

Heart Change

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I'm going to share with you what I call a somewhat New Year's message. We actually shared part of this message Thursday night in Cowboy Church but we will share parts of that and build on that. Now we have actually entered into the news year, just getting started it's only five days along. This is the time of the year when our society or culture is custom to making New Year's Resolutions, that is really well and good. We begin to make decision though some of them are not quality decisions never the less we make those decisions. Statistics tell us that most of those New Year's resolutions are dropped between three to four weeks. I don't know how they gain those statistics but it is probably pretty close to true. I have a message I give on how to make a quality decision but I'm not going to minister along those lines so much, what you and I don't understand is we have the power within us that we actually set spiritual law in motion whether it is working for us or against us. There is death and life in the power of the tongue;

(Proverbs 18:20-21. A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled. Death and life are in the power of the tongue; and they that love it shall eat the fruit there of.

In James chapter three it really goes into detail how the tongue can work for us or against us, we need to learn to control our tongue. It actually says that one of the markers or signs of maturity of our walk is being able to control our tongue and walk in love or developing the love walk. As we develop the love walk it goes hand in hand we will learn to do something with our tongue.

Actually as it is New Year's resolutions were made in 2009 and 2010 they came and went and no change was made. Resolutions made in 2011 into 2012 nothing was changed, one made in 2013 probably still nothing was changed. And now we have entered into a new year 2014 and many time New Year's resolutions have been made, but for change to come about in my life, your life, in a home or a marriage, or a church there has to be a want to, then there has to be the ability or persistence to actually stick with it. The only constant in growth or maturity is change. Sometimes we don't like change or don't know how to deal with it because change creates crisis. For example you have babies or kiddos there is constant change, as they grow you buy bigger clothes etc, continual maintenance. We go into the first grade and we learn, we go into the second we learn and build onto what we learned in the first and it progresses on through. Then growing spiritually, we take on the character and image because we are predestined to be conformed to the image of our Lord Jesus Christ that is God's purpose and God's plan. However for that plan to come about there is going to involve change. I was reminded the Holy Spirit when Margaret was giving exhortation in relationship for the offering that we haven't that we haven't taught on Biblical Finances in a long long long time for what God's plan is. God's plan is for abundance He is for you in that area. The Bible says that Jesus became poor that through His poverty we might be made rich. Now really what you do with your money is your own business, none of mine at all, but if you attend a local church that is where your tithe belongs, and if you are sending it to another church, you are attending the wrong place, you are just in the wrong pew. You're in the wrong box. Now it's great, send an offering! I send offering to other ministries, but I give my tithe right here.

It involves change to take on the image of Jesus Christ and to line up with the plum line that we have here. I am in constant change, and sometimes to be honest about it my progress in changing spiritually is a couple of steps ahead and a step back, but then I keep stepping ahead to spiritual progress. I was reminded of the spiritual law that we have the ability and power to set in motion.

Hebrew 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word do God, so that things that are seen were not made of things which do appear.

We frame our world by words spoken in faith by the words of our mouth we actually frame our world. Margaret shared last Wednesday night and really did a great job so I asked her this morning to come share an example out of her personal life. The Bible says we learn by testimony, but it is such a powerful lesson of the spiritual law that we set in motion with the words of our mouth. Now we talk about setting something in motion sometimes it is hard to get it to moving but then it begins to snowball. For instance a train moving 55 miles an hour can go through a five foot thick steel reinforced concrete wall and keep on moving, then turn to each other and ask did we hit something? But that same train setting stationary on the track with a block in front of its driving wheels can't even get started. It takes special effort to get spiritual laws started in motion but once they get in motion they are working for you or working against you.

Pastor Margaret: This is an illustration I guess I knew how powerful it was but in December 2012 I realized how really powerful words are and how it sets in motion spiritual forces in the spirit realm. I don't remember exactly when this started but it was not too long after we were in the ministry we began to experience spiritual warfare of the ministry. The Bible talks about that in the old testament, God gives restrictions to the priests He says they should minister till they were 50 years old and then they would retire from the warfare of the ministry, so even in the old testament there was warfare. We began to experience spiritual warfare and sometimes it got really difficult, I guess I'm kind of a wimp sometimes, I've gotten stronger over the years but I just got weary so I went before The Lord. I think I was about 40 or 50 at that time so I thought when I reach 70 years old I will have had plenty of time to fulfill everything I needed to do for God and finally be able to get out of here. I had read books by people who had died or went to heaven and I knew how wonderful heaven was and I had a visitation when I received the Holy Spirit and saw Jesus and how wonderful His glory was so I always had a yearning to go behind the veil and experience what was there. So I got with God one day and I said alright Lord I will stay here and work till I get 70 years old and then I'm out of here. I will work for you till I am 70 and that is the cutoff date but I did throw in a little loop hole and said IF I get to be 70 and I see that I have more to do and I really want to stay here then we will renegotiate.

