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DELIGHT IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

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INTRODUCTION: Something has been building in me, changing in me, and growing in me for the last few years and today I'm going to do my best to articulate it. As I observe this change in me I sense that it's very pleasing to God and that He wants me to "go with it" and "grow with it" and "show and demonstrate it" more and more. It is a sincere DELIGHT in other Christians and in the Body of Christ. It is a pure delight in God's whole plan of redemption and particularly in the part of His plan to make a great temple for His Holy Spirit by building believers with other believers (Living Stones) just as bricks or blocks are joined together in a building project.

My "awareness" of this has been growing for all my Christian life, but being aware of it and delighting in it are two different things. Now my awareness has turned into awe, delight and enjoyment which is maximizing the benefit I get from other believers and enhancing my spiritual influence in their lives, due to the sincere DELIGHT in them that I radiate. Thus, delighting in the Body of Christ helps one to grow much faster and also to be far more effective in ministry. It is also the key to uniting the body of Christ so that great POWER is released through us, corporately.

1. WE CANNOT FULFILL OUR DESTINY ALONE.

1 Peter 2:4-6 (AM) **Come to Him then, to that Living Stone which men tried and threw away, but which is chosen and precious in God's sight. Come and, like living stones, be yourselves built into a spiritual house, for a holy dedicated, consecrated priesthood, to offer up those spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable and pleasing to God through Jesus Christ.**

**** If you were a brick, you couldn't make a whole building by yourself. As a "living stone" you can never make the whole spiritual house, or temple for the eternal dwelling place for Almighty God to inhabit. So your destiny cannot be completed without other believers. When we realize that our destiny cannot be completed without other believers we start to appreciate them more. Eventually, we come to a place where we DELIGHT in them, and count it a wonderful blessing to be built together with such dear lovers of God.

**** The Old Testament priests needed each other. There was so much slaughtering of bulls, lambs and rams, so much skinning, carrying off carcasses, burning up the unused parts—what a bunch of work! The priests appreciated each other and worked together. Thank God we don't have to offer up those kinds of sacrifices, but the principle still holds true. The prayer and praise we are to offer up is just too much for one person. You aren't just a single priest. You are part of priesthood, and you cannot fulfill your destiny without others.

Knowing this cultivates an attitude that radiates, "It's an honor to be built together with you into a Holy Temple for God to dwell in for eternity." To God we say, "Thank you for including me. I'm not alone. I'm not rejected. I'm not isolated. You are building me together with others. I'm included.

Ephesians 1:13 "And you were also included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation." YOU ARE AN INCLUDED LIVING STONE! You won't be left on the side of the building project. But we need to co-operate with this process and delight in it. That's why Peter says, **"Come, and like living stones, be yourselves built into a spiritual house."** There needs to be cooperation on our part, or we can hinder the building process, or worse, be left out of it.

2. GOD PUTS MANY OF HIS BLESSINGS FOR US IN PEOPLE.

**** Where are the good hiding places for Easter Eggs in your back yard? When I hide eggs for my grandchildren, the indentations in the foundation that vent the house are good places to set eggs. The

garden boxes where we plant tomatoes or carrots are good places. Now where would God HIDE blessings for you to find? One of His favorite hiding places is in PEOPLE, in your brothers and sisters in Christ!

Ephesians 4:7-8 But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. That is why it says: “When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.”

V11-13 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

**** God is hiding His blessings in apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. Then His Spirit uses them to hide more blessings in other believers—so that every believer becomes a place where the blessings of God may be discovered and enjoyed. There is an endless variety of blessings—each believer being a unique hiding place for blessing and containing unique blessings. GRACE HAS BEEN GIVEN TO YOU. This grace is not just for your forgiveness or just grace to hear your prayers—but grace to help and bless others has been placed inside of you! You are a gift to the body of Christ.

Matthew 19:29 (NIV) And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life.

Compare with Mark 10:29-30 Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.

**** This doesn't mean if you give one house or field away God will give you one hundred more. It's saying that if you lose relationships because your family rejects you because of Christ your spiritual family will be one hundred times bigger and they will share with you their homes and fields. You will have the blessing of a much larger and more wonderful “family” of caring, loving people.

