

FOUNDATION FOR PERFECTION:

A GUIDE TO DISCIPLESHIP

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"Verily I say unto you, except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter the kingdom of heaven." ~ Jesus

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40 Days to the Trainer

Jesus spoke in parables. He taught people in ways that they would understand: farming, fishing, etc. I work with horses nearly every day so God teaches me using horse parables. God has taught me using something I can relate to in my own life and I would like to pass it along to you. There are 7.1 million people in the horse industry in the U.S. and this is my primary audience. The parables will probably make the most sense to people that are familiar with horses. However, even if you aren't familiar with horses, you will still be able to benefit from the parables. This is a 40-day program designed to: 1) help eliminate the resistance in your life, and 2) be a guide to discipleship.

If you have a horse with a problem and your trainer is worth a hoot, "40 days to the trainer" ought to fix it. If you are a person with a problem, my Trainer is the best and "40 Days to the Trainer" should help eliminate the resistance that is keeping you from peace. He even specializes in the "problem" person. If we send a horse to a trainer for 40 days we expect the horse to be able to get a job done when we pick them up. Treat the next 40 days like you are a horse that God wants to use to do a job. You are entering God's training program. If you are currently experiencing pressure in any area of your life, maybe the Lord is just waiting for you to turn and face, to give *everything* to Him. Maybe the Lord has let the world put a rope around your neck and is waiting for you to turn to Him. I was roped when I was a junior in high school. And after choking down numerous times in the last 14 years, the Lord showed me how to turn to Him for air, to find continual peace and contentment in this life, and I would like to pass it along to you.

Jesus said, "***Verily, I say unto you except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven***" (Matthew 18:3). If you choose to try the "40 Days to the Trainer," my hope for you is not to learn from me, but to learn from the Lord. My hope is for you is to be converted as a little child or in the case of the parables, a young horse that God wants to teach to do a job. Some of the toughest horses to start are the ones that have been through a few training programs that were unsuccessful. Be converted and start fresh. God wants to teach His children. However, we have to be willing to let Him teach us. When I wrote this seven years ago I wasn't yet a parent but now I am a dad of three. As a parent, I would not turn my back on one of my kids if they were lost and confused. If they came running to me with their arms open in desperate need of help, I can't see how I could turn away a young child; or a little kid that only wanted to be held and comforted by their parent.

And as Dad, it would break my heart if I saw one of my children crying in anguish, and I held out my arms to pick them up and hold them and they ran to someone else, someone else that could never love them and care for them like I could. When we are lost and confused we should run to our heavenly Father. He wants to pick us up, love on us, and teach us. How much does your heavenly Father love you? Well, picture Jesus standing with His hands spread wide apart to embrace you. Now picture those hands with nails driven through them, hanging on a cross for you. This is how much God loved His children. Jesus dying on the cross not only gives us salvation, but an open line of

communication. God loves His children and He wants to teach His children. God's word in Matthew 7:11 says, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?"

The next 40 days are designed to show you what God has shown me through horses; how we can eliminate the resistance that is keeping us from communicating with our heavenly Father. If somebody came to me to get help with their horse 40 times and only learned to listen to me and not their horse, I would be a very poor teacher. **If at the end of 40 days you are still listening to me and have not learned to hear the Lord better, then something went terribly wrong.** We are all called to do something for the Lord. One of my greatest hopes is that He will reveal to you the commission He has for you.

Smith Wigglesworth prophesied in the late 1800's:

"In the last days the gospel will be spread by the cowboy..."

God Bless,

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Theory of “The Kingdom of God”

Scientific Method:

Observation and Question

- We (humans) are not perfect and we live in an imperfect world.
- Many people believe in a perfect God who created everything and controls everything.
- Can we as imperfect humans in this imperfect world receive the touch of the perfect God?

Do Background Research

- The Bible says yes.
- I conducted 7 years of research studying the Bible and documenting my own observations and experiences of this question.
- Research Results: Book – **“Returning to Eden: True Unity and Willing Communication.”**

Hypothesis (Educated guess about how things work)

- The Kingdom of God is at hand and through God’s Son, Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, we can be reached while in this imperfect world and touch, feel, and experience the perfection of God in His Kingdom.
- God is perfect and He created a perfect world (Garden of Eden). In this perfect world there was “True Unity and Willing Communication” between God and man, and between man and animals. Man and animals have “driving factors” and it is through these driving factors that man got kicked out of the Garden of Eden and it is through these driving factors that we can return to Eden. Through the full submission of these driving factors, we can “Return to Eden” and experience the “Kingdom of God” here on earth.

Test Hypothesis by Doing an Experiment

- **Experiment:** Test Formula – **“Foundation for Perfection.”**
- **Past Research:** Equine Study at MSU.
- **Current Research:** 40-day trial (Individual and Group Study).

Analyze Data and Draw a Conclusion

- **Past Research:** Increasing energy (underlying driving factor) during the early stages of training decreased training effectiveness in 2-yr-old Quarter horses by increasing self-preservation behavior, decreasing willing submission behavior, and causing an unbalanced life to direction ratio.
- **Current Research:** Follow the **Foundation for Perfection: Discipleship Guide**. Record your results daily and if you feel comfortable, share them with your group weekly.

Communicate Your Results

- **Past Research:** Results suggest that during the early stages of training, training satisfaction may be reached sooner if horses have a lower dietary energy level.
- **Current Research:** At the end of 40 days communicate your results with your group and “Training for the Cross” if you feel comfortable.

Introduction

Foundation for Perfection

This is a 40-day program designed to test my hypothesis that the Kingdom of God is at hand and we can experience His Kingdom here on earth. It is also designed to: 1) give you a foundation for perfection, by eliminating the resistance in your life, and 2) be a guide to discipleship, for those who long to follow Jesus Christ and be a true disciple. I believe that there was perfection in the Garden of Eden and through Adam and Eve's sin, man got kicked out of that perfection. I also believe that it is sin that keeps us from perfection with Jesus and by Him dying on the cross for our sins and washing us of all our inequities, we can enter back into the perfect will of God. We can "Return to Eden" where there is "True Unity and Willing Communication" between God and man.

This is what I believe. Don't take this wrong, but it doesn't really concern me so much if you do not believe this. I do not feel the need to debate or argue my beliefs, because I am a Scientist. I deal with things that are testable, observable, and repeatable. Scientists develop a theory and test it. If there is no evidence to support the theory, a good scientist throws the theory out and develops a new one. We deal with facts and look at the evidence that supports the theories. A good scientist also does not try to force their audience to adopt their beliefs; they present the evidence and let the people make their own conclusions.

