

KOKOMO CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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Thou wilt shew me the path of life... (Ps. 16:11)

It seems like we need to be shown the path of life, for it is hidden. It cannot be perceived by the natural mind, nor even the awakened but unlearned mind. It has to be revealed to us by the Spirit. He desires to reveal it to us, and He will, as we seek Him. Many believers, it seems, are missing the path of life because they have their minds set on what they want. *For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace* (Rom 8:5-6 KJV). *Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires* (Eph 4:22 ESV).

This path of life is so simple that it confounds the wise, and it lies in death. Paul prayed that he would be “being made conformable unto His death.” Jesus’ death was a voluntary one. His death released resurrection life and the fulfillment of God’s purposes in the ages. His death required a restraint of all His powers to allow it to happen.

How many opportunities a day do we have to voluntarily remain in situations that are undesirable to ourselves without stretching forth our hands to deliver ourselves? Perhaps it is such an immediate reaction in us to avoid “death” that we have not even given it much thought. But are we missing the very path of life that the Lord is setting before us daily? We are to walk by faith, not by sight, or reason, or personal preference. If we stay on our crosses, and maintain communion with Him, I do not believe it will be long before He shows us life.

Pastor Nicky

**Home Group’s
October 4th
5:00 P.M.**

**October 11th
Worship at
Sycamore Reformed
Presbyterian
Church
6:00 PM**

**Pastor Appreciation
Sunday
October 18th
5:30 Cook Out
at the church**

**Baby Shower
Brunch
Sarah Dennis
October 24th**

**Revive Indiana
October 1, 8, 15th
Zion United
Methodist Church
7 am Prayer
8 am Breakfast
9 am Go Out**

**Revive Indiana
October 24th
Howard Miami
Mennonite Church
7 am Prayer
8 am Breakfast
9 am Go Out
Noon Prayer
1 pm Lunch
2 pm Go Out**

Chapter 23 Waiting on God

Loran W. Helm

In waiting on the Lord we are brought to brokenness, if we can remain steady and quiet long enough. Sometimes it takes a long while to break us up. It comes by waiting upon God. To wait on God is worth more than all the gold in the land, all the pearls in the sea, and all the diamonds in the earth. **This is the secret of revival in the church**, for if the people of the church are willing to wait upon God, it won't be long before they are confessing their criticisms. Tender hearts will be confiding to neighbors: "Oh, you didn't know it, but I criticized you a year ago. It grieved God's heart terribly and I am sorry." Repentant souls will tell pastors: "I talked about you to my companion and I can see now I was out of divine order. Please forgive me."

If you say one critical word about anyone, you have grieved the Holy Spirit. If I were to criticize or find fault about any person to my wife--in any way, at any time-- I would grieve the Holy Spirit. He could not use me in God's Kingdom until I repented of that.

Someone may ask, "How do you keep from criticizing?" The only way is to have the spirit of criticism removed and cleansed out of us by the blood of Jesus. Another may say, "I just find myself complaining about this person and murmuring about that problem." It is because a fault-finding spirit is in your heart. This must be taken out of the inner life, for it will damage the church, causing it to be barren, dark, and unattractive.

Some people claim to be filled with the Holy Spirit, but they find fault with others. The Holy Spirit does not live in people who criticize and find fault with anyone. He is grieved with them. The Holy Spirit lives in a gentle, broken, obedient heart, which loves Jesus with all its strength. **If people in a congregation find fault with each other in secret, God cannot bless them in worship or anywhere else.** I know this is not popular to say, but we must know the truth, because the truth will set us free.

Whenever there is conflict in a Christian group it is because of a carnal spirit. The Holy Spirit does not lead along the lines of contention or argument. The apostle Paul clearly indicates this when he admonished young Timothy: "And the servant of the Lord must not be quarrelsome--fighting and contending," the Amplified version puts it. "Instead he must be kindly to every one and mild-tempered, preserving the bond of peace; he must be a skillful and suitable teacher, **patient** and **forbearing** and **willing to suffer wrong**. He must correct his opponents **with courtesy and gentleness...**" The Holy Spirit is always grieved when there is division, conflict, or fault-finding in a so-called Christian fellowship.

God will soon reveal to all waiting souls that we must not criticize or murmur about anything or anyone, for He said in the second chapter of Philippians: "Do all things without murmurings and disputings: that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God without

rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world...”

One of the primary sins that has caused the church to be barren (which indicates that the power of God is not in her midst) is this spirit of criticism or finding fault. This grieves God. Whenever you find yourself picking at people, remember that this is carnal and you need to be cleansed from it through the Holy Spirit and the blood of Jesus Christ. God cannot live in a life that is critical, hateful, impatient, jealous, angry, or spiteful. We learn this in depth only as we wait upon the Lord.

God absolutely does not want us to criticize or find fault with each other. If Satan can tempt two or three persons in a congregation to murmur or complain about one another, the demons are laughing in hell, because they have that church right where they want it. I repeat: **the spirit of criticism must perish.** It must be removed out of us in order that we may see revival and be used of the Holy Spirit.

How can we rid ourselves of these evil tendencies? Well, we cannot. It is not in us to do it. It is only by the Holy Ghost who lives in us. We are lifted above the critical spirit by obeying every leading of the Holy Spirit; by trusting the Lord with all our heart; by reading the Word daily, praying faithfully, and praising the Lord frequently. By His Love, we surmount and resist criticism. When our heart is filled with love and holiness, a critical spirit is a stranger. In the humble, broken, and contrite heart, the spirit of criticism is unwelcome and resisted.

In this school of Waiting we also learn adaptability; how to adjust ourselves to the conditions we are in; how to follow Christ with wisdom.

“Waiting on God is paramount and indispensable.
It is as urgent to true Christianity as
breathing is to the body.”

(Excerpt Loran W. Helm: [A Voice in the Wilderness](#) Chapter 23 Waiting on God pp 235-237)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Revive at Zion United Methodist 7 Prayer 8 Breakfast 9 Go Out Ruth Smith's Birthday Church 7:00	2	3 Church Work Day 9:00 AM
4 Church 10:00 Home Group Dinners 5:00 PM	5	6	7	8 Revive at Zion United Methodist 7 Prayer 8 Breakfast 9 Go Out Church 7:00	9	10 Women's Jail Service 9:00-10:45 am
11 Church 10:00 Evening Service at the Sycamore Reformed Presbyterian Church 6:00 PM	12	13 Marilyn B. Birthday	14	15 Revive at Zion United Methodist Church 7 Prayer 8 Breakfast 9 Go Out Church 7:00	16 Kokomo Rescue Mission Service 7:00 PM	17
18 Church 10:00 Pastor Appreciation Sunday 5:30 PM Cook Out	19 Jaiden Rudd's Birthday	20 Tim & Barbara Hicks Anniversary Gideon Kidwell's Birthday	21	22 Church 7:00	23	24 Revive at Howard Miami Mennonite 7 Prayer 8 Breakfast 9 Go Out Noon Prayer 1 Lunch 2 Go Out Sarah Dennis Baby Shower Brunch
25 Church 10:00 Building Fund Offering North Woods Commons 5:30 PM	26	27	28	29 Marcia Schultze's Birthday Church 7:00	30 Luke Dennis's Birthday	31 Truth or Treat Outreach DayLight Saving Time Set your clocks back 1 hour