Rising Above Starts with Yieldedness and Trust

Vision on the Hillside

We were alone, My Father and I, on a hillside, when an amazing event took place. I cried to Him, saying, "I cannot meet these expectations. My spirit is willing, but My flesh is too weak." My Father then spoke to Me not only with words, but He showed Me a vision. He opened My spiritual eyes and revealed to Me how it would be possible for Me to rise above any and all impossible circumstances that would present themselves during My earthly life.

In the vision, I saw Myself in a number of different scenarios, each one an impossible situation. In one scene I was confronted with 5,000 hungry men, not counting the women and children. In another scene, Mary and Martha clung to My side, pleading for their brother's life. In another scene I was walking across an angry sea, the winds were blowing, the waves were surging, and there I stood afloat, standing on the water, calling Peter to come to My side. In another I saw before Me scores of blind, sick and dying of all ages; they were calling and reaching out to Me, begging to be made whole. And then I saw Myself hanging on a cross, My hands and feet pierced with nails and My side thrust through with a spear, a crown of thorns upon My head.

At first, being tempted to fear at the sight of this vision, I wanted to turn and run away. But in that moment, I felt My Father's hand come down firmly on My shoulder as He said, "No, Son. Take a closer look." As I did, I then witnessed the most amazing thing. In that moment, as each scene of the vision ran by Me again, I saw something more than My Own human self. This time, in each scene I saw the Spirit of My Father descend upon Me. My Father's Spirit didn't just surround Me, it didn't just stand by Me, it came upon Me, into Me, in full force. We became one. We were one, and when this happened, I had power and strength beyond all human measure. When this happened, I saw Myself in the vision able to rise above each situation. I was rising above each set of impossible circumstances to stand triumphant, to feed the hungry, to raise the dead, to walk on the water, to heal the sick, and to overcome death.

Finally I understood that this was going to be the key, the secret, the victory; this would bring triumph every time. This was how I would be able to rise above--by yielding My fleshly mind, heart, body and soul to fully receive My Father's Spirit. By receiving His Heavenly Spirit, by allowing Him to rest fully on Me, to have full sway with Me--this is how I was able to rise above.

The key was in yielding, in believing, in receiving. For though I was a man of flesh, though My Own human spirit was willing, it was too weak--but the Spirit of My Father was not. My Father then reminded Me of the words that were given to the prophet Isaiah when he prophesied of the anointing I was to receive. The prophet said, "The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon Him."

Then I understood how I was to rise above, for it would not be Me; that is, My flesh. It wouldn't be through any talents or capabilities of the flesh that I possessed. It was to be in My receiving, in yielding completely to My Father, by letting go and letting His Spirit rest fully on

Me, enter completely into Me, and work completely through Me. By becoming one with the Spirit of My Father, I could rise above every impossibility that would confront Me on Earth. It was when the Spirit of My Father came upon Me that I was given wisdom, knowledge, good counsel, understanding, and righteous judgment. All I had to do was to fully receive Him, to yield to His Spirit that was always available to envelop Me fully and completely, and thus give Me extreme power.

When we became one, I then took on My Father's divine nature. Becoming one with My Father, taking on His Own nature, gave Me the strength to rise above any difficulty I was presented with, because that's when I could see things through the eyes of the spirit. That's when I was able to see through My Father's eyes. When I did, the things of the world grew dim, the unlimited possibilities of the spirit beamed through, and I saw that all things were possible when propelled by the power of Heaven!

All I had to do was become one with My Father and let His Spirit dwell fully in Me, that is, in My flesh, and thus I had His strength and power to pull Me through each difficult spot.

Through that little talk with My Father, and through the vision He opened to Me there on the hillside, I began to understand with My human mind what the art of rising above was all about. This is how I was to rise to triumph--by letting the Spirit of Almighty God dwell in Me, live in Me, move in Me, and lift Me above all obstacles. By becoming one with My Father, yielding completely to His Spirit, taking on His Own divine nature, I could overcome.

What is greater than all the impossible circumstances around you? God Almighty! This is how you too can rise above every seeming impossibility that presents itself to you today. Each of you who have received Me, and who have asked for My Spirit, carries with you a measure of My Spirit at all times. But when you're in dire straits, when you're faced with the impossible in these days of action, you will need to let My Spirit come into you in full strength. If you are to rise above, you must let My Spirit rest in you, completely and without reservation. You must take on My divine nature.