This is how the early disciples spread the gospel (Acts 4:13-16, Acts 4:29-31) and this is my calling as well. I am called to preach the Kingdom (Greek – realm) of God and testify (Greek – give evidence) to God's grace (Greek – divine influence upon the heart and its reflection in one's life). **"But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy and the ministry which I have received from the Lord Jesus to testify (give evidence) to the gospel of the grace (divine influence upon the heart...) of God. And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom (realm) of God will see my face no more (Acts 20:24-25).** None of these things move me! I have been ordained by Jesus Christ (John 15:16). Ordained: to place, in a passive and horizontal posture, different from an active and vertical posture, utterly prostrate (Greek definition). I am a disciple (Greek – pupil) of Jesus Christ and I have chosen to follow Him (Luke 9:23).

God led me to college, showed me what to get my Masters in and how to present the "Kingdom of Heaven" scientifically. **"Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, says He, *that* thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount. (Hebrews 8:5)"** Following the pattern God gave to Moses of the earthly tabernacle, He has given us a pattern to prove this theory (Kingdom of God) and so far the evidence supports the theory. We can return to Eden and experience True Unity and Willing Communication with God. Until I have been shown enough evidence to disprove this theory, I will continue to believe this theory, test the theory, and collect data. If you choose to test this theory (the pattern of the tabernacle using horse parables), it will take 40 days and like any scientific study, how well you follow the

pattern determines the outcome of the experiment. If you are serious about eliminating the resistance in your life, and are willing to follow the pattern, God's best to you as you seek Him. If you are not serious about following the pattern, then like any scientific pattern or formula it will be pointless to test it; you will see no results.

I believe that the pattern God gave to Moses has the power to eliminate the resistance in our life. How seriously you take and follow it, is entirely up to you. I am not for one second trying to say that there is a cure-all formula for God; some cookie cutter, man-made religious program that will solve all your problems. The God that I serve is way beyond human wisdom and understanding, and He will never fit inside a box. I am merely giving you what God has taught me to eliminate the resistance in *my* life. When we submit to God and turn to Jesus to be taught daily, He is going to teach us through the things that we know. **“Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables” (Luke 8:10).** God teaches us about things we can't understand, through the things that we can and do understand. This is why Jesus spoke in parables and the Holy Spirit teaches us the same way. Jesus said He would not leave us as orphans, He would send the Holy Spirit and He would continue to teach, comfort and counsel us (John 14:16-20).

From a worldly view point I am a horse trainer, bronc rider, cowboy, teacher, and scientist. The “40 Days to the Trainer” is what the Holy Spirit has taught me over 7 years (from 18-25) as I was starting colts, riding broncs, teaching, and following the scientific method getting my masters. The end result is a 40-day program to help eliminate the resistance in our lives. Let's not complicate the issue; I have not written a 40-day bible study to solve all your problems. Jesus is and always will be, the only way (John 14:6)!!!!!! The Holy Spirit has just given me some horse parables to help find Him daily and *He can* solve all your problems.

The tough part is about setting aside time to seek Him so that He can heal our land, **“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land” (2 Chronicles 7:14).** With some thought processes and strongholds, **“For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds (thought processes)” (2 Corinthians),** we are not set free from a reality of bondage (mental, physical, emotional, financial) to new reality of freedom except but by prayer and fasting, **“And he said unto them, *This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.* (Mark 9:29)”**. The goal of the next 40 days is about seeking Him whole heartedly until the reality of heaven is brought to earth. **“*Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven* (Matthew 6:10).**

There is something about 40 days:

- 1) Noah's life was transformed by 40 days of rain.
- 2) Moses was transformed by 40 days on Mount Sinai.
- 3) The spies were transformed by 40 days in the Promised Land.
- 4) David was transformed by Goliath's 40-day challenge.
- 5) Elijah was transformed when God gave him 40 days of strength from a single meal.

- 6) The entire city of Nineveh was transformed when God gave the people 40 days to change.
- 7) Jesus was empowered by 40 days in the wilderness.
- 8) The disciples were transformed by 40 days with Jesus after His resurrection.
(Rick Warren, Purpose Driven Life)

The next 40 days is about setting a foundation for perfection in your life, by using a set of parables God gave me to teach my colt breaking classes at MSU and that I continue to teach in college. The goal is perfection, but the focus is NOT on perfection. The focus is on eliminating the resistance that is holding us back from perfection in Christ and keeping us from experiencing the promises of the bible. If you start eliminating the resistance that is holding you back from perfection in Christ, then bit by bit you will find yourself closer to perfection; closer to Jesus. The focus is not on living our entire lives in perfection, no, that could get overwhelming! The focus is on living one second in the perfect will of God, then multiplying that second to minutes, to hours, to days, etc.

Discipleship Guide

Along with eliminating the resistance in your life, the next 40 days are also designed to serve as a discipleship guide for those who long to follow Jesus Christ. This program is designed to aid those seeking the pre-ordained line they were predestined to travel to bring glory to God. Over the next 40 days we will be using horse parables to “stir up the gift of God that is inside you” and help *fabricate* you into the body of Christ.

Ephesians 2:10 says, ***“For we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”***

Workmanship or “poiema” in the Greek literally means *product* or a *fabric*; and created or “ktizo” means *proprietorship, manufacturer, or fabricate*. “In” means a fixed *position* in (place, time, or state), a relation of *rest*, and “unto” means a *superimposition* of (time, place or order) as a relation of *distribution*. Alright, so what does all that mean? Well, this scripture plays a huge role in the “40 Days to the Trainer” and is the key to eliminating the resistance in our lives.

Let me elaborate a little more. So we are God’s *fabric* and He wants to *fabricate* us together “in” Christ Jesus. Once the fabric (us) has been fabricated “in” that fixed position of who we are “in” Christ, and we are at total *rest* “in” Him, it is then, that we can be *distributed* or *superimposed* “unto” the good works that we have been preordained to walk in. Jesus told us, “In” me you shall have peace, “in” the world tribulation” (**John 16:33**). You see, dear children of God, the pressures of this life are only to help us find our “preordained” place or rest; our fixed position “in” Christ Jesus and how this “fabricates” us together “in” His body.

Malachi 3:16 says, ***“Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name.”*** Alright, let me do a little expounding on the Hebrew words in this verse and explain how it relates to the verse in Ephesians 2:10 and what it has to do with the next 40 days. “Book of remembrance” comes from the Hebrew word meaning to *mark* (as to be recognized), to *remember*, by implication *to mention*. “That thought” means literally to *weave, fabricate* (from the mental effort), *to think, regard, value, compute*. And finally “upon his name” comes from a word meaning a definite *position*: an *appellation*, as a mark or memorial of individuality; by implication *honor, authority, character*.

