

# *Fresh Oil Releases*

## Making Pearls

In order to leave the old chapter behind and transition into the glorious freedom of the sons of God, we must in all areas be conformed to the pattern Son, Jesus! It is time to finally tie off all loose ends in the forgiveness department as the dawn of a new day sheds its glorious light upon us.

I love the way the Holy Spirit uses the experiences we go through to teach us profound spiritual truths. I had one such encounter recently. In my kitchen at home, I was having a conversation with some people who are close to me as we prepared for a social event at my house. Suddenly one of them walked off shaking his head and when I asked why, he spun round and began to rant and rave at me in such a violent manner that all present were embarrassed and didn't know where to look. Reams of verbal abuse flowed out of his mouth and afterwards I went to my bedroom, very shaken by the viciousness of the unwarranted attack from a fellow believer. Because I was expecting a lot of visitors very shortly and being unable to pray or even speak properly, I phoned a trusted friend and asked her to intercede for me. Within an hour, strength began to return to my heart and I managed to get through the evening, in spite of the fact that the person responsible was part of the group we were hosting.

The next morning I went off to a local fellowship, desperate for some communal worship to restore my bruised heart. As the music played and voices rose in unison I poured out my heart before the Lord. Suddenly I began to see a pearly substance flowing and enveloping people and I heard the phrase 'mother of pearl'. Then the Holy Spirit reminded me that the gates of the Heavenly Jerusalem are made of pearls. These gates are the entrance to the City, the way through which people enter and become part of the Bride of Christ. I began to hear the Father's heart - "I want to make you a Mother of Pearl. Just as the oyster envelops the grain of sand with a pearly substance, so too I want you to enfold and embrace those who enter your life and cause you pain and irritation with my grace and truth. The grains of sand are those who are the sons of Abraham by faith, yet who have not become stars in the sky as yet. They are soulish and immature and led by their earthly natures. They are swept into your inner sanctum by the tides and turns of life and your first instinct is to thrust them far from you, to protect your tender heart. This is the voice of self-preservation.

Yet I say to you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who spitefully use you, love your enemies. Enfold them in the same grace and truth that Christ brought when He first walked the earth. Show that you are children of your Father in Heaven for He rains on the just and the unjust. For did I not so love the world that while they were yet SINNERS, I sent My Son to lay down His life for them? While they were yet controlled by their fleshly lusts, I sent my Beloved Son to walk among them, full of grace and truth. I did not wait until they were acceptable and pleasant in My sight. While yet in their uncleanness and fleshly ways, I reached out in love.

When you enfold and embrace these irritating ones who grate at your soul and cause you extreme discomfort, you ensure that they too become part of My city - for right in the center of the pearl is found that tiny grain of sand. Is not this how Love covers a multitude of sins? Not by ignoring or hiding sin, but by forgiving it. Just as Christ was the first door to My city, the Pearl of Great Price and hid you in Himself so that you would be acceptable to Me; so too, as you enfold and love these ones and allow grace and truth to flow from the Christ nature within you, will they see the Father through you and desire to become hidden in Christ, reflecting only the beauty of the nature of the Son.

I want to make you a gate to the New Jerusalem. I want to make your life an entry point for the unlovely ones - for without your embrace, without your forgiveness and grace, they will never be lifted above the earthly plans of existence to the heights of the Bride who has prepared herself for her Husband, descending out of heavenly places. Show them a higher way. When you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven. When you move in My kind of love, you make Me visible. When you are willing to extend grace, you open the door for Me to minister Truth to them. When you lay down your rights and forego your need for recompense from these, you release the power of the Blood that paid the price for all sin. When you return good for evil and blessing for curse, you are showing yourself to be of full age, a mature son who accurately reflects the heart of his Father. When you agree with your adversary, no matter how small the grain of truth may be in his accusations, you neutralize the power of the enemy to hurt you by his words - you take the weapon that was formed against you to destroy you and you turn it into a tool to bless you.

I call you to a higher place; a higher standard, the standard of My Love. When the enemy comes in like a flood, this is the standard I will raise against him. Learn the power of My Love; learn its power to reconcile men to Me. For you enter the days when brother will turn against brother and your enemies will be members of your own household. You must be rooted and grounded in MY Love which is full of grace of truth for I love them even as I love you and don't want them to perish but to come to repentance. Walk in My Love, walk in grace and forgiveness and you will shine like stars as you lead many to righteousness.

Will you be a gate to My city or will you shut the door of heaven in men's faces? Will you only love those who love you or will you be a child of your Father in Heaven? Will you close your heart to the unkind and the unlovely or will you be merciful as your Father is merciful? I wish to make you a Mother of Pearl, a mother full of My nature and My grace, a mother who is an open door to Me. Will you be a door opened in Heaven that others may receive the call to come up higher and see My throne and I who sit on it?"

After this intense download, we were singing the song 'Above all powers' and when the chorus came, instead of the words 'crucified, laid behind a stone...', I heard the Spirit singing these words to the same tune:

'Greater love has no man than this  
To lay his life down for his friends  
And so you, go and do the same  
that men may know that you are mine  
One and all.'

Beloved, I believe the Spirit of the Lord is calling us as the Body of Christ to a higher standard than we have walked in the past. He is calling us to rise above the standard of vengeance and justice and retribution and to begin to walk as never before by the standard of His Love. He who was able to call His betrayer 'friend' even as he came to arrest Him, is calling us as His Bride, to lay down our rights and our need for payback and also our mental lawsuits against one another in the Body of Christ - and truly become those in whom the nature of the Father is seen; to become those who are willing to wash the feet of our Judases because we are those who overcome evil with good. This we cannot accomplish in our own strength but only by dying to self, that the nature of Christ may flow from every wound we receive.

Here are some scriptures the Lord quickened to me in the following days as I wrestled with this message. I was not even sure I wanted to help these grains of sand who were causing me so much grief to become part of the heavenly City! I really didn't relish the thought of spending eternity with them - that was a sobering revelation I can tell you!

And then I was faced with my own poverty of heart and the depth to which I needed the Holy Spirit to shed His love abroad in my heart. However, I found the key in agreeing with my adversary. The instant I swallowed my pride and acknowledged that there was just one tiny grain of truth hidden in that vicious attack, I found the thorn removed and the liberating healing power of the love of God begin to flood my soul toward that person. I even became grateful for the outburst for it had shown me something I had not seen in myself. What the enemy had intended for evil, God turned for my good and blessing. May your experience be the same.

Selah

*1Jo 4:10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation concerning our sins. 1Jo 4:11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. 1Jo 4:12 No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwells in us, and His love is perfected in us.*

*1Pe 3:8 And finally, all be of one mind, having compassion on one another, loving the brothers, tenderhearted, friendly. 1Pe 3:9 Never give back evil for evil, or reviling for*

*reviling, but on the contrary, giving blessing, knowing that you are called to this so that you might inherit blessing.*

*Dan 12:3 And those who are wise shall shine as the brightness of the sky; and those who turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever.*