That was easy to do back then, but then time happened, years passed and then one day I woke up and realized I was 65 years old and I still had some goals I had not reached and I thought 'Oh my goodness I only have 5 more years to go!' So that is when I really got serious about writing and I began to write books. So as I wrote it was kind of like a well on the inside of me that had been stopped up all these years. As I began to write there was such an awesome relief and I thought I love this! I really love this! When pastor read my first book which was a teaching book, he said 'With the way you write you should be writing fiction' I didn't think that I could write fiction but I studied and I began to write my first fiction book which was Fall Like Lightning From Heaven. When I started writing that book I tapped into something inside of me that I didn't even know was there, it was like I was made to do this. I loved it so much it was like I was born again, again! It was like I was a brand new person it was something that was exciting to me and I lost track of time. All of a sudden I realized I was about to have my 70th birthday as it got closer and closer to my birthday that contract with God came up, I can't exactly tell you when I did it but I was over at Seiling and I started to write one day and I had this urgency to pray and renegotiate. So I prayed and I told God I know that I said I didn't want to live past 70 but I'm really having a lot of fun here and I do want to renegotiate my contract. I repented and asked God to forgive me for the words I had spoken back then so I renegotiated. I had a peace about it. Then it was a week after my birthday on December 22, well actually it started on the 21st Pastor and I were both over to Seiling and I know you might remember the incident when Pastor was Coon hunting and the guy that he was with shot the coon out of the tree Pastor was standing under and the 20 pound coon fell out of the tree and landed on his head and knocked him out. We both came back to Guymon and he ended up in the emergency room at the hospital to check about the concussion he had. (Pastor-I wasn't going to go to the hospital but I talked to a person that put the fear in me). He talked to a person that reminded him about a person that was hit on the head and a few days later died. So for some reason he decided he wanted to go to the emergency room. I said that to say this during that night I was supposed to check on him to make sure he stayed awake. During the night all of a sudden I got deathly ill. I was so sick I told Charlie to get me some Pepto-Bismol I couldn't even

get out of bed I as so sick. I thought it must be the stomach flu. The next day all morning long I was so sick. (Pastor- Now she was supposed to be checking on me and she thought I was making too much racket so she went up stairs so I don't even know how I heard her. (she called him on the phone) I said she is supposed to be taking care of me now she wants me to take care of her.) He did take care of me, it was funny we were both setting on the couch, I was sicker than a dog and he was feeling kind bad too, then all of a sudden I was SO sick. He helped me to get where I needed to go and I told him Charlie I think I am going to pass out and that was the last thing I knew. What I know from that point on was told to me because Charlie thought I died. He said I turned grey and had all the symptoms of being dead. I thought to myself later that would have been a great time to have an out of body experience but that didn't happen. Charlie called Kim and they were trying to bring me to, they called 911 I was out for about 30 minutes with the trying to bring me around. The very next thing I remember was Kim way out on the edge of my contiguousness saying 'Mom, Mom! You're not done yet! Mom there is more for you to do! Come back, come back Mom!' Then I remember hearing the men that come to take me where they were going to take me. So Charlie was in the emergency room on the 21st I was there on the 22nd. They could not find anything wrong with me; it wasn't the flu they could not find anything wrong. The point is that I heard the voice of God, He said to me 'If you had not renegotiated that would have been your last day on this earth!' I really knew the power of words and I was okay with going at 70 but I am past 70, I'm 71 going on 72 and I won't tell you how long I negotiated but I am going to finish what God put me on this earth to do. Amen