The next 40 days is designed for God’s children who fear and love the Lord to “speak often one to another” (to encourage and lift each other up) and set aside a time to come together in eager expectation to hear from the Lord. The journal in the back of this book is to act as a “book of remembrance,” a place to write down the precious revelations (direction) from the Lord, so that the devil does not try to still them. Over the next 40 days do not worry about who you are in the Body of Christ, only who you are “in” Christ. At the end of 40 days go back through your journal and let the Holy Spirit *weave or fabricate* you into that fixed position of who you are “in” Christ and where you belong “in” His Body. There is one body in Christ but in this body there are many parts. Over

the next 40 days let the Holy Spirit guide you into that pre-ordained position in the body and experience the *rest* that is waiting for you. ***“Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts according to the grace given us”*** (Romans 12:4-6).

Paul tells the Romans, ***“For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established”*** (Romans 1:11). “May be established” or “sterizo” means to *set fast*, literally to *turn resolutely* in a certain direction or figuratively to *confirm*. Paul tells the Corinthians, ***“I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ. That in everything ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge. Even as the testimony (something evidential) of Christ was confirmed in you: So that ye come behind in no gift”*** (1 Corinthians 1:4-7). The Corinthians were operating in their spiritual gifts and it was the Holy Spirit moving through them that *confirmed* them and *enriched* them “in all utterance and knowledge.” Paul had a strong desire to help his brothers and sisters in Christ become *established*, or *set* them in the *direction* that they had been pre-ordained to walk in. I share the same desire and passion as Paul.

Proverbs 22:6 says, ***“Train up (to narrow, initiate or discipline) a child in the way (road, course of life or mode of action) he should go: and when he is old he will not depart (to turn off) from it.”*** Paul was eager to get to Rome because he wanted to let the Lord “impart” unto the Romans a spiritual gift so that this would help them find the *narrow road* or *course of life* in the “good works” they were pre-ordained to walk in. Paul knew this was important because if they did not receive and begin operating in the gifts of the Spirit, they would remain infants tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine (Ephesians 4:14) and would not grow spiritually. Like the Israelites, they would be saved from Egypt (salvation), but begin experiencing spiritual death in the wilderness (Jude 1:5). Paul did not want these new babies in Christ to get stuck in the wilderness, or go back to Egypt (world) and never cross the Jordan. Paul was eager to get to Rome so that they could receive spiritual gifts and begin producing fruit for the Kingdom, ***“...oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles”*** (Romans 1:13). Paul wanted the Romans to become “established” so that they could enter into the Promised Land where the land flows with milk and honey (good works we were pre-ordained to walk in). As an Apostle of Christ this was a very key part to his and the other Apostles’ ministry (Acts 8:14-17, Acts 10:34-48, and Acts 18:24-19:1-8). I hope this Bible study will be a tool for the Lord to truly transform your life and lead you into the Promised Land.

Paul tells Timothy, ***“Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands”*** (2 Timothy 1:6). He also tells him again, ***“Neglect (to be careless of) not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Meditate (to take care of, revolve in mind) upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting (progress, advancement) may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them***

that hear thee” (1 Timothy 4:14-16). Paul had a desire to stretch out his hand (**Acts 4:30**) and let the hand of Christ within him “impart” or “stir up” the gifts of God that were lying dormant in his brothers and sisters in Christ. Paul tells us to “neglect not our spiritual gift” and Peter says, ***“As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God” (1 Peter 4:10),*** and Jesus gives us a warning in **Matthew 25:15-46** to make sure we are being good stewards of the gifts He has so graciously given us.

So with all this said, are you being a good steward of your spiritual gifts? Do you know who you are “in” Christ and what gifts God has given you to help build His kingdom? If not, do you feel like your spiritual gifts could use a little stirring? If you answered yes, you are on the right track. This is the hope of this Bible study. We will be using horse parables to help stir up the gift of God that is inside you and help you find the “road” or “course of life” you were pre-ordained to walk on. Use the journal as a tool to *meditate* on the prophecies God reveals to you over the next 40 days and let the Holy Spirit lead you on your pre-ordained line. It is important to point out; learning to be a disciple is just like starting a colt. You don’t start by trying to direct a horse on a set line you have chosen. You start by setting a foundation in the round pen and *then* you open the gate and through pressure and relief let the horse find the line. In order for God to start revealing the set line He has placed before you, we need to first let the Holy Spirit “build” a solid foundation in you.

“For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone; In whom all the building fitly framed together growth unto an holy temple in the Lord. In whom ye also are built together for a habitation (dwelling place, to house permanently) of God through the Spirit” (Ephesians 2:18-22). God wants a foundation “built” on Christ in every one of His children. God wants to impart the same foundation that the apostles and prophets were “built” on. Throughout all history there has never been a “mighty man/women of God,” there have only been regular people like you and me, that came to the Father and let the Holy Spirit reveal to them who they are “in” Christ. Men and women that truly wanted to know God and were willing to let the Holy Spirit build a “Foundation for Perfection” in them, a foundation “built” on Christ.

I pray that over the next 40 days the Holy Spirit will: 1) reveal to you who you are “in” Christ, 2) help you become “fitly framed together” in the body of Christ, and 3) help you find the set line you were pre-ordained to travel on. For in doing this you will truly eliminate the resistance in your life and enjoy traveling in the perfect will of the Maker of the Universe.

Foundation for Perfection:

Learning to Eliminate Resistance When Doing a Job

3 Causes of Resistance

1) Self-Preservation

- **Fear driven**, Due to a lack of confidence/ faith
- **“Quench not the Spirit” (1 Thessalonians 5:19)**

2) Lack of Communication

- Need more time patience and teaching
- **“Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God” (Ephesians 4:30)**

3) Disobedience

- **Resentment driven**, due to unwilling submission, false teaching and unbalanced life to direction ratio
- **“Ye stiff necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost (Acts 7:51)**

4 Things to Eliminate All Resistance

- 1) Willing Submission
- 2) Good Communication
- 3) Balanced Life to Direction Ratio
- 4) Solid Foundation of Maneuvers

Over the next 40 days we are going to focus on eliminating the resistance that is holding you back from resting in Christ's perfection. When teaching my colt starting class, whenever the students got focused on job completion instead of true unity, they developed resistance. To eliminate this, my colt breaking final tested them on how solid their Foundation for Perfection was while doing a job. We can take any problem with any horse and by following the pattern of the tabernacle using horse parables, the problem leaves; bucking, running, elevated head, stiff, missing leads, chargey, or tail switching. I believe the same thing is true in our lives with the problems we encounter; health and financial problems, past hurts, uncertain of the future, relationships and any other problem. No matter what the resistance is that is keeping us from Christ's perfection, by building on the Foundation for Perfection I believe the problem will lessen and lessen until the problem is no longer there. But please don't take my word for it, follow the pattern of the tabernacle and judge for yourself. The toughest thing with our horses and in our lives is to not focus on the problem and try to get to the cause of the problem.

