to the earth.

Solomon in all of his wisdom wrote these words: *"But the path of the just is like the shining sun, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day. The way of the wicked is like darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble" (Proverbs 4:18-19).* Clearly the difference between the just and the wicked is the difference of walking in the light or the lack of it. The eternal mind of God brings clarity, health and life in its fullness to a believer that receives, obeys and follows God's word.

Right after those words Solomon wrote the following instructions: *"My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; for they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life" (Proverbs 4:20-23).*

In my early years I was running away from God and trying to make it without Him. No matter how much I achieved in the world I was lacking focus. There were voices of instruction, correction and admonition around me from my grandmother and mother but I rejected all of them. I lived in blindness and walked in arrogance with a thought that I knew better than any of them and that my knowledge was supreme.

God is amazing! He catches a man in his own ways! The same Jesus who called Simon Peter to come and follow Him with a simple instruction (Luke 5:10) also called Saul but in a different way – knocking him down from his horse on his way to Damascus and creating a temporary blindness for three days (Acts 9:3,9). When God's word came through a layman, Ananias, Saul received his eyesight and knew the purpose of his calling from God (Acts 9:18-20). For a useful John Jeyaseelan, God came to me when I was wasting away and was without hope.

I was spared from death twice, first from tuberculosis when my godly grandmother pleaded for my life pledging her own to God

and the second time when God mercifully heard my fleeting call in the midst of a tremendous loss of blood from bleeding ulcers! On both occasions, the technology that I so much believed in had failed me and the medical teams could not assure me of my recovery. On both occasions I was fully expected to die but for the mercy of my Lord Jesus who touched me and healed me. After Jesus touched me the second time, I cried for two full days, not only for my sins but also because I had not known such a loving Jesus all through the first two decades of my life.

Ironically, my very first experience of healing from bleeding ulcers was with a dramatic and supernatural experience when a brilliant light of God entered the hospital room where I was left to die. There, in the middle of the light, were the merciful and compassionate eyes of Jesus who took pity on me and answered my fleeting cry. That light of God's revelation of His Son Jesus brought clarity to my life – the very purpose of my existence was to carry forth the love of Jesus Christ!

Two decades later, I saw God's shining light for the second time when Jesus called me into His service to share the gospel to the ends of the earth. When that call came at the end of a Wednesday night service in a local church in Ormond Beach, Florida, I was knocked out on the floor and there was this brilliant light once again! I easily recognized God's voice when He said to me in the midst of the light flooding my conscience: "Son, I need you in My service." This time, by the voice of the Holy Spirit, I received clarity regarding the timing to step into God's ministry and the specific nature of the ministry as well.

Since these supernatural experiences, God speaks to me every day from His holy word. It is His word that brings light and clarity to my walk with Him! Do not be fooled! Even a believer can be filled with darkness when they do not spend much time in the word. Life within begins with the light that comes from God's thundering words: "Let there be light!"

A LIFE OF CREATIVITY!

The second significant act of God's creation was something to do with seeds: "Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth'; and it was so" (Genesis 1:11). Whatever "animal creation" of God that existed in the beginning ions of ages ago perished leaving the fossils we find from time to time and life-germ seeds lying dormant on the ground. It is to this dormant seed that God commanded to "bring forth" vegetation and fruits.

In His remarkable creation, God has created seed within every living cell. The second progressive step of a Spirit-formed life of a believer is creativity from the seeds within! This is how I picture it. Here is the spiritual significance to God scooping up the dirt of the earth and creating man. He incorporated the dormant germ-seeds in every man, woman, boy and girl – spiritual seeds that would come alive to bear fruits of excellence, creativity, wisdom and honor!

Here are some spiritual seeds that are placed inside each of us:

1) The Seed of Faith: "For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith" (Romans 12:3). **Your God-given measure of faith is the seed to your salvation!**

2) The Seed of Grace: "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith" (Romans 12:6). "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8). **God's grace in you is the seed to your redemption!**

3) The Seed of Love: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 4:9-10). God's love Seed is His only begotten Son Jesus. When we receive this miracle Seed, our lives are transformed by the light of His love. **Your response to God's love is the seed to your healing and restoration!**

You are a walking seed and your whole life is a life of sowing and reaping! When you yield to the voice of God to "bring forth" God's creative excellence through seeds of faith, grace and love, you will not lead a dull life but a life that is fruitful and filled with joy!