**** If God was going to hide insight, wisdom, counsel, and encouragement for you, where would be a likely hiding place where you could find and discover these blessings? Very likely, they will be hidden in other believers, where God hopes you will discover them. God hides these blessings for you to find them.

Proverbs 25:2 It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings.

God glories in hiding blessings for you in other believers. So act like a king and search out those blessings. You see, a mature person, a KING, has a great appreciation for others and is always looking for those hidden blessings of God in the lives of others. Immature people, babies, and irresponsible types who aren't NOBLE in character don't search out these hidden blessings God places in others. So act like a noble person and value other believers.

Paul wrote to the Romans, “**For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to make you strong—that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.**” Paul new blessings for them were hidden in his life. He also knew blessings for him were hidden in other believers.

**** Impartations are spiritual gifts that are given through God's anointed servants. Rodney Howard Brown prayed five times for Randy Clark, who then received a great anointing. It was through Randy Clark that Heidi Baker received her earth-shaking anointing in Toronto, Canada. Perhaps God has some new anointing or gifting that is waiting for you in some other believer.

3. GOD DESIGNED US TO NEED OTHERS.

1 Corinthians 12:7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

V21 The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable.

**** If we didn’t NEED each other, we would never be unified. We wouldn’t come together or work together. If we aren’t unified, it is because we are thinking, “I don’t need those people.” We might also not come together in unity if we think, “Those people don’t need me.”

V15 Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body.

**** For us to be unified we need to believe two things:

1. I need the blessings God has put in others.
2. Others need the blessings God has put in me!

**** God taught me to express several things to the Holy Spirit on a daily basis: “Holy Spirit, I need you. Holy Spirit, I want you. Holy Spirit, I delight in you.” What we WANT can have us. Expressing your desire for God gives Him a legal right to bless you.

**** Similarly, we should have the attitude, “I need other believers. I WANT to enjoy the blessings God has put in their lives and enjoy their fellowship. I DELIGHT in the work of God in their lives.” This is a beautiful spiritual attitude and mentality that promotes unity and unity promotes POWER!

**** The apostle Paul was acutely aware of his need for other believers.

2 Corinthians 1:10-12 He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.

Colossians 4:3 And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

2 Thessalonians 3:1 Pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you.

**** Without their prayers, Paul knew he would get killed. He knew that without their prayers doors would remain closed by Satan. He knew that without their prayers he would not have the boldness to proclaim Christ at the risk of his health and life. He knew that without their prayers the people who heard the word would not be properly prepared and God’s word would not be received with honor. So the great apostle knew he was in DESPERATE NEED of other believers and their prayers.

4. UNITY WITH OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS PROMOTES GREAT SPIRITUAL POWER.

Matthew 18:19 Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.

Matthew 18:20 For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.

Psalms 133:1-3 How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron’s beard, down upon the collar of his robes. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

John 13:34-35 A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

**** Studies of all the great revivals, where cities and nations are completely changed all find the same starting point: the pastors of different denominations started meeting together and praying with each other and caring for one another. Then God poured out regional revival.

Acts 1:14 **These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.**

Acts 2:1 **And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.**

Acts 2:46 **And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.**

Acts 4:24 **And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said,...v31 and the place where they prayed was shaken and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the Word of God with boldness.**

V32-33 **And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul, neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus; and great grace was upon them all.**

5. SATAN FEARS OUR UNITY AND CONSTANTLY SEEKS TO KEEP US FROM IT.

There may be hundreds of methods Satan uses to keep us from loving unity and the explosive power that comes as God blesses that unity. But I will list a few I'm aware of.

1. AN ATTITUDE OF PRIDE

This is where our pride cross-dresses as spiritual dignity. We think, "I don't dare let others know how ragged and discouraged and down I am. They will think less of me. If I actually confess sin to them, they'll throw me out. I have to keep up appearances. I have to make them think everything is JUST FINE in my life."

Haughtiness and arrogance think, "I am so much better than them. I don't need them. If God wanted to speak to me, He'd speak to me directly. He'd never speak through someone who doesn't know as much as I do and I know that I know more than they do.