As you work through the pattern, try not to forget the four stages of breaking a horse and the four kinds of people in the New Testament.

Four Stages of Breaking a Horse

- 1) Setting a foundation
- 2) Using jobs to build the foundation
- 3) Taking the foundation to do a job (Testing the foundation)
- 4) Maintaining the foundation

Four Realities and Four Kinds of People in the New Testament

1) The Reality of the Realm of the World (Gentile)

Disciple of the world. Serve the flesh, driven by worldly teachings and a worldly viewpoint, drawn to the kingdom of darkness (world), consumed with worldly things. They do not talk about God and are drawn to worldly people; worldly people are drawn to them.

“Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passes away, and the lust thereof: but he that does the will of God abides forever. (1 John 2:15-17)”

Jesus First Temptation in Wilderness (Feed the Body) -

Mat 4:1-4- Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward hungered. And when the tempter came to him, he said, “If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.” But he answered and said, “**It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.**”

Lust of the flesh (“Realm of the World/ World Conscious”)

- Orphan seeking comfort and companionship in the world

Temptation – 1) “If you are the son of God”, (question our identity in heaven)
 2) To focus on fleshly needs before spiritual needs

“Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you.... you cannot serve both God and mammon” (Matthew 6:24-34).

Satan’s Goal- Focus on feeding the “old man” instead of the “new man”, focus on feeding the “orphan seed” instead of the “son seen”. If Satan can neutralize our authority as a son by getting us to first seek the realm of the world/mammon to meet our immediate needs, then He does not need to go any further. This will sever our ability to hear God’s voice, know our Father’s will and walk in the “good works we have been predestined to walk in”. (**Ephesians 2:10**)

Counter – A Son of God lives off the **proceeding word of God**. “**My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me**” (John 10:27)”

MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE!!

Ranch Roping Discipleship Teaching: Foundation/Horsemanship (Identity)

- Returning to Eden: True Unity & Willing communication
- Foundation for Perfection: A Guide to Discipleship
- Foundation for Perfection: Marriage

2) The Reality of the Realm of Religion (Pharisee)

Disciple of Religious men. Serve God in the flesh, driven by the law (Bible). When they talk about God, sinners are annoyed and religious people are drawn to them.

“Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. (2 Timothy 3:5)”. “For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. (Acts 28:27)”

Second Temptation (Feed the Soul) – Seek the “Realm of Religion” for selfish gain

Then the devil taketh him up into the **holy city, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple**, And said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in *their* hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, **It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.**

Pride of Life (“Realm of Religion/ Religion Conscious”)

- Orphan seeking comfort and companionship in the realm of religion

Temptation- 1) Identity in religion (Holy City, Set on the pinnacle of the Temple)
2) Use God’s word for selfish ambition instead of praying in His father’s will.

Satan’s goal – Get us to seek comfort and companionship in a physical place (church) where people gather together to talk about God and remain in bondage. Instead of gathering together in a physical place where people are taught how to enter into a spiritual place of relationship with God and a hunger for His word, this leading to encounters where people are set free and transformed from glory to glory (2 Corinthians 3:18).

Jas 4:1-8- From whence *come* wars and fighting’s among you? *Come they* not hence, *even* of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts. Ye adulterers and adulteresses know you not that the friendship of the world, is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Do you think that the scripture says in vain, the spirit that dwells in us lusts to envy? But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he says, God resist the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *ye* double minded.

Ranch Roping Discipleship Teaching: Stockmanship/ Spiritual Discernment Graph

- Spending **TIME** Holding Rodear and Dividing soul from Spirit

- Where is my reality? What is my thought process?

3) Reality of the Realm of Ministry (Ministry Conscious)

Disciples of the Holy Spirit, but focused on fulfilling your calling in your own power (flesh) instead of resting in the Spirit; have left your first love. Focused on your spiritual gifts and love seeking the power of God more than love seeking the power of God's love. Speak with power, but no authority (rest: body, soul, spirit).

Rev 2:2-5- I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and how you cannot bear them which are evil: and you have tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and have found them liars: And have borne, and have patience, and for my name's sake have labored, and have not fainted. Nevertheless I have *somewhat* against thee, because you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto you quickly, and **will remove your candlestick (anointing) out of his place, except you repent.**

Third Temptation (Spirit) “Your Calling/Testimony (Identity in Heaven)”- To be known in the “Realm of ministry”

Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And said unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then said Jesus unto him, **Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.** Then the devil left him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

The Lust of the Eyes (“Realm of the Spirit: Spiritual Gifts/ Ministry Conscious”)

- **Orphan seeking comfort and companionship in the realm of ministry**

Temptation- In the first two temptations Satan attacked His identity in heaven, “If you are the son of God...” by trying to suck Him into a religious or worldly thought process. When the first two temptations failed He attacked His authority, by trying to get Him “ministry conscious”. In this temptation the enemy tries to get our focus on the “kingdoms of the world” and the glory of them (how your spiritual gifts and talents could impact the reality of those kingdoms). “All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.”

Satan’s Goal- All true ministry comes from personal testimony (encounter/relationship with God) and reflecting the love of the Father and the reality of heaven with people that only know the reality of the realm of religion and the reality of the realm of the world. Satan’s goal in this temptation is to get active in ministry instead of resting in the authority of a son in our day to day life. Instead of waiting for the reality of heaven to be brought to the immediate, focus on the future and the possibilities. As a son of God our desire should be to bring the reality of heaven to earth (**Luke 11:2**), but it is very important that we continue to worship God and not the enemy (focus on all the problems in the “realm of world” and “realm of religion”).

Ranch Roping Discipleship Teaching: Philosophy in Competition (Spiritual Gifts)

- Philosophy in Completion: Ranch Roping, Rodeo and Business
- Developing and implementing your spiritual gifts and talents on a carrier path
- Teamwork: Joining the team (Body of Christ) and doing your part
- Applied Animal Behavior: Evidence of an Anointing

Scripture says, **“In me is peace, in the world tribulation (John 16:33)”**, if you are experiencing pressure in any area of your life which realm/reality/ environment are you currently being tempted to find your identity? Where do you want to be known? The realm of the world, realm of religion (Church), realm of ministry (fulfilling your calling/ operating in your spiritual gifts).

Satan may be tempting our self-preservation (orphan mentality) to seek comfort in these environments and companionship (acceptance) with the people in these environments in a little bit of all these environments. However, if you are not experiencing peace in any area of your life more than likely the orphan has been seeking its identity primarily in one realm/environment and God is trying to get you to find the rest that can be found only “in” Him and the kingdom/reality of heaven that is available here on earth (Matthew 6:10).

Which environment are you most tempted by? When you get put in an environment that you don’t have confidence which environment do you run to for comfort and companionship?

