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Welcome / Prayer

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Review – Paul travailed over the churches, desiring that they know Jesus

Gal 4: 19 My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you

Paul is talking about the unrealized gains we have (hope), of the glorified body and even creation groaning for the revelation of the sons of God

Ro 8:26 ¶ In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;

and again

2Cor5:1 For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For indeed in this house we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven, 3 inasmuch as we, having put it on, will not be found naked. 4 For indeed while we are in this tent, we groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed but to be clothed, so that what is mortal will be swallowed up by life. 5 Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave to us the Spirit as a pledge.

As we grow in Christ and mature in Him, it's only 'natural' for us to want the same things for others as God does

In other words, when His seed takes effect in our lives, there is evidence of intimacy – a change of our hearts toward things HE loves.

This means your prayer life SHOULD be changing from

- me me me me me me me

to

- God, what about that guy and all his problems?

We then give ourselves over to praying for others. This is the groaning, dealing with the birthing process.

The bride was memememememe and became concerned for others (we have a little sister)

The birthing process – serene, like eating an ice cream cone? Is there travail there? (yes)

Can a woman who wants a baby simply put a sheet over her legs and scream?

What must happen first?

(intimacy)

The travail is the result of what *can't NOT* happen, what cannot be stopped, once the seed within her bears fruit in her womb and that life comes to term – not before and not without.

Travailing cannot be helped when it is caused by intimacy.

So on one hand, we can ALL show up to a Wed prayer meeting only,

- not have a relationship with Jesus
- not have a burden for the lost given by him.
- We can show up and really travail for the lost!!
- We can leave saying we travailed for the lost!

But this does no good.

Conversely, one cannot fall in love with Jesus, experience regular intimacy with Him and NOT have this burden birthed within us resulting in travail that brings the life of Christ into others.

One might think of revival as the result of our intimacy with Jesus.

It's not God's job to bring revival. If he 'magically' did, what would be the result?

What would be the result of the offspring of a woman who didn't want intimacy with the husband?

- "You're an inconvenience to me"
- This is what abortion is all about.

Only the Bride can experience this

The daughter can be perhaps a babysitter / tend the vineyard, but not cause any real spiritual growth

Birthing develops the ability to nurture.

The pregnant woman gains the ability to nurture *at her breast* through the pregnancy/birthing travail

1 Pet 2:2 like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation

Babies innately desire milk. How do we know this?

They "ask" for it

Jesus said Jn6:44 nobody can come to Him except the Father who sent Him draw them.

- The Holy Spirit draws a person toward a source of nurturing.
- The source of nurturing is someone who has a heart for them
- Someone who has a heart for them gets this motherly instinct from knowing Jesus and taking on His desires / image
- This is why revival cannot happen without prayer first.

Revival w/out prayer = impregnating a 13 year old girl.

Song 8:8 "We have a little sister, And she has no breasts; What shall we do for our sister On the day when she is spoken for?"

What's this all about? ? Any takers? This is Scripture.

Note: I said "breast" earlier – by now I am hoping we are beginning to see the value of the woman's breast in the Song of Solomon.

It is a nurturing agent, way more so than a sexual item.

So the chorus realizes this 'little sister' does not appear to have much about her to draw or attract others

This 'little sister' lacks intimacy with the Groom, thus has no ability to nurture, thus does not attract others to herself

Life Through Death

We are saved today because of the death of Christ

We are grown because others gave of themselves to nurture us. (I think of Sherry Stewart, Tom)

We are being asked to lay down our lives through intercession for the sake of others

This is a travailing until Christ is formed within someone
This is why we keep praying for loved ones by name; meeting-after-meeting

Nature teaches us that the mature woman is an attraction to the fellas
The woman looks the way she does because she is no longer a silly schoolgirl. She's fully matured, all grown up.

When the Bride gives herself to the Groom intimately, she "grows up" and becomes quite attractive to others.
Song 2: Let me see your form, Let me hear your voice; For your voice is sweet, And your form is lovely."

The Groom sees the bride's form through intimacy – when there are no obscuring loose fitting clothing
Today, we blow that out of the water and is common to see very full figured women in spray-painted on spandex.

So the Groom wants to see her form because this represents her ability to attract others, and nurture.
He is very concerned about His children

Back to the passage in **Song 8:8 "We have a little sister, And she has no breasts; What shall we do for our sister On the day when she is spoken for?"**

So we have this younger sister who has no real ability to attract, and nurture others. She's nigh unmarriabe, what are we going to do for her so she can experience intimacy and nurture others along?

Song 8: 9 "If she is a wall, We will build on her a battlement of silver; But if she is a door, We will barricade her with planks of cedar."

If she is a door – in those days, common home doors swung both ways, the idea of instability or indecision

Eph 4: 11 And He gave some *as* apostles, and some *as* prophets, and some *as* evangelists, and some *as* pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

Sounds pretty good so far...

Eph 4: ¹⁴ As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;