

## THE MINISTRY OF LIFE 2 - LIVING FULL

### I. OUR DEFAULT SETTING IS TO BE FULL OF SPIRIT LIFE

#### A. FOR A CHRISTIAN TO BE A “QUART LOW” IS ROBBERY

**Col. 2:8** *Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.* <sup>9</sup> **For in Him dwells all the fullness** of the Godhead bodily; <sup>10</sup> **and you are complete in Him**, who is the head of all principality and power.

- **ALTERNATE TRANSLATION:**

**Col. 2:10 NLT** *So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.*

#### 1. DON'T BE CHEATED AWAY FROM FULLNESS BY:

- **PHILOSOPHY - WISDOM OF THIS WORLD -TRENDS / POLITICS**
- **EMPTY DECEIT - BELIEFS THAT UNDERMINE FAITH - IF IT'S NOT TRUTH IT'S NOT TRUE - DON'T BUILD ANYTHING ON LIES**
- **TRADITIONS OF MEN - FALSE EXPECTATIONS AND LIMITATIONS. DON'T BE LULLED BECAUSE SOMETHING HAS BEEN DONE ONE WAY FOR A LONG TIME. Don't underestimate the human capacity to keep doing something stupid for a long time!**
- **ELEMENTAL SPIRITUAL FORCES (NIV) - PRINCIPALITIES.** The powers of darkness are continually attempting, AND SUCCEEDING to influence the cultures of the earth for evil purposes. **DON'T BE TRICKED!**

#### 2. IT PLEASED THE FATHER THAT JESUS BE FULL! THAT'S HOW IT WORKS AND HOW WE GET FULL, TOO!

**Col. 1:15** *He is the **image of the invisible God**, the firstborn over all creation.* <sup>16</sup> *For by Him **all things** were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.* <sup>17</sup> **And He is before all things,**

and in **Him** all things consist.<sup>18</sup> And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, **that in all things He may have the preeminence**. ( BE FIRST) **Col. 1:19** For it pleased the Father that in Him ALL the fullness should dwell,<sup>20</sup> and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, (HEAVENLY MATTERS CONCERN US!) having made peace through the blood of His cross.

### 3. ALL THINGS ARE RECONCILED IN HIM - HIS FULLNESS FILLS US

- **FULLNESS** Restores intimacy with God AND makes a balance of things in heaven and on earth. Whatever is MORE FULL pours into what is LESS FULL to bring a FULLNESS TO ALL of us!

## II. THE MOST ESSENTIAL PART OF A SPIRITUAL LIFE IS FULLNESS

### 1. FULLNESS MAKES US WHOLE - LACKING NOTHING

*We all got a full carton - no missing or cracked eggs!*

**COL. 2:10** and you are complete in Him

**John 1:16** And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.

### 2. FULLNESS IS THE “MORE THAN ENOUGH” OF GOD’S CHARACTER - GOD IS EXTRAVAGANT. YOU NEED TO EXPERIENCE THAT SOMETIMES IN ORDER TO KNOW HIM.

**UNCLE RUDY** (*fatted Calf*) - WHEN WE EXPERIENCE EXTRAVAGANT ABUNDANCE IT TRANSFORMS US. WE START TO BELIEVE THAT “ALL THINGS ARE OURS”. **BUT STAY HUMBLE!**

**2Cor. 4:15** For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

**1Cor. 3:21** Therefore let no one boast in men. For all things are yours:<sup>22</sup> whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death (RESURRECTION VICTORY), or things present or things to come (THE PAST IS UNDER THE BLOOD ALREADY)—**all are yours**.

### 3. GOD IS NOT DIVISIBLE. YOU CAN’T GET JUST A BIT OF HIM. IT’S ALL OR NOTHING! ISA. 6 - HIS TRAIN FILLED THE TEMPLE! He entered the Temple and like a bride with a long train on her wedding dress, He keeps on entering even after he is already filling the room.

**Acts 2:28 (PETER'S SERMON DESCRIBES THE NEW ORDER OF THINGS UNDER CHRIST):** *You have made known to me the ways of life;  
You will make me full of joy in Your presence.'*

**4. TO BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT IS TO BE LED BY THE SPIRIT -  
INFLUENCE becomes LEADERSHIP - ROM. 8:14**

**EPH. 5:18** And **do not be drunk with wine**, in which is dissipation; **but be filled with the Spirit,**<sup>19</sup> speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,<sup>20</sup> giving thanks<sup>21</sup> always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>21</sup> submitting to one another in the fear of God.

**5. FULLNESS IS TO BE FILLED WITH:**

- **TRANSFORMATIVE SPIRITUAL POWER** - SIGNS AND WONDERS, SPIRITUAL GIFTS -  
*How can you explain a supernatural God without Power? LOVE ALONE DOESN'T COVER THE INTENSITY OF WHO HE IS*
- **CONSTANT PRESENCE AWARENESS AND RESPONSIVENESS**-  
*We always need a fresh filling (D.L. Moody - "Because we leak")*
- **LIVING FROM RESURRECTION LIFE** - HEALTH, LIFE AND ENERGY are meant to **fuel** our CHRISTIANITY
- **JOYFUL INTERACTIONS** AND RELATIONAL COMMUNITY WITH OTHER BELIEVERS is part of Spirit-filled living
- **WE MUST ACCEPT THAT OUR NATIVE HABITAT IS LIFE AND FULLNESS!**  
*IF YOU DON'T FEEL FULL YOU NEED MORE OF HIM - **A fish out of water notices his changed circumstances**, but Christians don't always seem aware that what they NEED to be in His presence, full of His Spirit ALWAYS.*

**III. ALL MINISTRY SHOULD BE RELEASING LIFE ALL THE TIME**

**Eph. 3:14** *For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus*

Christ, <sup>15</sup> from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, <sup>16</sup> that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, <sup>17</sup> that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height (WE MUST KNOW GOD IN EVERY DIMENSION!) — <sup>19</sup> to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; **that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.**

**A. WHAT IS DEPLETING FULLNESS IN MY LIFE? LET'S CHANGE THAT!**

- **DISTRACTION**
- **STRESS**
- **SIN**
- **WORRY AND FEAR**
- **ALL DOUBT AND UNBELIEF**
- **DISOBEDIENCE**
- **DISAPPOINTMENT AND DISCOURAGEMENT**
- **UNFORGIVENESS**
- **ONGOING GRIEF (IN HIS PRESENCE IS FULLNESS OF JOY!)**

**John 7:37** On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “**If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.** <sup>38</sup> He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” <sup>39</sup> But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

**REPENT AND MAKE A DECISION TO PURSUE FULLNESS**

LIVE FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

LIVE FULL OF LIFE

LIVE FULL OF JOY

LIVE FULL OF LOVE

LIVE FULL OF GRACE

IF YOU DO THIS, YOU WILL SHOW THE WORLD WHO GOD IS AND THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS GLORY WILL FILL THE WHOLE EARTH AS THE WATERS COVER THE SEA