The World

The Church

Your Calling/ Spiritual Gift/ Ministry

Over the next forty days if you can try to fast (total die to, or spend as little time as you can physically, but especially mentally and emotionally in the realm/environment you are currently seeking your identity).

4) The Reality of the Realm of Heaven – (Followers of Christ/ Disciples)

Disciple of Christ. Serve God in the Spirit and truth, led by the Holy Spirit (solid scriptural foundation through revelation of Jesus Christ, resting in the authority as a son). When they talk about God, sinners are drawn to them and religious people are annoyed.

Son of God seeking comfort and companionship in the realm/kingdom of heaven. A son of God seeks comfort in the Father’s will and companionship with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit always points to Jesus and gives us a hunger for the word, teaching us how walk in the Father’s will as son of God and continuing the work that Jesus did while he was here on earth.

“Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven. (Matthew 6:10)”

“Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the Day of Judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. (1 John 4:17)” (Walking in the reality of heaven here on earth). Operating from a place of rest and authority from heaven, seated with Christ in heavenly places. “And has raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus” (Ephesians 2:6).

Ranch Roping Discipleship Teaching: Spiritual Warfare and Branding Calves (Tying it all together)

Spiritual Warfare

- **Who am I? What is driving my Actions?**
- **TIME graph and War over reality on earth**
- **Emotion (how do I feel)? If we feel tired, weak, sick, lost confused or overwhelmed we have been spending too much time in either the: realm of world, realm of religion or the realm of ministry. Because these emotions are not in heaven and the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**

Ranch Roping

- **Delivering God's word to struggling people**
- **Helping people receive the brand of Christ (salvation), so they don't get stolen.**
- **The thief comes not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. (Joh 10:10)"**
- Branding and operating as a Son of God should be fun, the Lord showed me if I am not resting in His love and having fun, then either my horsemanship, stockmanship, roping, teamwork or time management skills need a little work.

In order to be a successful ranch roping a person needs to have roping, stockmanship, teaming work, and time management skills. In order to be a successful son of God a person needs to know how to operate in their spiritual gift, be positioned in the body of Christ, have spiritual discernment and understand spiritual warfare. However, much like ranch roping if we do not have a solid foundation (identity of who we are in Christ through revelation of scripture), not only will we not be very productive roping (delivering a word to a struggle person). We can be darn right dangerous and reap all kinds of destruction to a branding crew (church). No matter how well intentioned we are. Also, in the same way as branding calves, the more energy, excitement and passion we have the more destructive we can be, trust me I know from experience. This 40 day trial is focused on firmly establishing the most important aspect of discipleship (Foundation: Identity in Christ), and I feel it is sadly being neglected by many churches (branding crews).

Jesus strictly warned his disciples that they do not mix the teaching of the Pharisees and world (Herod/Gentile) with His teachings on the Kingdom of Heaven. "And he charged them, saying, 'Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod' (Mark 8:15)." Jesus was very concerned about this because what we believe determines our reality, and He did not want His disciples walking in any other reality, then the reality of heaven here on earth. "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. (Mat 6:10)" God showed me that I have the potential to walk in the reality of these four types of people at any time. The choice is entirely up to me and how much **TIME** I am willing to spend with Him letting Him pull down any reality or stronghold (**2 Co 10:4**) that is contrary to reality that Jesus walked in while here on earth (**1 John 4:17**). This is the goal of the next 40 days; seeking Jesus to let Him pull down any strongholds (beliefs/thought processes) in our foundation, we may have developed from spending time in the **reality of the world, reality of religion and reality of ministry** that does not line up with the reality of heaven that Jesus Christ and His followers walked in; **because Jesus Christ is perfect theology!**

We often bounce back and forth in our thinking with the four types of people in the New Testament on a daily basis and it is this thinking that influences our reality. When working with a young horse, I am constantly bouncing back and forth between the four stages of breaking a horse. However, the more I work with that young horse, the more I am able to influence his mind, will and emotions until we are able to do a job together in perfect unity. I pray that as we mature in the Lord together, we will learn how to become true disciples. God showed me that the true test to see if I am acting as a Pharisee (serving God in the flesh), or as a Disciple of Jesus (serving God in Spirit and in Truth), is to see how Gentiles (those living in the world) respond to what I say. God showed me if I am annoying Gentiles and only religious people are being drawn to me, then I need to spend more time with Jesus, learning how to be a true disciple of Him; learning how to love as He loved. Sinners were drawn to Jesus and sinners were drawn to the early disciples, this is the example that has been set.

I am always amazed when reading scripture and Jesus's ability to deliver a word to struggling person. What a perfect display of ranch roping. Walking around with a perfect foundation, the Master with a rope (His Father's word), never before seen stockmanship skills (divided soul from spirit), knowing exactly His role in the Church. He had spent the needed TIME developing these skills and wow was He impressive ranch roping (delivering a word). There was no chasing, there was no missing, and there was no nervousness in His foundation putting Him out of position. No He would put six to eight coils in His hand and through bomb shells into people's hearts snagging them forever into the kingdom of heaven. Sure some people jumped and bucked and resisted for a while like Peter and Paul, but in the end the ones that He had chosen and called all gladly wore His iron, they all gladly wore His mark. **"For many are called, but few are chosen.** (Matthew 22:14)". I pray that this bible study would create an environment where Jesus could go to work throwing life changing words into people hearts. Then people that are passionate about ranch roping would increase their faith through practicing these skills and do the works that Jesus did. **"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.** (John 14:12)"

Here are a few things the Lord told me about what it means to be a disciple.

"Some people take the Bible to help them live their life."

"Disciples give their life, to live the Bible."

"Some people read the Word and learn from the characters."

"Disciples hear the Word and become a character."

Remember the four kinds of people in the New Testament (and their realities) as you work on building a Foundation for Perfection in your life. Take notice of which type of person/reality you most identify with in the beginning of following the pattern of the tabernacle into the Holy of Holies and which type of person/reality you most identify with at the end. The first goal of following the pattern is to give you a foundation to help eliminate any resistance that is keeping you from resting in Christ's perfection. **"Whom we preach, warning every man,**

and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. (Col 1:28)” The second goal is to teach you how to become a true disciple of Jesus Christ. As you will soon come to find out, the key to experiencing the one is fulfilling the other.

Colt Breaking Final

A) Willing Submission

When a request is made the horse willingly performs the task requiring little to no pressure; **it is the horse's idea**. After initial contact the horse performs the task on a **loose rein** and with **no leg pressure**. If it is truly the horse's idea we should not have to drive them to do the job.

- 1) 1 – Displayed 0 to 20% of the time during the ride.
- 2 – Displayed 20 to 40% of the time during the ride.
- 3 – Displayed 40 to 60% of the time during the ride.
- 4 – Displayed 60 to 80% of the time during the ride.
- 5 – Displayed 80 to 100% of the time during the ride.