This concept of receiving more of My Spirit may sound familiar to you. You know the principles of what I'm telling you, and you may think, "But, Lord, we have Your Spirit and have had it all along." Yes, you have, as I too carried a good portion of My Father's Spirit with Me. But when I was fully into My most demanding ministry, when I lived through My Own era of action, I learned I needed to fully yield to His Spirit if I was to rise above. I had to let the Spirit of My Father come into Me and fully dwell in Me.

You have received My Spirit, and you do make strides to let Me dwell in you more completely all the time. But believe Me, you haven't fully understood or experienced the full extent of the matter--for now, in these days of action, you must receive more steadily, more readily, more completely. You've had glimpses; you've experienced it to a degree and you're getting closer all the time. But I tell you, dear loves, that as you now continue in the era of action, you will need to receive My Spirit in you in a greater and more complete measure. As you yield more completely, as you receive My Spirit and let it fully rest upon you, as you truly "let go and let God," as you allow Me to have free rein in your heart and mind and spirit, you will be able to rise above! This is the art of rising above--to truly let go and let Me have full sway in you! This is how you can overcome any problem, any difficulty, any impossibility!

I had to allow My Father to have full sway in My life. We had to be one; this was crucial to My survival. You must now do the same. I've been teaching you the importance of greater yieldedness and greater sensitivity to My Spirit, greater fine-tuning of your channels to be ready to receive My Words at all times, and this is what rising above is all about. The ability to rise above lies in fully receiving My Spirit in every fiber of your being; it's about letting Me freely flow through you, completely and without reservation. (1)

Rising above is a matter of the spirit; it doesn't mean self-effort and striving to overcome things in your own flesh. It means being fully yielded and surrendering yourself fully to the power of My Spirit. Only by doing this can you rise above. Yet even doing this much is so very difficult for so many. The yielding, the forsaking, the surrendering that I require for you to rise above, to truly gain victories, to overcome the impossible, takes many qualities that it is not in your human nature to possess--humility, yieldedness, faith, admitting you are nothing in yourself, believing that I am able. The power to rise above in itself is a miraculous thing, yet it is not at all "effortless." (2)

(Jesus speaking:) Rising above is the secret to success. It's the difference between forging ahead or falling behind, between success or failure, victory or defeat!

It's an offer you can't refuse. To whom much is given, much is required, and this is what I require of you, My darling, that you master this art of rising above. You've been given much; if you know these things, then happiness, joy, satisfaction and fulfillment will only come as you step out and do the things which I've revealed to you.

Rising above through the power of the keys is your future; it's to be your modus operandi. It's how you're to operate. It's how to control your actions. It's how you are to move and think--always in the "rise above" manner. It's to be your mindset, your lifestyle. It's to become part of you. The art of rising above is to be such an integral part of your life, it's to be your modus vivendi--your way of life, your style of living at all times. It's an offer you can't refuse, My love. You are to be My living proof of one who can truly rise above.

I have chosen the foolish things of this Earth--those who are not wise on their own; those who are weak and frail, incapable in themselves, what the world would call ignorant, unlearned, almost nothing. Yet with Me in you, you are everything! You are My chosen vessel, one whom I've created, that My light and power and glory might shine through you for all to see.

You have nothing to fear at the awesome prospect of rising above difficulties and the impossible and all it entails, but you have only to lean on Me and call on the power of the keys. In reality, you don't do the rising, I do. I am the One that lifts you above. I am the One that causes you to rise high above the impossible. All you have to do is yield to Me.

It's nothing of yourself. It's yieldedness. It's letting go of everything of your own, of everything of your flesh, of everything of your own feelings and emotions, and letting Me live and work and move freely in you. It's letting Me have full sway in your life, in your heart, in your mind and thoughts, in your actions. It's letting Me flow through you, freely and completely.

It means you must let go of everything that would hold you back. You must let go and let Me flow through you freely. Through the keys you have power to rise above anything and everything that would hold you down or make things difficult.

Rising above means there's no turning back, there's no halfway, there's no almost, there's no "thus far and no further." It means I want you; I must have you totally, completely, wholly, always. I want total control. I want your mind, your heart, your spirit, and your body to do with as I please. I want to be in you. I want free rein, no holds barred. I want you--every single fiber of your being.

