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Sever All Ties to the Ordinary July 11, 2017 Suzi Armstrong

God is giving us grace to live a whole new life. It is time to live a life without limitations. No longer confined by fears, no longer confined by what other people think or say, no longer confined by personal preference, culture or social status. God is saying remove all restrictions. Our God is the God of the impossible. Think possibilities. Allow the Spirit of God to fill you with witty ideas, dreams and vision of the future. Allow the Spirit of God to lead your everyday walk supernaturally – into total reliance and connection to God – doing EVERYTHING by His power.

Sever all ties with the ordinary. Stay in the Spirit even when doing natural things. It will change the natural things. The life you live is the water you will give. It is the footprint that you will leave as you walk your walk. Live an extraordinary life that extraordinary acts of God flow through in everything you do.



There is a subtle shifting in and out of reliance upon God that can happen without us even being conscious of it. We often live as ordinary men shifting into our spiritual man to pray or worship or do spiritual things. To sever all ties with the ordinary means that EVERYTHING we do – whether it is washing windows or shopping at the store or driving the car or having a conversation at work – is done staying in the Spirit, connected to the supernatural flow of heaven, constantly receiving the frequency of heaven.

1 Corinthians 3.3-4

³for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and **are you not walking like mere men?** ⁴For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not *mere men*?

- What is a mere man? It is someone living in dependence upon the world.
- A mere man has only natural things as his resources.
- We are supernatural because Christ is in us and we have the Holy Spirit.

Romans 12.1-3 Message

¹⁻²So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: **Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering.** Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. **Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God.** You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. **Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.**

³I'm speaking to you out of deep gratitude for all that God has given me, and especially as I have responsibilities in relation to you. **Living then, as every one of you does, in pure grace,** it's important that you not misinterpret yourselves as people who are bringing this goodness to God. No, God brings it all to you. **The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us,** not by what we are and what we do for him.

Severing all ties to the ordinary requires stepping into FULLNESS of TRUSTING GOD.

Hebrews 3.6b-8

⁶ **...hold fast our confidence and the boast [rejoice] of our hope** firm until the end.

⁷ Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says,

"TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,

⁸ **DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS** AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME,
AS IN THE DAY OF TRIAL IN THE WILDERNESS,

- Hold fast our confidence means to trust the Lord. The root word that confidence comes from in the Greek means free to move.
- When we trust in the Lord we are free to move – nothing of the world is holding us back. All limitations are broken.
- We can step into FULLNESS of TRUST.
- FULLNESS of TRUST is KEY.
- Full wholehearted trust where fear is broken in our lives on an experiential level. Fear no longer deters us or paralyzes us. No chains holding us down.
- When we walk as mere ordinary people we don't always hear what God is speaking. Sometimes we are not aware of the frequency of heaven. So we do our own thing because we are flowing in the natural.
- The Israelites sin was not trusting God.

Proverbs 3.5-8

⁵ **Trust in the LORD with all your heart**

And do not lean on your own understanding.

⁶ **In all your ways** acknowledge Him,

And **He will make** your paths straight.

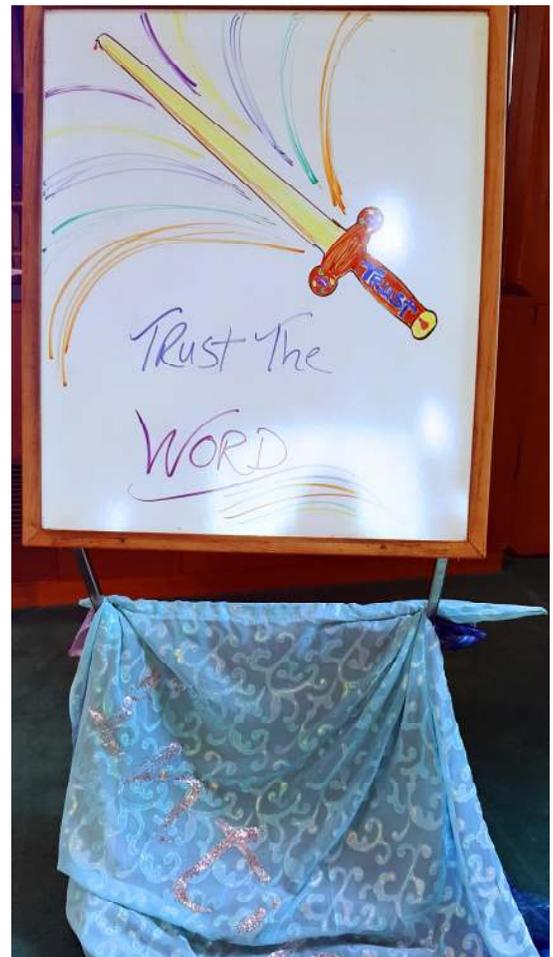
⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes;