1 2 3 4 5

B) Good Communication

Learning to read, feel, and understand what the horse is saying in response to our request (Communication involves two individuals, what is the horse saying?). We communicate through the horse's **driving** and **underlying** factors along with **feel, timing, and balance**.

Driving Factors – Comfort, Companionship, Self-preservation

Underlying Factors – Confidence, Energy

For the majority of the ride the rider displayed signs of...

- 1 – **Fighting** – High head set – resentful to direction, high self-preservation, no confidence, no feel, timing, and balance.
- 2 – **Arguing** – High head set – self-preservation, no confidence, very little feel, timing, and balance.
- 3 – **Disagreement** – Medium head set – displaying moments of feel, timing, and balance, bouncing back and forth from confident to lack of communication, brief glimpses of comfort and companionship.
- 4 – **Agreement** – Low head set – horse is being ridden through feel, timing, and balance displaying comfort and companionship for the majority of ride.
- 5 – **Total Agreement** – Low head set – true unity, two forces moving together as one, horse experiences total comfort, companionship and confidence with rider, absolutely no sign of self-preservation.

2) Head Height (Confidence) – Intensity of Job and Consistency of Head

1 2 3 4 5

C) Balanced Life to Direction Ratio

Direction

When the slack is taken out of the rein, the horse puts the slack back in the rein with suppleness through the poll and loin including: **3) horizontal**, and **4) vertical direction**.

Horizontal Direction

Six Signs to Identify Horizontal Direction:

- 1) Broken in poll horizontally, hairline should curve between ears (poll).
- 2) Nose should be directly underneath the eye, no head tilting.
- 3) Cannot see white in eye, horse should be looking back not forward.
- 4) Front feet and hind feet should follow on the same path made as the nose.
- 5) Horse's body should arc around our leg.
- 6) If horse has horizontal direction should make perfect circles.
Horizontal direction walking = perfect circle walking, horizontal direction trotting
= perfect circle trotting, etc.

- 1 – Standing – displays 1, 2, 3 of six signs to identify Horizontal Direction.**
- 2 – Walking – displays 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 of six signs to identify Horizontal Direction.**
- 3 – Trotting – displays 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6**
- 4 – Loping – displays 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6**
- 5 – Galloping – displays 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6**

3) Horizontal 1 2 3 4 5

Vertical Direction

When the slack is taken out of both reins the horse breaks in the poll vertically resulting in the horse's nose being perpendicular to the ground.

- 1 – Standing, 2 – Walking, 3 – Trotting, 4 – Loping, 5 – Galloping**

4) Vertical 1 2 3 4 5

Life

The ability to move the horse with any given speed at any given time.

1 – Takes many steps to drive into a lope from standing; horse goes from standing, to walking, to trotting, then finally loping. 5 – Can jump into a lope from standing instantly; horse goes from standing to loping at any given time.

5) Life 1 2 3 4 5

6) Life to Direction (horizontal) Ratio = _____

More life than direction = Horse has lack of confidence.

More direction than life = 5:3, 4:3 ok, if life is 2 or less horse is lazy and will begin losing direction. Balance the ratio.

D) Solid Foundation of Maneuvers (Mechanical)

The ability to move the horse's feet in any direction, to accomplish any job (four stages).

7) Stage one 1 2 3 4 5

- Stopping the inside front foot and pivoting the other feet around it.

8) Stage two 1 2 3 4 5

- Using the hindquarters to pull the horse in a reverse motion.

9) Stage three 1 2 3 4 5

- Shoulders and hindquarters moving together in a lateral motion.

10) Stage four 1 2 3 4 5

- Stopping the inside hind foot and pivoting the other feet around it.

Extra Credit – Helping the horse

(Weight placement/

Length of rein) 1 2 3 4 5

E) Solid Foundation of Maneuvers (Mental)

Horse and rider begin to receive insight into how they can move together in perfect unity to accomplish a job: horse experiences willing submission, good communication, a balanced life to direction ratio, and a mechanical foundation of maneuvers all at the same time. It's like you are riding in the dark and somebody switches on a light, all resistance leaves and it makes perfect sense to *you* and the *horse*. The horse becomes as light as a feather, moving in perfect unity with the person; there is no resistance in doing the job. We are able to pick up the feet and move them wherever we want. These are the "ah-ha" moments when riding a horse.

Mental Foundation:

Stage 1 – No mental foundation

Stage 2 – Brief seconds during the ride

Stage 3 – Bouncing from second to minutes during the ride

Stage 4 – Minutes during the ride

Stage 5 – Consistency during the ride

11) Mental Foundation 1 2 3 4 5

Foundation for Perfection Quiz

A) Willing Submission

The thoughts in my head and desires in my heart *naturally* line up with the Bible (New Covenant) (**Hebrews 8:10**).

All day I am about my Father's business (**Luke 2:49**).

In every thing I do, I work at it with all my heart as if working for God, not for man; because I know it is from the Lord that I will receive the reward of my inheritance (**Colossians 3:23-24**).

I serve only one master, I do not get caught up in the world and worry about money (**Matthew 6:24**).

I look to my heavenly Father and only Him, nothing is tying me to this world (**Matthew 19:21**).

My focus all day is to store up for myself treasures in heaven, not on earth (**Luke 2:49**).

What percentage of the day do you have willing submission?

1 (0 to 20%) 2 (20 to 40%) 3 (40 to 60%) 4 (60 to 80%) 5 (80 to 100%)

B) Good Communication

Walk in the Spirit and you shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh (Galatians 5:16).

Fruits of the Spirit – Love, joy, *cheerfulness*, *calm delight*, peace, *rest*, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, *humility*, temperance, *self control*.

Works of the Flesh – Envious, boastful, proud, rude, self-seeking, easily angered, keeps records of wrong, wanting to debate, sexual immorality, contentious, jealousy, fervent mind, fits of rage, selfish ambitions, division, disunion, ill will, spite.

1) You seek *comfort*, *companionship* and *confidence* with the world, with other people, or in your own self-preservation – Shown by the **Works of the flesh**.

5) You seek *comfort*, *companionship*, and *confidence* with God – Shown by the **Fruits of the Spirit**.

Flesh 1 2 3 4 5 Spirit

C) Balanced Life to Direction Ratio

Direction

Unlike a stiff-necked Pharisee, I follow God's word because I choose to (I would have it no other way), not because I have to (**Matthew 23:25-28**).

I am supple through the poll and loin (entire body) because I am sanctified daily by God's spoken word (**John 17:17**).

My self-preservation is removed daily by the voice of God (**2 Thessalonians 2:8** – We are the temple of God and are born into this world twice; son of perdition, son of God).

