



THE LOVE LETTER

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Fatherheart "A School" is Coming to State College, PA!



Abba's Arms International, Inc. is co-sponsoring with Unity Church of Jesus Christ a week-long "A School" by Fatherheart Ministries of New Zealand here **March 11-17, 2012.** You will be immersed for six days in the Father's Love by an anointed and trained staff from Fatherheart Ministries based in New Zealand, led by its directors James and Denise Jordan. Trevor Galpin, who you may have heard share on the Father's love here in February and December, 2011, will also be speaking during the school

The A school is designed so that you can be <u>restored into an authentic, intimate and experiential relationship with Father</u>, and understand His Fatherly love for you. The basis of receiving this revelation is through the heart. Therefore, Father God needs time to remove blockages in our heart, which keep us from continuously experiencing His fathering heart of love towards us. Come and find out what Christianity is really all about and discover the awesome freedom from earthly limitations available to true sons and daughters. The Fatherheart Schools are a life-transforming, heart-changing, eye-opening and completely paradigm-shifting experience. **Walking with God will never be the same again!!!**

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In His Presence Part II

If you read my last article for the fourth quarter of last year, you will remember that I (Rick) wrote on being In His Presence as a new revelation and challenge for me to walk in closer fellowship and awareness of His presence in my life. Well, as I have begun this new adventure, the Father has continued to download more ideas and aspects of what it means to live in His presence all the time. In the last article I wrote about how being in His presence will bring fullness of joy and the pleasures of life.

Living in His love helps cast out all fear and builds confidence and boldness that He will be there for us in times of need or troubles. His presence will bring healing, peace, and rest even in the midst of our busy lives and the difficult circumstances caused by the fallen condition of our world. And I finished with the reality that, as we spend time in His presence, we will build a strong Father-son or Father-daughter relationship with Him. In this article I would like to explore some more thoughts about what it means to live in His presence all of the time.

The Impossible Becomes Possible!

This is not to imply that we can do anything by ourselves because, without Him, we are nothing, we can do nothing, and we have nothing. But with Christ working in us and through us, we can do all things by His strength. (Phil. 4:13) In Eph. 3:20 Paul expands this image a little more when he tells us that He is able to do "exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think..." and it is "according to the power that works in us!" Paul is speaking to every believer out there who has made Jesus Christ the Lord and Savior of their life. That includes you and me!

The Omnipotent Father of limitless possibilities (both in number and scope!) has chosen to come and live inside of us. Wow! Pause a while and think about what that should mean to you and the situations, tests, or trials that you may be walking through right now. His power working in you is more than enough to make you victorious in whatever you put your hand to do!

In **John 14:23** Jesus tell us that if we love Him, we will keep His word and both He and the Father will come and

live inside of us – the very center of our being. We need to live our life with Jesus and the Father, who is love, at the center of it. But it also takes faith. In **Eph. 3:16-19** we find out that Christ dwells in our heart through faith and the Holy Spirit strengthens us with might in the inner man. It is this faith and love that become the power in us through which the Father is able to do these great and mighty things. In His Presence the impossible becomes possible in our lives!

We Receive Our True Identity

In Romans 8:19 Paul tells us that "...creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God." Because of the wounding and fatherlessness in our world, there is an identity crisis about who we really are, whether it's our sexual orientation, our position in the Kingdom, our authority as a believer, or the plan and calling He has for our lives. I know in my own situation that it was not until I had my heart healed and started to develop an intimate relationship with my heavenly Father that I began to see who I really am and the real calling that He has placed on my life. Before I really knew the Father, I had pursued the desire in my heart, which I now believe



was put there by the Father, to become a fishery biologist. And I had a great deal of success and satisfaction working in that field for 33 years. I see those 33 years as a time of preparation and training for what He has called Sue and I to do now.

I can remember a time of worship several years ago when I was in His Presence and He showed me a man walking with a small toddler by his side. I was touched by the scene as I wondered who the little boy was, and then the Father spoke to me in a clear voice inside, "That's you, my son, walking beside me!" I was overwhelmed by a flood of His love for me and began to cry for the first time since I was a little boy. It was my first revelation that I was a son of the Father and He would always be right there beside me. In His Presence we receive our true identity as sons and daughters!