Pastor Charlie: Amen. I wasn't just standing under the tree, I was hunting with a young kid and I told him 'Don't shoot this coon!' It was setting on the crouch of the tree and I had a young dog and was working him on the coon and I guess he thought I said shoot and that is the last thing I remember. Funny thing was I wasn't going to go to the ER; I had driven back home going 40-45 which is really slow for me to drive. But I was talking to this guy and he reminded me of the guy who had hit his head on the cattle shoot and three or four days later died. Well I didn't go to sleep after him telling me that but I did go to the emergency room and the humorous side of that is I knew they wouldn't believe me anyways so I might as well tell them the truth that a coon fell and hit me on the head and it was around Christmas a lot of partying going on and they asked have you been drinking? I couldn't really convince this lady that I hadn't been drinking. The thing of it is Margaret has said for years knowing spiritual law she said for years before that she would not live past 70 years, makes you feel like man you're a good husband. Her dad died young and she thought she would also and she set it in motion that night and a week or two after we asked and they could never find anything wrong with her. I really thought she was out of here, but she wasn't Praise God! But you need to take this time if you have spoken negative words and repent of them. There is just no place for negativism in an over coming Christians life! There isn't any place for that so repent of it and get it turned around, frame your world on the right side with good things.

During the Communion Service what one thing do you want to change? Listen to the message but think on the one thing you want to change. It could be someone you want to see born again, I would like for you to pass them in and I will keep them in a safe place and pass them back to you at the end of 2014. I want you to write something out and be specific what you want to change because the Bible says write out the vision make it plain make it clear. Make it so clear you can run with it. A clear vision gives you energy to consummate it, clear vision has energy in it to give you the ability to have perseverance to stick it out for the long run. The vision has an appointed time it will not tarry it will come to pass. I will be asking you to do that you won't need a long time but at least write it down and keep it before you. If you keep it before you it will drive you to its completion.

Ephesians 2:10 Amp. (For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship) recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths He prepared ahead of time] that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live].

Every time I read that verse and I have read it many times this last couple weeks from the Amplified Translation. It says he has prepared a good life for us, he wants the favor of God to be an outward manifestation in our lives here on earth. But for that to happen the way The Lord has planned for it to happen, we must walk in the path He has prearranged for us even before the foundations of the world. I was reading that and I think of the life of Paul II Corinthians 11 has a long list of all the things that Paul was enduring. II Corinthians 4 and 6 also have lengthy lists of all Paul endured. And Paul being imprisoned we never once read where Paul was crying out 'Why me Lord! Why does everything bad happen to me?' We have no account of that; Paul said in the midst of it 'It is done unto me according to my earnest expectation. You must have an earnest favorable expectation going into this year and if you don't I can't cause you to do it, but in the strongest language Paul used, I beseech you there for brethren, I ask you for your sake and your families sake, get a favorable expectation from God going into this year. God's plan is He prearranged, predestined it even before the foundation of the world, for you to walk in.

Proverbs 29:18 (Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Now what is a vision? A vision we could talk about as a dream, a desire, an expectation, we can define it in all of these. Now the word perish means they pass to an inferior condition. Actually means if they stay on that pathway they will perish. Now Webster defines vision as the ability to see abstract objects as clearly as they were seen. You look it up in the Strongs Concordance the ability to see that which is invisible, see with the eyes of their faith or your spirit. You see it but not only that it has the ability to come to pass. When I see vision I think of the way we see, 20/20, 20/40; vision has very thing to do with seeing. But without a dream, without a vision, without an expectation, you will pass, I will pass to an inferior condition. Whether it is me individually, many homes need a vision, churches must have a vision, the business you have must have a vision, or we will pass to an inferior condition.

Psalms 37:4 (Delight yourself also in The Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Proverbs 24:14 (So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul: when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off.

Proverbs 23:18 (For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off.

Psalms 62:5- (My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from Him.