I can hear God's voice, "**My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me**" (**John 10:27**).

I live off of every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God (**Matthew 4:4**).

What percentage of the day do you have "Direction" with God and what percentage of the day are you stiff through the poll and the loin (operating with self-preservation)?

Self-preservation = any thought that involves yourself: I, me, we, or us.

In order to truly have direction we must get rid of our self-preservation (**Luke 9:23, 1 Corinthians 15:31, Galatians 2:20**).

- 1- No direction, or False Direction (following Gods commands, but operating with self-preservation; thoughts involving I, me, we, us).
- 5- Following God's commands with no self-preservation.

1 (0 to 20%) 2 (20 to 40%) 3 (40 to 60%) 4 (60 to 80%) 5(80 to 100%)

Life

The Lord has the ability to move me, with any given speed at any given time (**Acts 4:8, Mark 13:11**).

I can feel the power of the Holy Spirit come on me (**Acts 1:8**).

The Holy Spirit is my comforter, counselor, and teacher (**John 14:26**).

How well can God bring His life (Holy Spirit) into you? (Judged by the fruits of Spirit: **Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, humility, temperance, self-control.**)

1 – I have never felt the life of God come in me or experienced the fruits of the Spirit.

5 – I walk in the Spirit and do not fulfill the lusts of the flesh (**Galatians 5:16**), my days are empowered by the Holy Spirit (**Acts 1:8**).

1 2 3 4 5

D) Balanced Life to Direction Ratio

God showed Peter, James, and John the secret to having a balanced life to direction ratio in the transfiguration (**Matthew 17**). It's no longer **just** about clinging to the written word of God and following God's written word all the days of your life (Moses – **Matthew 17:2**). It's no longer **just** about receiving the anointing and working signs and wonders to show God's mighty power to those who doubt (Elijah – **Matthew 17:2**).

It is **ALL** about looking to Jesus and listening to Him. ***“This is my Son, whom I love; with whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him!”*** (**Matthew 17:5, John 10:27**). When we begin hearing the voice of God we automatically balance our life to direction ratio. If we spend time in the presence of Catholics we will be transformed into a Catholic, if we spend time in the presence of Baptists we will be transformed into a Baptist, if we spend time in the presence of Quakers, Mormons, Assembly of God, Presbyterians, Lutherans, or the Non-denominational Christian churches, we will be transformed into their image. However, if while attending these churches we spend time in the presence of God, we will be transformed into the image of Jesus Christ (**2 Corinthians 3:18**). Who do you look like? Could somebody tell what church you attend by your beliefs, actions, what you say, and the way you live your life? Or do they look at you and say, ***“We see Jesus”*** (**John 14:12**). The only way to look like Jesus is to spend time in His presence and hear His voice, and then you will be automatically transformed.

We run into two problems with an unbalanced **life to direction** ratio.

- 1) All **direction (scripture) and no life (Holy Spirit)**; the Galatians (**Galatians 3**).
 - Scared to bring any life into the body for fear of self-preservation coming out.
 - Never learn to push past the self-preservation and take the life to accomplish a job. Just like with a horse, if you are always trying to direct the life in the early stages pretty soon you will take all the life away.
 - Horse becomes lazy, dull and almost useless to get a job done. May even develop resistance to the life and get resentful whenever the life does try to come in (**Acts 7:51, John 12:40**).
 - Give the horse his head, get some life, and *then* try to direct it.
- 2) Focused all on receiving **life (fruits and gifts of the Spirit) and no direction (scriptural foundation of walking in faith, hope and love)** (**1 Corinthians 11-14**).
 - When you brought the life into your horse, he jumped and kicked, so you think everyone has to jump and kick when they bring the life in.
 - You think if someone does not have a fleshly manifestation (shake, laugh, dance before the Lord, raise their hands in worship, bow down at the altar, etc. etc.), or speak in tongues, then they are not growing in the Lord.
 - I never read of Jesus doing these things, but I do read of other people in the Bible experiencing these things. This tells me two things; 1) we need to push through the self-preservation (fleshly manifestations) to get directed life, and 2) It's not about the fleshly manifestations, but becoming like Christ (**John 14:12**).

Focused only on Life (Corinthians)	1	2	3	4	5	Jesus (Acts 2:22)
Focused only on Direction (Galatians)	1	2	3	4	5	Jesus (John 7:14-18)

5:5 Ratio = John 14:10-12, Luke 4:18-19

Jesus was perfectly balanced, He offered solid direction (**Luke 2:46-47, John 7:14-18, John 18:20**) and powerful life (**Acts 2:22, John 3:2, Matthew 11:5**) to the people. Jesus told us that whosoever believes in Him, the works that He did will we do also (**John 14:12**). This is possible by balancing our life to direction ratio through spending time in His presence and being transformed into His image (**2 Corinthians 3:18**). Then it is no longer us who do it, but Christ living in and through us (**Galatians 2:20**). If we are perfectly balanced at a 5:5 ratio, we will be fulfilling the scripture that Jesus told us in (**John 14:12**) and we will be doing what Jesus did (**Luke 4:18-19**). A 5 life (power/ Holy Spirit) will look like the life that Jesus had where multitudes came to be touched by His power (**Matthew 12:15**) and a 5 direction (scripture/ teaching) will look like Jesus' direction, where multitudes came to hear Him speak (**Matthew 5:1-2**) and lives were changed. I don't know about you but I have a LONG way to go. Remember, this is a Foundation for Perfection, not mediocrity, a foundation for Christ not a foundation of a religious person with all talk and no power (**Luke 4:32-36, 1 Co 4:20, 1 Thessalonians 1:5**).

E) Solid Foundation of Maneuvers – Mechanical

From the time we wake up in the morning, until the time we go to bed at night, we are either being drawn to the kingdom of darkness, or the Kingdom of Light. The people that we come in contact with are either drawing us to the Kingdom (Greek = realm) of God, or the kingdom of darkness (**John 16:33**). When people come in contact with us, we either draw them to the realm of God, or keep them in the world. We cannot control which direction we are being pulled, but we can control who and what we put in front of us, that pulls us. It is not about how regularly we attend church and read our Bible, but how much light shines out of us, as a result of attending church and reading our Bible. If it had been about our knowledge of Scripture and attending church, then the Pharisees would have known who Jesus was. If it had been about giving the law, then the sinners would have been drawn to the Pharisees. No, it is all about darkness and light. Spending time in the light (**2 Corinthians 3:18**). Sinners are drawn to the light, not the law. Just like our horses, we run into problems when we try to accomplish the job by skipping stages.

God's Will for Our Life: Five Mechanical Stages

- Stage 1 – Save us from the kingdom of darkness. (Seed Planted/Conception) (**Luke 1:79, Psalms 56:13, John 12:46, Acts 26:18**)
 - Salvation – We are drawn to His light and make a choice concerning where we will spend eternity.