What rising above means for you is yieldedness. It means you yielding fully and completely to My Spirit. It means you're Mine to have and to do with as I please. It means My power and life and glory will be manifested through you. It means power and fire and life and love. It means satisfaction, joy and fulfillment, knowing you're fulfilling your destiny. (3)

The Foundation Is Yieldedness

(Jesus speaking:) The primary action you need to take right now in order to advance in learning the art of rising above is to yield to Me in all the little things that come up throughout the day. There are many keys to learning to rise above, yet the foundation of each one is based in yieldedness. Yield to Me in all things, big and small, remembering if you don't yield in the little things, you'll never be able to yield in the bigger things. (4)

You have to remember the extent of My power; it is in no way limited by your earthly rules, circumstances or capabilities. I created the world and all of My marvelous, mind-boggling creation out of nothing--absolutely nothing! I started with nothing, and worked up from there. So when you look at yourself and your limitations, and even what seem to you to be very real factors, you're forgetting that I don't need much to work with. If I'm going to use you, I need your yieldedness and desperation, yes. But after that, there's no limit to what I can do. (5)

(Jesus:) As I have promised, I will never fail you; I'm always here for you. My power is unlimited. The strength of My Spirit is immeasurable, and it is all available to you personally. You just have to have the faith to reach out and grab it, take it, and claim it for yourself. Exercise your faith! Be desperate for My Spirit and My anointing and My strength to fall upon you! Yield to Me, give to Me, become Mine, and I will never fail you! (6)

If you're struggling to put on My mind; if you find it hard to focus on the power when you're hit with difficulties; if rising above seems an impossibility for you; if you toil over allowing Me full possession--then I ask you to check your prayer and praise lives. Because if those two elements are in the right place--if your desire, enthusiasm, and effort are put into these two key elements--then the rest will follow.

Making prayer and praise more of a key factor in your life takes surrender of your own

thoughts and free will. It requires that you open yourself up to Me intimately. It requires continual yieldedness and desperation in order to not lose the momentum, but to continually motivate your lives. (7)

Yes, it is hard to praise Me directly for something that's very hard or seemingly bad in your life, or in the life of someone you love. But when you find yourself in a very bad situation and choose to praise Me for it, that act of praise is an act of yieldedness and testifying to Me and others that you know I am in control, that you are My bride and I am your Husband, that you know nothing comes into your life but what is from My hand, and that if I allowed it to happen, then there must be good to be brought from it. This type of yieldedness and praise is powerful.

To only praise Me for the upside, or because you hope things are going to change, is good, but not nearly the best. The best is to be able to praise Me for the situation exactly as it is, in conjunction with praising Me for My power to bring victory in any situation. Both are needed. To praise only for how you hope things will change, or how you think I'm going to deliver you, is not full praise. It is not complete yieldedness to Me. Full yieldedness is knowing that no matter what it looks like to you, I have a plan, I have all power, and I will do what is best. Without that full yieldedness, you're in essence saying that you'll only praise Me if and when things change--and that's not full praise. (8)

That's what rising above is: It's a supernatural reaction. It's not natural to rise above. When something goes wrong, or you feel unloved or unneeded, or whatever the particular battle is, it's natural to get discouraged. But what you must do is will yourself into doing the supernatural thing and rise above. You must make the decision to fully yield and surrender yourself to the power of My Spirit. (9)

(Jesus:) The bottom line of praise and what it really means to Me when you praise Me in any situation is that you trust Me. No matter what's happening, no matter how bad the outlook is, no matter what I'm choosing to do in your life, if you can sincerely praise Me for it, that means you're putting your trust in Me completely. It's saying that you know that I know best. It's putting your life in My hands and yielding to Me in that situation, declaring that no matter what happens, you'll still say, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him" (Job 13:15).

That's what sincere praise is-surrender to Me. It's trust. It's being thankful in any situation and for whatever I have chosen to do in your life, and looking at it from My point of view. It's rising above the difficulties that surround you. Praise lifts your heart to Me and is the key to rising above. (10)

1. Rise Above! #3317:18-30
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4. Rising Above! #3379:178
5. Resting In The Lord, Part 1 #3621a:117
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