**** Moses' father-in-law, a new convert, immediately saw that Moses was erring when he, alone, stood as judge for over one million people. His wise counsel was to appoint judges over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens and let them handle most of the cases, bringing only the most difficult ones to Moses. Moses often talked to God face to face, yet God chose to reveal this wise strategy through a brand new convert and Moses was humble enough to receive it. (See Exodus 18:13-26)

2. COMPARRISON

This is a favorite tool of the devil. He will say, "Why aren't you more like your brother? Why aren't you more like your sister?" He will say, "Look at their great achievements. What are you in comparison? They have done so much for God, and you have done so little." He wants us to feel bad about ourselves instead of being delighted in the work of God in other believers. We need to remember there will only and forever be one of each of them. One Billy Graham. One Bernard Johnson. One Heidi Baker. One Tommy Barnett. No one else had their parents, their upbringing, their special call or gifting. So no one could achieve just what they did. However, we could learn from their examples—what did they do to fully develop and be all that they could be?

**** I can't be Billy Graham. I can only be the best Wes Daughenbaugh that is possible. I cannot be Heidi Baker. I cannot be Annie Schisler, who has been caught up to heaven hundreds of times. But I can ENJOY these people and learn from them, enjoy the revelations God has given them, and enjoy their spiritual gifts. I can learn how they developed their own faith, talents and spiritual gifts and how they developed Christ-like character. But each snowflake is different. So don't fall for this comparison trick.

**** In the same way, no one can be me. No one can be you. If we are better in some area it only means that they are better in some other area. Philippians 2:3 **Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.** They need to value us and we need to

value them. You need to value me and I need to value you. I am smarter than you in some area and you are smarter than me in some area. Say to yourself, "I need them, and they need me. That's the truth!"

3. GUILT

Mark Rutland is a great brother and a tremendous author and speaker. In his book, *DREAM* he writes, "Below the faint encouragers, below even those neutral to your vision, there exists a subterranean breed, an underworld of creatures, wraiths who hate the living and their dreams. These are dreadful ghosts, haters of dreams and haters of dreamers, half souls whose own dreams have perished in the night. Utterly dreamless and utterly hopeless of ever having another, they despise all dreamers as naïve Pollyannas in need of the cyanide of their cynicism, which they are only too eager to administer. They are the brothers of Joseph, who, having suffered a miscarriage or, even more likely, an abortion of their own dreams, now see dreamers as indictments on their own lost visions.

"Tragically, these killers of dreams are frequently those who we might expect to be our greatest encouragers such as friends, family or colleagues. Expect opposition particularly from those who have been there and tried that. Remember, your enthusiasm is salt in their deepest, most painful wounds, your joy their cup of gall and the possibility that you might just succeed their greatest fear.

"To be sure, dreamers need to share their dreams. A dream received seems to ache for expression. Still, care must be taken. Dreams must be insulated, especially in their seminal stage, from the deadly frostbite caused by the frozen breath of the dreamless. Dreams are rare, precious pearls easily trodden under the cloven hooves of unimaginative and faithless swine.

"When at the ripe old age of twenty-eight I sensed a call of God to leave the pastorate and launch a fledgling missions and evangelism ministry, I sought out older ministers with whom to share my dream. Meeting informally with a dozen or so pastors in their fifties and sixties I, like Joseph, reported my dreams to my brethren. Finding no Ishmaelites handy to which I might be sold, they instead laid hold on my tender vision and with rough hands threw it into a pit, hoping, I suppose, for a wild beast to make an end of it.

"They accused me of the most egregious sins, including conceit, pride, egotism and unteachable rebellion, before telling me that I suffered from a Messiah complex and fancied myself the next Billy Graham. One man told me I would go bankrupt, another that I would receive no invitations and still another that I was ruining a promising pastoral career and would die a bitter old man.

"I was stunned. Feeling as though I had been kicked in the solar plexus, I staggered out to the parking lot wanting nothing more than to escape. I remember the sickening feeling that the bottom had dropped out from under me. Perhaps they were right. They certainly had more experience than I. Anyway, why would they say such things except to keep me back from the edge of a dangerous cliff? I could feel faith hemorrhaging out of my spirit even as the color must have drained from my face.