In addition to the above fundamental seeds that are gifts from God, you must work with the following living seeds towards a successful Christian life:

- **Your conversation is seed to relationship, Ephesians 5:26**
- **Your forgiveness is seed to your receiving from God, Matthew**

6:12; Matthew 18:23-35; Mark 11:22-26

- **Your gratitude is seed for more from God, John 11:41-42**

- **Your humility is seed to greatness, James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5-6; Philippians 2:5-8,9-11.**

- **Your honor is the seed to access – access into the very presence of God, access into the most impossible of places and access into favor with God and man, Proverbs 15:33;18:12;22:4;31:25**

If you want to have a life of excellence, wisdom and honor, listen to God's voice within you and be faithful to obey Him in all your ways. Invest your God-given seeds wisely and allow them to grow and propel you to your destiny. God gave an unfailing principle to Noah after the flood: "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease" (Genesis 8:22). Among the eight things promised above, you may notice that we do not have any control over anything but the "seeds" of "seedtime!" Do not waste your seeds! Rather plant them with your heart of faithfulness and obedience to God and allow them to accomplish God's will in your life.

I have not written anything that I am not willing to practice in my own life. Over the years, I have seen my faith grow by virtue of my obedience in doing what God has called me to do. I have also found in the most challenging and excruciating times of my life that God's abundant grace was full and sufficient to carry me through to my destinations. It is by His grace that I am what I am. On my own, I am full of mortal weaknesses. I have also received an abundance of God's supernatural and sustaining love. My early years of frustration and chaos have been compensated for by the years of God's love and secured peace and joy!

I find myself working every day, yielding my very nature to God, to invest in the lives of those around me with conversation, forgiveness, gratitude, humility and honor. While I constantly fall short, God's abundant grace sustains me. I am very much yearning to produce those fruits every germ-seed must produce from within: "Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance" (Matthew 3:8); "But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life" (Romans 6:22); "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law" (Galatians 5:22-23).

A SPIRIT-FORMED LIFE HAS CONFORMITY!

“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness...’ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them” (Genesis 1:26-27).

God created Adam and Eve in His image and after His likeness. Satan corrupted man with seeds of seduction. As a result Adam and Eve fell into temptation and walked away from the presence of God. In Adam and Eve *“all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Roman 3:23)*. Jesus came to redeem us from that great loss and return us to conform once again to the likeness of our Heavenly Father. *“For those whom He foreknew [of whom He was aware and loved beforehand], He also destined from the beginning [foreordaining them] to be molded into the image of His Son [and share inwardly His likeness], that He might become the firstborn among many brethren” (Romans 8:29, Amplified Bible)*.

Clarity through the light of God’s word and creativity from the seeds within help us to conform to the very nature of God and His presence in our lives. This does not happen overnight. It is a long process for every believer who faithfully obeys and follows after Christ. The Apostle Paul’s thirst to follow after God to the finish line is passionately summed up in his words: *“That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:10-14)*.

Jesus Christ is not only the Written Word but He is also the Living Word! The Word came alive in Jesus when He lived it when He walked the earth. Jesus became the person that God said that He was. The Word became flesh and lived among men full of grace and truth. Likewise, when we obey God and are faithful to follow Him and His word, we too will become more like Jesus. Every act of obedience to God’s command produces more of Jesus in a believer. The more one obeys the word the more one will look like Jesus. The greatest of the compliments is when someone approaches you and says to you, *“You remind me of Jesus! Jesus would have been just like you when He walked the earth 2,000 years ago!”*

How I long to hear those words! I pray they come before God calls me home! I John 3:2-3: *“Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what*

we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.”

AUTHORITY!

A Spirit-formed life has authority! *“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth” (Genesis 1:26)*. Along with the authority and dominion over all God’s creation, God also has given spiritual authority to a believer through Jesus Christ: *“Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you” (Luke 10:19)*. Jesus further told His disciples: *“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen” (Matthew 28:18-20)*.

When a believer totally yields his/her life to the hand of God and becomes what God has called them to be, that believer is filled with clarity, the fruits of the Spirit and conformed to the image of Christ. The power of the Holy Spirit will follow that believer wherever they go and whatever calling God has called them with.

I have been blessed with the calling that helps me go to various nations and be among different cultures. One of the many blessed fringe benefits that I have enjoyed over the years is to observe those people with God’s authority among these cultures and nations. I admire them and am blessed to be in their presence. Some of them are leaders of their communities, some housewives, some intercessors, some worship leaders, some children and some ordinary workers. There is a glow of God’s intense presence and power that follow these people everywhere they go. That glow is by virtue of their total commitment to God and their refusal to be satisfied in anything that the world has to offer to entice them. Satan and his demons tremble at them. They are known in heaven and they are known in hell by Satan’s angels. They are a powerful force of God to transform their homes, communities and their nations.

The anointing of God will only carry you as far as the character of God can

sustain you! You will be authentic when your life exemplifies the character of God! Authenticity precedes authority! Authority produces power – power to demolish the strongholds of Satan and his demons and power to produce fear and trembling in those who will come in contact with you! Are you one of these authentic vessels of God’s power and glory?

GOD-ORDAINED REST!