Your dream, your desire, your expectation, is from God. Now unfortunately if your dream or your desire or your expectation is not being fulfilled or coming to pass you will not be fulfilled. The Bible says when hope is deferred it makes the heart sick. If the dream on the inside of you, the vision or expectation, or if your desire goes continually unfulfilled you will be an unfulfilled person because it is part of you. When we mention dreams and visions really that is the language of the Holy Spirit. I don't want you to limit it just to the four walls of the local church. I believe spiritually and under God's ways that if you will hook up with the local church it's going to be one way that God opens the way for the vision you have inside of you to be fulfilled and to come to pass. The vision that I'm talking about is not so called "Religious". There may be dreams you have on the inside of you that you may be a creative person and without you being involved in something creative you will be unfulfilled. Now the reason I suggested, I felt that I would suggest anyways by the Holy Ghost that Margaret should not just write teaching books, I live with her she has a tremendous imagination. That is what fiction takes, she can take a story that I would tell you that would be so boring, but she could take that and embellish it and have you setting on the edge of your seat. With that avenue, beginning to do what she thought she would never be able to do because it is not what we would say quote-unquote, something we

would do inside the church. It is a dream that God has put on the inside and everyone here today has a gift God put on the inside of you, but without you pursuing that you are going to be unfulfilled, you will be frustrated. You will be an unhappy camper.

You are going to face opposition following your dream; you are going to face opposition following God, but God is in you! The Holy Ghost is in you!

Colossians 2:10 (And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life [in Christ you too are filled with the God-head: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit- and reach full spiritual stature.] And He is the Head of all rule and authority [of every angelic principality and power.

They empower you, you are big enough for any cause, you can overcome. You are going to encounter opposition but you are over comers. Paul makes this statement here when people are what we would say, when people say you shouldn't be ministering that way. The religious sect say 'Look at you Paul you are in prison and we are not, we are right for sure we have been telling you have been teaching heresies'. How did Paul respond? He said Thank God Jesus is being talked about, whether it be ill will, strife, or contention, or for right, Jesus is being talked about. What a wonderful attitude!

Philippians 1:19-20 Amp. (For I am well assured and indeed know that through your prayers and a bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ (the Messiah) this will turn out for my preservation (for the spiritual health and welfare of my own soul) and avail toward the saving work of the Gospel.

This is in keeping with my own eager desire and persistent expectation and hope that I shall not disgrace myself nor be put to shame in anything but that with the utmost freedom of speech and unfailing courage, now as always heretofore, Christ (the Messiah) will be magnified and get glory and praise in this body of mine and be boldly exalted in my person, whether through (by) life or through (by) death.

Now salvation is an all inclusive word in the Bible, within that word is wrapped up all the benefits of salvation; safety, soundness, deliverance, healing and preservation. So Paul is saying for I know that this shall turn out for my deliverance, my preservation, and safety. Through your prayers and the Spirit of Jesus Christ, he is saying through prayer and the anointing of God this is going to turn out alright. Then he says in verse 20 according to my earnest expectation and my hope this is going to turn out, it may not look too good now but it is going to turn out according to MY earnest expectation.

Now I want to take just a moment and define the word expectation to you. Now earnest means really zealous, persistent, it takes on the meaning there is action involved. Persistent expectation. If you were to look up a little bit in Greek helps it is watching with an out stretched head, a strained expectancy and a eager longing. It has an indication or expectation of something from a certain place, and it is a total extraction of anyone or thing that might vie for our attention. It is absorbed in the object expected till the fulfillment is realized; it is a total abstraction of anything that would hinder. Paul was not allowing the circumstances that surrounded him he didn't lose hope. He said this is going to turn out, Paul said I will tell you how it is going to turn out. . . according to MY expectation! WHAT is YOUR expectation this year? What are YOU BELIEVING God for? Just whatever happens? A dream or a vision is your road map. Now the dream or the vision is up to you or I, when things get rough in life, you wrote it down you pull it out, this is where I am at, according to my earnest expectation because I wrote it down.

But that is what your dream or your vision is, if you don't have it written down when things get a little rough you lose direction in life. If you have ever had vertigo, you don't know what you are missing. You have absolutely no idea where you are headed, none at all. That is why it is important to write it down. Paul said it is going to turn out all right.

Philippians 3:10-13 (That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death.

If by any means I might attain the resurrection of the dead.

Not as though I had already attained it, either we're already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Jesus Christ.

Brethren I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

Philippians 3:11 Amp. (That if possible I may attain to the [spiritual and moral] resurrection [that lifts me] out from among the dead [even while in the body]).