"I crossed my arms on the roof of my car and laid my head on them, trying to silence the terrible voice suddenly screaming inside me that they were right, that I was making a fatal mistake, one that would certainly ruin my life.

"Don't listen to them.' For a second I thought I had imagined it, but turning around, I met the eyes of one of the men from inside, the only one who had not spoken.

"Don't listen to them,' he repeated. 'They are sad, bitter old men who have let go of their dreams. Trust me, I've known them all for many years, longer than you've been alive. We went to seminary together.'

"But what if they're right?"

'Maybe they are. I don't know. But you will never know without trying. God has called you. I can see it in your eyes. What you don't know is that God once called them, too. That tall man in the gray suit...I remember the night at youth camp that he confessed a call to Africa.'

"What happened?"

'Who knows? He never went. He's never seen Africa. And the chubby guy, the one with the really curly hair...he was the president of the student evangelism team. What a preacher! What a soulwinner! You should have heard him.'

“But...?”

‘Bigger and better churches, fewer and fewer revivals until he let go of his dream. He hates evangelists—hates them, because they remind him of his youth and his call. You did a terrible thing in there, Son. You reminded them of all that, and they hate you for it. They’re not bad men; they just stopped dreaming.’

“But you’re not like that.”

‘I hope not. And neither will you be. Now go home. Forget them, and forget me, too. Shake the dust of this meeting off your feet and obey the Lord.’

“I did all that he said except for one thing. I have never forgotten him.” (Pages 21-24 of DREAM)

4. CRITICAL JUDGMENT

This is where we judge someone’s motives of heart, things we could not possibly know. This is *strictly* forbidden by scripture. Like David’s older brother, Eliab, these people say, **“I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is..(1 Samuel 17:28)**

5. JEALOUSY AND ENVY

1 Corinthians 3:3 **You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans?**

Galatians 5:26 **Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.**

6. AN UNTEACHABLE ATTITUDE

“I am content with what I know and do not need to learn from them. I’m smarter than them, anyway.”

7. UNFORGIVENESS

We certainly can’t have unity with anyone we have not forgiven.

8. DISDAIN FOR AUTHORITY

Hebrews 13:17 **Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.**

God gives us spiritual authorities to benefit us. They have something we need.

9. INDEPENDENCE instead of INTERDEPENDENCE.

6. A PROPER ATTITUDE TAKES DELIGHT IN OTHERS.

God delights in his own people and wants us to enter into that same delight.

Proverbs 8:30 **The voice of God’s wisdom speaks, “Then I was the craftsman at his side. I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in his presence, rejoicing in his whole world and delighting in mankind.**

Zephaniah 3:17 **The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.**

We can rejoice and delight in the special one of a kind masterpiece he is making of each one of His children.

We can delight in the way God communicates to each one. It’s amazing. God is communicating with His children and they all have the most wonderful stories of God intervening in their lives and speaking various things to them.

We should thank God and praise Him for making each brother or sister one of a kind, an original.

We should thank God for working through others to encourage us, pray for us, support us financially, believe in us, encourage us, and care for us.

We should watch for believers who set exceptionally good examples and follow those examples. While we cannot become what they are, because they are unique, we CAN copy the methods they used to grow and develop their character, talents, perseverance and wisdom.

Paul wrote, **“Therefore I urge you to imitate me,” (1 Corinthians 4:16).**

“We did this not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate,” (2 Thessalonians 3:9).

“We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised,” (Hebrews 6:12).

“Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith” (Hebrews 13:7)

“Dear friend, do not imitate what is evil but what is good,” (3 John 1:11).

****** WE BECOME DULL PEOPLE UNLESS WE ARE FINDING BLESSINGS IN OTHER BELIEVERS. Proverbs 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. We are sharp when we are learning from and delighting in those wonderful GIFTS God has put in His body.**

Hebrews 10:24-26 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

7. HOW CAN YOU BE USED OF GOD TO COMPLETE HIS MASTERPIECES?

******** I’m going to delight even more in what God is doing in others so that I can find the blessings He has hidden for me in their lives. But I also want to consider how I might improve in my own ability to help them grow and develop. If it is true that God has put special blessings in me for others, then how can I cooperate with God so that those blessings will grow and develop and actually get discovered?