A Spirit-formed life will experience the Sabbath rest ordained of God. Amazingly, after the creation activities, God rested on the seventh day: *“Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done” (Genesis 2:1-2)*.

With clarity and illumination from God’s word, creativity from the seeds within, conformity in the image of Christ and authority by virtue of authenticity, a believer is settled in God-ordained rest. The writer of the Book of Hebrews brings out the contrast between a life of obedience enjoying God’s Sabbath rest and the lives of those in the Old Testament who with their life of rebellion never entered into God’s ordained rest: *“For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: ‘And God rested on the seventh day from all His works’; and again in this place: ‘They shall not enter My rest.’ Since therefore it remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience, again He designates a certain day, saying in David, ‘Today,’ after such a long time, as it has been said: ‘Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts.’ For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His” (Hebrews 4:4-10)*.

A believer who walks in faithfulness and obedience to God’s word enjoys the rest of God. However, an unbeliever or even a believer walking in disobedience to God’s truth will not enter into it. The life of those who walk contrary to God’s word is always in disarray, going from one trouble to another and never arriving at a place of peace and rest. Notice when I started the article that I had mentioned my expressions often to my wife from a grateful heart, *“Honey, the peace of God is overwhelming! I wish that everyone in this world could enjoy what I enjoy within*



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“Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity; nor sworn deceitfully.” Psalm 24:3,4

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me – the love of God and the peace of God!” That is the rest and settlement I am writing about. Make no mistake that I have my share of challenges, struggles and trials but through it all I am blessed with the peace and rest of God that God has for everyone that walks with Him daily. In the same chapter of Hebrews, we read the following two verses: *“Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart” (Hebrews 4:11-12).* **The word of God quickens, cuts, dissects, shapes and molds every believer who is willing to listen to the Spirit of God and follow Him fully to this peaceful Sabbath rest.**

In conclusion, here are some of the things I glean from Genesis 1, the creation chapter:

- God the Creator existed in the beginning.
- The earth was empty, without form and filled with darkness – just as every life outside of God’s influence will be empty, lacking clarity of purpose and without fulfillment and joy.
- The Holy Spirit was brooding over the waters – God used the Holy Spirit to

bring order, comeliness, form and life on the earth just as He allows the Holy Spirit to influence a believer to be filled with godliness.

- Here are the five important distinctions of a Spirit-formed life of a believer:

1) **Clarity** – A believer receives the clarity of purpose through the word of God.

2) **Creativity** – The seeds within every believer (seeds of faith, grace and love) transform them to bear fruit of repentance, holiness and the fruits of the Spirit by their continual obedience and faithfulness to a God who never fails.

3) **Conformity** – The greatest reward of being a child of God is the transformation in the image of Christ and to be like Him. When we walk with God as Jesus walked in obedience and in truth, we shall be like Him!

4) **Authority** – A life transformed by the power of the Living Word is a life that produces authenticity. Power and authority follow authenticity and even the devil will tremble at such a believer walking in the power and the presence of God!

5) **Rest** – A life of obedience in Christ is a life that is settled and free from strife and anxieties no matter the challenges, trials and temptations. It is a life of contentment with godly gain.

Please pray with me: **“Heavenly Father, I worship You for You are the God of truth, mercy, grace, love and justice. I thank You for the knowledge of knowing You through Your precious Son Jesus Christ. Lord, I pray that You bring clarity to my life to be a life filled with the purpose of God. Help me to constantly increase in faith, love and grace through the influence of Your Holy Spirit. Father, help me to love what You love and hate what You hate. Let the world see Jesus in me and be drawn to You. I thank You, Lord, for your peace, joy and rest. I abide in Your presence, intimacy and love forever and ever. In Jesus’ Name, Amen! Amen!!**

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Dearly Beloved in the Lord:

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus!

Storm clouds are rolling in and the compelling signs of the times are here! Lawlessness, anger, betrayal, fear and frustration are on the increase reaching a threshold all over the world, especially here in the USA. As Satan increases his efforts the church is not immune. There are two compelling signs within the church that draw my attention:

- 1) **Diminishing of FAITH:** *“And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth (Luke 18:7-8)?”* As the concerns and chaos of the world spill into the church, the church is losing her mountain-moving faith in the Son of God. Let us not forget that persistent prayer is the key to survival in these troubled times.
- 2) **Lack of LOVE:** *“And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved” (Matthew 24:12-13).* As communities are inflamed with violence and brutality in the midst of this economic and religious chaos, the people of God are taking on a “street personality” which is evidenced by the loss of a true unconditional “agape” love for the unsaved world and their brothers and sisters within the church! Let us not forget that Jesus lived in the midst of a Roman occupation, violence, mistrust and rejection, yet did not flinch in His mission of sharing His divine love with the world!

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In Christ's Love,

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