As sons and daughters, it is easy for us to see that our Father is there to protect us and provide for our every need. As a perfect Father, He will teach and train us in the way that we should go and re-parent us in every area that we were not parented in the right way growing up. As our Father, He continually gives us every good and perfect gift from above and speaks blessings over us. He imparts His blessing and anointing on us to become His representatives and ambassadors in the world so that all men will come to know Him as their Father too. In His Presence He helps us find our calling and purpose in life, and He points us in the direction to fulfill our destiny in the Kingdom as sons and daughters.

Part of a father's blessing to his children is that he gives them his name and all the authority, rights, and privileges that come with that name. To be the son or daughter of someone who has great influence, authority, wealth, or position usually produces respect, favor, and good things happening in their life. As believers, we have been given a name that is above every name (Phil. 2:9), and all power and authority has been given to us through Jesus Christ (Matt. 28:18-19). In His Presence He blesses us and

gives us His name backed with all the power and authority that Jesus provided for us through the finished work of the cross. In Him you become a person of significance!

When we also become aware of Jesus' Presence in our life, the reality of the finished work of the cross becomes even stronger in our spirits. We realize that all of our sins (past, present, and future) are forgiven; our past is cut off; we are cleansed of all unrighteousness; and He takes all sicknesses, diseases, and infirmities on His own body. We can see ourselves as the Father sees us through the finished work of the cross. In His Presence we become the pure and spotless bride of Christ.

Jesus said, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him." John 14:23 As sons and daughters we are aware of His love for us and we will want to keep His Word. We will not want to do anything that would not be pleasing to Him. As the Holy Spirit bears witness with our spirit, we hear Him whisper in our ear, "Daddy's little girl forgives and walks in



love."
"Daddy's little
boy honors
the truth and
respects his
mother and
father." In
His Presence

we are motivated not to sin, but to do what is right and to do things that will bring glory and honor to our Father!

Besides seeing ourselves as a son or daughter, In His Presence we also begin to get the image of who we really are as a person on the inside. Too often the image that we have of ourselves has been influenced by the world's standards and negativity, what others think or say about us, past experiences or failures, and the "false self" that we put on to protect our self from the pain and rejection from our past. We are afraid to discover who we really are for fear that we or others will not like what they see. We

find ourselves walking parallel to our real self. That is why the Father instructed Joshua to meditate on the Word both day and night until he got rid of the past images of himself 40 years earlier when he spied out the land and saw the giants and strong fortresses and walled cities. (Jos. 1:2-9)

Being In His Presence as he meditated on the Word, Joshua saw himself as the Father did, a strong, confident, bold warrior well able to take the land that the Father had promised him. Joshua was also able to learn the Father's heart and hear His instructions on how to take the land. In His Presence you too will see yourself as the Father sees you and hear His heart about your future.

Emmanuel!

Having just finished the Christmas season, we are all familiar with Gabriel's conversation with Mary about Jesus where he quotes the prophesy from **Is. 6:7** "...they shall call his name Emmanuel." This Greek word is a combination of three shorter words: "Em" – with, "An" – us, and "El" – God. Emmanuel literally means "God with us." From the Old Testament every Jew knew the significance of having God "with them."

When God was with them, they won every battle, even against great odds, they received provision, even when there was none in the natural, and many good things happened to them. Sometimes they did not need to fight their enemies, their enemies were still defeated before them. When their backs were up against the Red Sea, He parted it for them and destroyed the Egyptian army. When they shouted, the walls of Jericho fell down. However in times of rebellion and disobedience, they withdrew from His Presence and they suffered great losses, hardships and problems. But even though it seemed that God had withdrawn His hand from them during these times. He kept His covenant with them and kept them from completely being annihilated.

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Even in the midst of your worst day or darkest sin done by you or to you, He was there and will always be there with you. In **Heb 13:5** Father promises that He will never leave us or forsake us. When Father looks at us, He sees us through the finished work of the cross. He sees our righteousness because Jesus took all of our unrighteousness on the cross. Every sin that we have ever committed or ever will commit has already been covered by Jesus shed blood.

In His Presence every enemy that comes against you is defeated, every problem will be solved, and every situation and circumstance will work out for your good. The Holy Spirit will bear witness with your spirit that you are a son or daughter of the Father and He will take care of your every need. In His Presence you will have the boldness, confidence, and trust to take action and know that He will be there with you.