Fear the LORD and turn away from evil.

⁸ **It will be healing to your body**

And refreshment to your bones.

- Trust means to gaze continuously with confident expectation that God is able. His arm is not too short. God is FOR US.
- Do not lean on your own understanding to do and live. Do not use your natural insight and discernment to live your daily life. We are supernatural, being able to hear the frequency of heaven – that directs our path.
- In ALL your ways... Do this in EVERYTHING. Then you will not live as mere men relying on the world, confined by your natural knowledge, culture and experiences – these are restrictions and limitations that do not belong to us when we are in Christ.
- When you step into FULL TRUST you open yourself for the gifts of the Spirit to flow continuously in your life. This is how Jesus walked. The gifts of the Spirit flowed through Him continuously. Word of knowledge, discerning of spirits, wisdom, healing, miracles, faith, etc.
- WOW! Trusting God – keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus – that continuous gazing at Him, hearing the sound of heaven and walking according to that HEALS OUR BODY! Healing and strength just flow into us as we trust God.
- Don't try to figure it all out – trust God. Wait upon the Lord when needed. Walk in the fear of the Lord. He is sovereign and we ARE a chosen people who belong to Him. We are sons of the most High God!





Romans 8.37-39

³⁷ But **in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.** ³⁸ For **I am convinced** that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- This is the picture of walking free from restrictions and natural limitations.
- In ALL things... This is in EVERYTHING. All that the world would say is natural, we can walk in FULL trust opening every door in us to be filled to overflowing with EXTRAORDINARY miracles pouring through us regularly.
- Positioned to receive the latter rain. Living in the deep of God.
- WE OVERWHELMINGLY CONQUER... Living a life through the extraordinary power of Christ in us conquers all opposition, all oppression, all shut doors in the natural.

God is calling us deeper. These are new levels – don't think, "I already know this" or "I already do this". This is a NEW depth, a new dimension. And God is giving us specific grace to step into these NEW levels that He is opening up. This is equipping us for the NEXT and the NOW. We are being formed for the NEW. This is part of the forming.

We are called out ones, predestined, to live this EXTRAORDINARY life in Christ, fully trusting God, free from all natural limitations. What causes our frustration? Natural limitations and restrictions that are blocking our way. So stop living that life filled with frustration. Sever all ties to the ordinary. Step into FULLNESS of TRUST in GOD for EVERYTHING. What do you do with the frustration and anxiety? Don't give it space to inhabit your thoughts or your physical body. The word is medicine. In Proverbs 3, it says that trusting God will bring health and strength to your body. Linger in the word and let it absorb into the very cells of your body. Jesus said, it is written... Man does not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds (that is the NOW sound of heaven) out of the mouth of God. The word is near us – it is in our heart and in our mouth. Believe in your heart (trust) and confess with your mouth.

See through the lens of heaven. View all of your circumstances seated far above all powers and principalities and the flesh. Nothing is impossible with God. Walk through the city with all ties to the ordinary severed and see what our God can do! Stay in the Spirit even when doing natural things. It will change the natural. This is flowing continually in the miraculous of God and depositing that into our city and into our once ordinary life everywhere we go. Everywhere the sole of your foot treads will be yours because we walk by the Spirit and not by the flesh.