******** I sing a song that has a line about what Jesus said to Peter, **“If you love me, feed my sheep” (John 21:17)**. It takes effort to write a book, more effort to publish one, and more effort to market one. But I keep thinking of sermons that need to be made into books or booklets for the sake of others.

******** It would be a mistake to think more highly of ourselves than we ought to. But it would be a mistake to think more lowly of ourselves than we ought to.

Romans 12:3-8 “For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

******** To think in SOBER JUDGMENT means, “What do I have that I *can* give? What do I have that I *should* give? For me, that means to make every effort to put helpful teachings on CD’s, and into books, booklets, and tracts. I also perceive that I have favor with people and people trust me. They give to my missions project trusting me to give it all to widows and orphans, which I do. This is a ministry of mercy, and should I make it grow? I need to think with SOBER JUDGMENT as to just what my time should be involved in, and how I could help others the very most with the time I have and the talents and spiritual gifts that I have.

8. GOD’S PUNISHMENT COMES TO THOSE WHO DIVIDE HIS BODY

1 Corinthians 11:27-33 Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. *For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.* That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment. When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world. So then, my brothers, when you

come together to eat, wait for each other. If anyone is hungry, he should eat at home, so that when you meet together it may not result in judgment.

**** THIS DOESN'T MEAN THAT YOU RECOGNIZE A BISCUIT OR PIECE OF BREAD AS BEING THE BODY OF CHRIST. *It means, you honor other Christians as being the BODY OF CHRIST and you treat them as if they were Jesus.* If you don't recognize that how you treat them is just how you are treating Jesus, you will be judged if you treat them badly.

You see, if you honor a cup of grape juice and treat it with reverence, and honor a tiny piece of bread and treat it with reverence—but you despise or neglect or insult another Christian—you are treating the body of Christ in an irreverent way. When you don't discern His body—you actually eat and drink judgment upon yourself. Taking communion in an unworthy manner is to take communion when you are still judging other believers, still having jealousy toward them, still undervaluing them, still feeling superior to them. But if you would value and love them, you will be eating and drinking blessings upon yourselves.

Proverbs 6:15-17 (NIV) **There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies, and a person who stirs up conflict in the community.** The KJV says the seventh one is **“he that soweth discord among brethren.”**

**** In Matthew 25 Jesus told the parable of the sheep and goats, where people are separated into the blessed and the damned according to how they had treated Jesus. “I was sick, I was lonely, I was a stranger, and how you treated the least of your brethren was how you treated Me.”

That's why in my lifetime theme song I sing, “Open my eyes, so I can see, Jesus in the person standing next to me. Keep me from ever having to say, “When did I miss seeing You in that needy way.” Fill up my heart, with love that's so true, that when it's expressed it brings pleasure to you. I'll love the brethren, just as if they were you. (From my song, I'LL LOVE THE BRETHERN. You can hear this song on the web site, www.christsaffection.com).

FINALLY, IF YOU APPRECIATE SOMEONE, SAY SO.

IF YOU LOVE SOMEONE, SAY SO.

If someone is or has been a blessing to you, SAY SO.

Psalm 107:2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy.

**** God has put it upon my heart to write letters of gratitude to the authors of books I've been blessed by, and to send them an autographed copy of one of my books. It takes effort to SAY SO. It takes effort to write thank you cards. *But if the redeemed of the Lord ought to tell the Redeemer that they've been blessed by His love, then it's right to SAY to someone who has blessed you, “YOU HAVE BEEN AND ARE A BLESSING IN MY LIFE.”* THIS IS WHAT I ADMIRE AND LIKE ABOUT YOU MOST OF ALL.

CLOSING: Ask God to give you His very own love for His children and ask Him to help you enjoy them and find His hidden blessings in them. Ask Him to open the eyes of your heart so that you can see Jesus in others and always love other Christians as if they were Jesus, Himself. Practice loving, appreciating and delighting in others **AND YOU WILL FIND THE POWER OF GOD COMING UPON YOU IN EVER INCREASING MEASURE.**

I love you. God bless you.