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A Website We Recommend:

https://www.fatherheart.tv/



We have been blessed by the many resources at Barry Adam's website. Barry's heart desires to freely sow the love of our good Father into people! Over 21 years ago Father gave Barry the Father's Love Letter constructed from many scripture verses that has been translated into over 100 languages and blessed millions. Barry has 6 different websites you can explore by clicking on "About Us" at the top of the website above. Ask Holy Spirit to direct you to what to read or watch, whether it's his weekly teaching videos, soaking prayer videos, sonship blog, or something else. Especially, watch a series of short videos entitled, Learning How to Be Little Again and learn how to walk as a little child being loved by Him!

Update on Africa Projects

We want to thank each of you that has either prayed for or given towards these projects! We would appreciate your continued prayers calling the money to come in and thanking Him for the finances to complete them!

- Computer Projects: Both the Kenya and Zambia pastors have a computer, projector, and screen now. They are learning how to use them!
- Chicken Project: The chickens and care taker's houses are built in Zambia. There are a few things to finish up, and then they will be ready to purchase supplies and chicks to start raising!

- Total cost for all three projects: \$9,000

- Contributions to date: \$1,705.00

Living from the Kingdom of Love

Where do you live? Recently that is the question that the Lord asked me (Sue). I knew He wasn't asking for my mailing address or my location in this world. He challenged me -Where is my heart focused each day? What we give our attention to will impact the way we live our life! If we look around us, few things are as they used to be. The past year and a half everything that can be shaken has been shaken, leaving many unsettled and challenged to adjust to all the changes. The fear, chaos, and turmoil over covid, the 2020 election, hurricanes, isolation from family, friends, and even the way we do church have tried to overwhelm people! For those of us who have accepted Jesus as our Savior and Lord, this earth/world isn't our eternal home! We are meant to be living from God's Kingdom. Jesus told us above all to seek first or chase after the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and everything else, the less important things will be given to you abundantly. Matt. 6:33 As you read this article, may He stir your heart to live with your heart centered and focused on His Kingdom which is the Kingdom of Love. Only love can remove all fear and allow you to live freely from your eternal home!

What His Kingdom is Like

I'd encourage you to read **Hebrews 12:26-29** from the Message version as it speaks of how God will do a thorough housecleaning getting rid of all that we don't need so that the unshakeable essentials of His Kingdom stand. A few months ago the Lord highlighted Colossians 1:13 and spoke it differently to me, "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, but I heard the Kingdom of love." I saw with new eyes that He has delivered/rescued us from all darkness so the devil has no more authority over us! Being "in Christ" means we are now placed in the same love that our Father has for Jesus! We are safe in His great love, but then He asked me, do you see yourself separated and free from darkness? I had to admit my heart has not fully grasped the reality of living from His Kingdom of love, but each day I am seeing myself resting more in His Love!

He so desires that we see, live, and experience His heart that is overflowing with love for us! He has always wanted His children to live in the center of love just like Father, Jesus and Holy Spirit live in an eternal dance of love and joy with each other! Abba Father always planned to share His love with us

as family. In the beginning, Adam and Eve experienced that pleasure and delight in the garden. They experienced His voice, presence, and love in the cool of the day. But then they were deceived and the eyes of their heart closed. They couldn't see His love and over generations mankind lost the reality of who and what Father is really like. Father sent His Son, Jesus, to bring His family back home by dying in our place. Jesus came preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and revealing His Father to the people. He went about doing good by healing their bodies, delivering them from darkness, providing for their physical needs and more. That is what His Kingdom is like!

Despite attending church and accepting Jesus as my Savior at 12, I didn't understand that Jesus had done everything necessary for me to come home to this Kingdom of love! I grew up thinking I needed to perform or do something to merit love. Our enemy gets us into religion where we are focused on our efforts to reach God Love's eyes, seeing our Father for who He truly is as whether it's serving others, doing what is right or avoiding what is wrong or evil. The Lord showed me I

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had lived many years of my life lost in a maze trying to do lots of good things which were all dead ends but never finding my way home to rest in His love! Our Father's Kingdom is found in *the* downward flow of every good gift that comes from above from His Kingdom of love. After many years of walking with Him, I'm learning to simply "receive and

be" His daughter who He loves, delights in, values, and approves without my doing anything!

Seeing through Love's Eyes

Many people find it difficult to see Abba Father as the loving, caring One who knew us before we were born kingdom of darkness wants to get us distracted, and has a great destiny for each of us. Read Ps. 139 and Jer. 1:5. Our Western culture has lost the reality of a heart-to-heart relationship with our good Father. Instead, today many see Jesus as a historical figure that our intellect/head sees as a spectator who watches us from a distance if they do believe He exists. Many have difficulty seeing Abba as a loving Father because we get our image of Him from our earthly parents. If the image our parents reflected was one that was harsh, distant, absent, abusive, shameful, needing to perform, etc. to merit love and value, then seeing Him and yourself with Love's eyes is probably difficult. Despite the negative images that may be in our hearts, we all have had

someone show us His love. Ask Him to show you the person/persons that showed you His love and be thankful!

Love is the substance of His Kingdom that we are meant to receive and experience! Love is only experienced in our hearts! Our wrong images of Father may cause us to fail to see ourselves through His eyes of love! Jesus told Nicodemus unless one is born again of the Spirit, he cannot see the Kingdom of God/Love." Jesus said, "Because a loveless world is a sightless world." John 14:23 Mess. Can you see He has nothing but love for you? He wants the reality of His Kingdom of love to grow and continue to enlarge our hearts to see ourselves and others through His eyes. In **Eph. 1:18** Paul prayed that "the eyes of our heart would be opened, enlightened...that the light of God would illuminate the eyes of our imagination" Jesus came to reveal the Father, saying if you have seen Me, you have seen My Father also. **John 14:9** May we read the Gospels through reflected by how Jesus walked! He is also challenging me to see myself daily walking like Jesus and representing His Kingdom of love everywhere I go!