He Directs Our Paths

When we acknowledge His Presence in our life, He will direct our paths. (Prov. 3:6) In Is. 58:11 it says that Father will guide us continuously into all truth. The Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. (Ps. 119:105) When we are in His Presence we can be assured that He will lead us in our decisions and show us the way that we should go. We need to invite Father into every decision that we make and look for the peace inside as the witness in our spirit that this is the right choice. If there is no peace, then wait or seek another direction or solution to the problem. Being aware of His Presence is also being aware of the Holy Spirit in us. The Holy Spirit only hears what the Father is speaking and will show us things to come. (John 16:13)

Looking back on my own life, I can see the many times that the Father was directing my path and showing me the right way to go. There have been many people who have sown into my life and changed the direction that I was going.

Doors were opened to reveal the talents that He has put in my life, and He has changed my heart In His Presence. Even when I was not aware of His Presence, I now know that He was there just the same to pick me up and keep me from making any bigger mistakes than I already had in my life. I thank Father for His Presence in my life!

Being aware of His Presence can also defuse the heated arguments that tend to flair up in relationships. If you can see Jesus or the Father standing behind the other person and listening to your argument, it might help you to respond out of your spirit rather than your flesh! The awareness of His Presence can help in all of life's situations to avoid making judgments, being critical of others, falling for temptations, or responding in anger, rebellion, or distrust. In His Presence we would be much more careful with our words and more sensitive to how we are affecting others. In His Presence we would begin to see others the way the Father sees them.

Out of Control!

One of the biggest hindrances to us walking by faith in the supernatural is our fear of loosing control of the situation or being out of control. Bill Johnson in his book When Heaven Invades Earth says, "..we reject what we can't control." When we are in control, we are usually outside of His control! Trust in the Father is replaced by reasoning and logic. We substitute being led by the Spirit with being led by our intellect and natural understanding. Personal experience is replaced with just reading or hearing about it. We settle for what is comfortable and easily achievable rather than letting go and allowing Father to take us to a higher level where we begin to do the works that Jesus did and greater works than these!

However, in His Presence we can let go of our lesser self, the one filled with fears and doubts, and let Father be in control of our lives. We must

place a priority on being in His Presence all of the time so that we can have complete trust in Him. We won't learn to hear His voice by just reading about the Father, but we can learn His voice as we spend time together and talk with each other. Each day's encounters with Him take us deeper into our relationship with Him. We must be willing to live beyond reason and let go of the past. We have to let Him take over our lives and to take us where He wants us to go. We must move with Him like the feather that moves with the wind. As Bill Johnson says, "His nature is powerful and righteous, but His ways cannot be controlled. He is unpredictable!" We have to allow Him to makes us uncomfortable and move us in the direction of our calling. In His Presence we are transformed more and more into the image of Jesus Christ.





Prayer: Father, I thank You for your presence in my life. As Your son/ daughter I covet our time together each day as I learn more about You and experience more of Your love in my life. Being in Your presence has helped me to begin to love myself and love others. In Your presence I feel safe and secure protected from all evil and provided for by Your abundant supply in my life. I thank You for affirming my masculinity and femininity and my identity as either a man or woman. In Your presence my path is clear before me and you help me to make right choices in every decision or situation that confronts me. I fully yield all of my life to You and let You be in control of my destiny and purpose in life. I thank You for being there every time I need You or when I need your comforting love. In Jesus Name, Amen.

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Father's Blessing:

I bless you with more revelation and understanding of what it means to live in His Presence all of the time. In His Presence the impossible becomes possible in your life and circumstances. With Father by your side, you can do all things well to His glory and honor. With Him nothing shall be impossible or too difficult for you, to you or through you to meet the needs of others. As you practice His Presence every day, Father's voice will become clearer and more recognizable to you, and you will be able to hear the Holy Spirit's directions and instructions for you. In His Presence you will be affirmed in your masculinity and femininity with the proper balance and you will be able to fully identify with your maleness or femaleness. As you yield control of your life into His hands, you will experience the fullness of His blessings and experience the supernatural power of the Father working in you and through you. You will be a natural extension of His Divine presence in this world.





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