Paul has just been sharing that being an extremely educated man he counted it all lost for the excellencies of the knowledge of The Lord Jesus Christ. I count it as done because of gaining knowledge of Jesus. He has been picked up out of the miry pit and declared righteous now even though he persecuted men and women unto death, and now is the righteousness of God. The word resurrection is used 41 times in the Bible, the one time here it is used different even spelled differently in the Greek, and it is not talking about the resurrection from the dead of our physical bodies that is promised to all believers. It is talking about an out resurrection; he is talking about a resurrection that is promised to the believers through their identification to Jesus Christ. Paul is saying there is a resurrection that I can be raised from the adversity of life and what is going on around me does NOT affect me negatively. He says I want that resurrection where I am raised up out the adverse circumstances because of my identity with Jesus Christ. He says I have not totally attained that, but I want to apprehend it. So one time here in the Bible that word is changed, now it is possible then for a believer with a renewed mind and knowing who he is in Jesus Christ and what Jesus has done for him to be going through some of the most difficult things in life, but to be raised out of it where it doesn't affect him negatively. Or pull him down and drowned him and destroy him. Paul says that is what I want. He just keeps pursuing Jesus regardless of what is going on. He didn't have that 'why me?' 'It doesn't pay to serve Jesus' mentality. That's why he can say that in the later day of his life, he fought the good fight, I finished the course, hence forth there is layer up before me a crown of righteousness which The Righteous Son will give unto me and not only to me but all of those who love His appearing. That's why I can declare it. He kept following Jesus. When Jesus taught about beginning He put more importance in finishing. Read Luke chapter 14, it is important to finish, great to start, but what good does it do to start if you don't finish!

He is addressing the church; he is talking about that resurrection where we are raised up out of that circumstance where they don't have a destroying effect on us. The one thing, ONE thing not half a dozen, just one thing, to forget what is in the past and to move on to the things in front of us. I press toward the mark, for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. I don't care what happened yesterday, I don't care what happened today, I'm going to keep pressing toward the mark, past the finish line there is the prize of the high calling of God. I'm going to keep pressing toward that mark.

Now talking about forgetting those things that are behind when you balance out the scriptures the Bible says to write down the good things that have happened and rehearse them occasionally, it will stir your faith up. Write it down to the effect that you can tell it to your children and your grandchildren about the miraculous thing that God did for you in your life. Paul cannot fulfill his ministry if he is consumed with the Philippians' jail, if he is consumed with the mistreatment. But he said it is going to be done unto me according to my earnest expectation. Every time he heard that stone roll off he was expecting that rope ladder to be dropped in so he could climb out. He was expecting deliverance every time he heard a racket up there around the stone.

We got to forget some of the mistakes, it might not be Devine amnesia, but you are forgiven, you are a new creature in Christ Jesus. Those old things are passed away. What we don't have to forget is that you and I have been forgiven; we have been made the righteousness of God through Jesus Christ it is not according to our works. The blood of Jesus has blotted out sin not covered it. Under the old covenant the blood of bulls and goats covered it, once a year the Bible says you pulled back the cover in remembrance of sin, to rub your nose in it, you sorry dude look what you did. But now there is no remembrance, NO remembrance.

If you are knowledgeable about flying you have your compass and you have your heading indicator and you are continuously adjusting your heading to match your compass. But you can fly north and in about 1200 miles south of the North Pole your compass is going to flip around and point south to the magnetic north, you can fly a plane east as far as you want, or west as far as you want, your compass will never change, never change. Fly west it is always going to say west, when you understand that the wisdom of God says I have removed your sins as far as the east is from the west, He didn't say as far as the north is from the south, He said EAST from WEST. It is an immeasurable distance. The only time God remembers your sin is when you put Him in remembrance of them. Isaiah says he doesn't remember them. You come to Him continuously saying God I did this, I did that, you're feeling like a sorry dog and all that, He says 'What are you talking about?' 'I don't remember that' that is how complete the forgiveness of God is. Very few 'religious' people ever walk in the light of it. If you messed up and they know about it they want to point the finger and the Bible speaks about that, the Bible speaks about the lawyers and the Pharisees they prevent others from entering into heaven, and it talks about the judgment or the reward they will have. God's grace and forgiveness is complete.

Habakkuk 2:2-3 (And The Lord answered me and said write the vision and engrave it so plainly upon tablets that everyone who passes may [be able to] read [it easily and quickly] as he hastens by. For the vision is yet for an appointed time and hastens to the end [fulfillment]; it will not deceive or disappoint. Though it tarries, wait [earnestly] for it! Because it will surely come; it will not be behindhand on its appointed day. [Heb. 10:37,38])