Love vs. Fear

Our enemy wants us to look around and listen to many voices presenting fear in many forms such as death, the future, lack, and much more! Fear is a spirit that comes from the devil who comes to steal, kill, destroy and bring darkness into our

hearts and lives. But Father's Kingdom is filled with love, light, life and every good thing. The more we focus on and declare the truth about Him and His Kingdom, fear won't find a place to disturb our hearts and lives! Jesus already went to the cross and defeated our enemy forever! The discouraged, confused, as well as to stop us from reading God's Word or looking to Him. The devil is a liar and wants us to doubt or question if God really is good or cares about us. His love and Kingdom are greater than anything that we will ever face and He will never leave us alone! Remember "Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]." 1 Cor. 13:8 **AMPC**

Ask Holy Spirit to give you heart images helping you to see and experience the reality of His Kingdom: -- "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind!" 2 Timothy 1:7

-- "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear has torment." 1 John 4:18

-- "The <u>Kingdom of God</u> is not in eating and drinking, but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit!" Romans 14:17

-- "For the <u>Kingdom of God</u> is not in word, but in <u>power!</u>" 1 Corinthians 4:20

Do we realize He always planned for us to live as His much-loved sons and daughters, not as slaves or orphans without help? Jesus told His disciples not to worry about their lives, what they would eat or put on their bodies, reminding them that their Father knows what they need. Then Jesus went on to say, "Do not fear little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom." Luke 12:32 Our good Father planned a wonderful way for us to live from above and His Kingdom of Love, but that requires that we trust Him and His ways.

Trust is a big key to living and resting in His love and care! Who do you trust? How does trust grow? It comes as we get to know the character of someone, knowing that person only wants the best for us. After walking with Him for many years now, I know His heart is for me, not against me, so trust is easier! The more we trust Him by choosing to lean on, rely on and be confident in Him rather than looking to ourselves and what we think, the more we can rest in Him! Why? Because once we've experienced many times Him loving us, His protection, care and provision, trust grows! I am learning more each year who He **really is** and letting Him be those things for me – my Protector, my Healer, my Peace, my Righteousness, my Victory, my High Tower and so much more. Every day He is challenging me to name some quality that reflects who He is for me that day. Then I record those on a calendar so I can go back over them! My heart connection with Him has increased from doing this on a regular basis!

Earlier this year, Abba showed me an image of His big heart, pulsing with love for each of us! He is just looking for an opening in my heart and yours that will freely receive His love without feeling the need to earn it! I was taught as a young girl how to give to others and be a blessing, but I didn't learn the importance of "freely receive!" We must receive something first in order to have something to give!

1 John 4:19 says, "We love because He first loved us!" Today start receiving His love and live loved, giving no place to fear! Father is for us, not against us, even giving up His Son to die in our place so that now He freely offers us all things! I encourage you to read Romans 8:31-39 asking Him to give you a greater

revelation of the fact that nothing can ever separate you from the extravagant love He has for you!

The Kingdom of Love Within You

We are meant to live from the Kingdom of Love that has taken up residence inside of our hearts! "...The Kingdom of God does not come with observation... for indeed, the Kingdom of God is within you!"

Luke 17:20-21 Jesus wants us to look to Him and His Kingdom receiving what He is freely giving. He also taught us to pray to our Father saying, "Your Kingdom come, Your will be done!" His will is for love to fill the whole earth! We are meant to live in His love so that the world will know we are His disciples because of our love for one another. John 13:35 But how do we live loved every day? The more I keep my eyes on Jesus and set my mind on things above, the easier it is to see others the way He does, then we can continue walking in love, not fear!

Learning to live each day from His Kingdom becomes easier if I let Him be my big Father and I live as His child! Jesus told us the greatest in the Kingdom are those who come as humble little children.

Matt. 18:1-4 The word child, in Hebrew means a young toddler. A young child lives innocent, carefree, loved, simply receives what they need and depends fully on their parents to take care of them! Our good Father wants us to live that way too! Place your hand on your heart saying, "Father, thank you for filling me with Your love right now!" Freely receive all you need!

Wherever you are in your journey, let Him take you to a deeper, intimate heart relationship!

We have an eternal home with our Father forever! His Kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom and has no end! Ps. 145:13 Wow! I get excited just thinking about what I have experienced so far knowing it's just a little taste of what He has in store for each of His family! Yet, my heart is compelled to share His never-ending, extravagant love with anyone who crosses my path! In 2 Cor. 5:18-20 Paul tells us that Jesus Christ came to settle the relationship between us and Him and then called us to share that truth with others. We are meant to live as ambassadors for Christ! Ambassadors live with all their needs supplied by their home country. May we each experience and live from His secure unshakeable Kingdom of Love! As we live from His love, we can reflect who He truly is and invite others to come home to love too!

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A Father's Blessing for Experiencing More of His Kingdom of Love

I bless you to walk in the reality of being delivered from the kingdom of darkness and translated into His Kingdom of Love. May the eyes of your heart be open to seeing your good, loving Father for all that He is and begin to see the joy and delight you bring Him! I pray that you keep your eyes on Jesus and your mind set on things above. May your heart-to-heart connection with Him grow so that you are rooted and grounded in His love with nothing being able to shake you, cause you to fear, or separate you from His love. I bless you to become childlike again learning to receive His love and all that you need from Him. Finally, may you live loved and share His love with those that cross your path!

