

CHRISTIAN SEEKING IDENTITY

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Greetings Family & Friends,

We pray that you are enjoying your summer and keeping cool. The temperatures have been extremely high nationwide. Suzan and I have been enjoying being with our families and having time for each other as well.

As we near our 10th year in full time ministry as missionaries and our tenth wedding anniversary we often remind ourselves of the words the Lord spoke into our lives and the most important (at the top of the list) is, "your ministry starts with your personal relationship with Me". This is where everything in our lives starts from and we need to guard this time with Him. This brings me to Suzan's newsletter article for this month, "The Turning Point". Many times we find ourselves trying to accomplish things just to prove to our mates that we love them and unfortunately we do this with our relationship with God also.

We pray that this message will bless you and your relationship with your heavenly Father.



We want to say "Thank you" for your faithful prayers and support. You enable us to "Go" where the Lord opens doors for us to go.

God Bless you!
Your friends,
Mickey & Suzan

The Turning Point

Last month's newsletter was entitled *Get Away with Him*. There comes a time when we have to address the marriage relationship that we have with Jesus because it seems like the spark in our union with him has fizzled. It is impossible to rekindle our divine romance, unless we get a revelation of how much God loves us because it is impossible to fully love Him without knowing that he fully loves us.

This month I want to address another common problem that we often face in our relationship with God. In a marriage two opposite parts come together to make one complete unit. Jesus is the head and we are the body.

Eph 5:23 *For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.*

Eph 5:24 *Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.*

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Because we want so much to please Him, it is so easy to forget that we are incomplete without him. It seems like the more we try to measure up to the expectations that we think He has of us, the more frustrating our relationship with Him becomes because we find it impossible to do what we know we need to do.

Rom 7:18 *For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.*

Abraham was faced with the same problem. I am sure that at some point in his life, he asked the same question that we often ask: How do I get past this point? I don't know how to be what you need me to be.

In the midst of his struggles, he learned a valuable lesson!

Rom 4:2 *If Abraham, by what he did for God, got God to approve him, he could certainly have taken credit for it. But the story we're given is a God-story, not an Abraham-story.*

Rom 4:3 *What we read in Scripture is, "Abraham entered into what God was doing for him, and that was the turning point. He trusted God to set him right instead of trying to be right on his own."*
The Message Bible

He had to quit focusing on trying to do what he couldn't do, and had to begin to focus on what God said he would do. When he did this, everything changed

and he was able to do what once seemed impossible.

We need to come to the same conclusion that Abraham came to!

When we are faced with challenges and circumstances, it is so easy to forget the role that we were designed to play in our relationship with him. He is the head. Without his part we are powerless and incomplete. We need a savior.

Rom 3:27 *What we've learned is this: God does not respond to what we do; we respond to what God does.*

Rom 3:30 *.....God sets right all who welcome his action and enter into it.*

The Message Bible

In order to be what we need to be and to do what we need to do, we must depend on His direction, His inspiration, His power and His might.

We are His body. Without our part God is invisible because we are the vessel that He chooses to express himself through. When we fulfill our part in the relationship that we have with Him by positively responding to his care, we experience the sense of security and love that we are looking for, and God's need to provide is satisfied which in turn brings him the sense of fulfillment that he is looking for.

Eph 1:22 *And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,*

Eph 1:23 *Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.*