- Stage 2 – Draw us to the Kingdom of Light. (New Birth, Baby)
(John 8:12, John 3:21, John 11:9, Ephesians 5:8, 1 John 2:8-11)
 - We *choose* to stay in His light daily and not get sucked back into the kingdom of darkness (the world).
- Stage 3 – Save others from the kingdom of darkness. (Adolescent)
(Matthew 5:14-15, John 1:4, 1 Thessalonians 5:5, 1 John 1:5-7)
 - After spending time in His light sinners are drawn to you, and God's light shining through you draws them out of the kingdom of darkness and into the Kingdom of Light (salvation).
- Stage 4 – Draw others to the Kingdom of Light. (Mature, Produce Spiritual Babies), (1 Co 4:15, Matthew 5:16, Romans 2:19-20, Ephesians 5:13-14, 2 Timothy 1:9-11, 1 Peter 2:9)
 - People see the Light constantly shining through you and are drawn to the Light and do not want to leave the Light. They learn how to stay in the Light when they leave you and the Light shining out of them starts drawing the sinners they come in contact with, out of darkness and into the Light.
- Stage 5 – The light shining through you begins to spread. (Leaving a legacy: spiritual grandparent), (Luke 11:35-36, 2 Corinthians 4:6, Colossians 1:12-13, 2 Peter 1:17-19).
 - People who have spent time in the Light with you, no longer have to go to you to receive the Light and can go to Light source on their own. They leave you and others are drawn to the Light that is shining out of them and the process repeats itself.

Which stage are you in?

1

2

3

4

5

F) Solid Foundation of Maneuvers – Mental (1 Corinthians 2:16)

It's like you are riding in the dark and somebody switches on a light (Ephesians 1:17, 3:3), all resistance leaves (John 16:33) and you find yourself riding in absolute perfection (Colossians 1:28), experiencing the Fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).

- Stage 1 – No mental foundation
- Stage 2 – Brief seconds during the day
- Stage 3 – Minutes during the day
- Stage 4 – Hours during the day
- Stage 5 – Consistency during the day

1

2

3

4

5

Mechanical to the Mental

Physical to Spiritual, Old to New Covenant

The four things I try to help people experience when working with horses are: willing submission, good communication, a balanced life to direction ratio, and solid foundation of maneuvers. What I teach is the mechanical to the mental. Through a solid foundation of maneuvers and balancing the life to direction ratio (mechanical), I try to help people *experience* willing submission and good communication (mental). Willing submission is “after initial cue the horse performs the task on a loose rein and no leg pressure, it’s the horse’s idea.” Good communication is “learning to read, feel and understand what the horse is saying in response to our request” and we communicate in 2 primary ways: 1) through feel, timing, and balance, and 2) through driving factors. Due to the fact that you can not “learn” *feel, timing and balance*, but have to experience it, I try to help people experience “feel, timing, and balance” through the horse’s driving factors. I try to help people position for the transition, so that when the transition takes place they can “feel” it, *experience* it, and then learn how to duplicate it. I try to help people position themselves mechanically so that they can *experience* “feel.” So they can bring the mechanical to the mental, where the horse’s thoughts become our thoughts, his will, our will, we operate as two creatures moving together in perfect communication and willing submission. Then that people would be able to “experience” the same thing with the Lord.

Basically what the Lord has given me with horses is to help people come into the New Covenant. **Hebrews 8:10-11** says, “***For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws into their mind and write them in their hearts*** (willing submission, “it’s our idea”).....***And they shall not teach every man his neighbor and every man his brother, saying, “Know the Lord”: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest*** (good communication). It is pretty hard to know someone if we do not have a relationship with them, it is pretty hard to have relationship with someone if we cannot communicate with them. The Greek word for Know is “Ginosko” and means: *allow, be aware of, feel, have knowledge, perceive, be resolved, can speak, be sure, understand*. Notice the words “feel” and “can speak, be sure, understand.” I think this is a very good way to describe “good communication” with a horse and with the Lord.

Over the next 40 days I am going to give you some “mechanical/physical” things to work on to help you experience the “mental/spiritual” things of God. “***But who has known the mind of the Lord that we might instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ***” (1 Corinthians 2:16). I am going to give you some mechanical drills to help you develop a solid mechanical foundation and balance your life to direction ratio. I pray that at the end of the 40 days there will be something in here that will help you come into the New Covenant; to find the place where there is willing sub and good communication.

Hebrews 8 says that the “pattern” given to Moses on the mount was to be our example of heavenly things. The earthly tabernacle was given so that the priests could have intimacy with God. However, through Jesus and the New Covenant we are all

called to a holy priesthood and can have intimacy with God. Although we are not under the law like the priest in the Old Covenant, we still follow the “pattern” given to Moses to get into the Holy of Holies (**Hebrews 8:5**). The priests of old could not just walk into the Holy of Holies and neither can we. The physical make up of the earthly tabernacle has spiritual implications to our heavenly tabernacle. There were basically seven parts to the “pattern” given to Moses. The priest had to first enter through the gates into the outer court, then present a sacrifice on the altar, wash in the laver, and walk through the curtain into the inner court where the lamp stand, table of showbread and the altar of incense were. Then the priest could finally enter into the Holy of Holies where the Ark of the Covenant was and experience true intimacy with God.

Although priests could only enter in once a year (**Hebrews 8:7**), we have access through Jesus whenever we want. However, the “pattern” that was given to Moses still remains. I heard an awesome teaching on the tabernacle, and how following the “pattern” given to Moses has the ability to take us into the presence of God. The “mechanical drills” that I am about to give you are part of the “pattern” given to Moses on the mount to gain access into the Holy of Holies. I have just broken them down using horse parables. Some of the drills may seem like a little work, but remember the priests in the Old Covenant had to prepare themselves too, in order to get into the Holy of Holies and that is the pattern that has been set. The Levitical priests had to do a few mechanical things in the outer court, before they could enter into the inner court and finally the Holy of Holies.

It is interesting that there was enough room for hundreds of people to *worship* in the outer court, there was only room for about 10 to *serve* in the inner court, and there was only room for one person once they stepped into the presence of God in the Holy of Holies. This is true in our lives. We can *worship* with hundreds of people, we *serve* with about 10 people that are close to us in our ministry, but true intimacy with God is just between you and God and no one else. This is what the next 40 days are about, learning how to enter into the Holy of Holies and experiencing a real and living God. This place is so important. It is in this place, by stepping into the presence of God, that we are transformed into His image (**2 Corinthians 3:18**). It is also in this place, in the presence of God, that we develop the “Foundation for Perfection.”

What separated the God of Israel from all the other gods throughout the land was that their God dwelt among them. He was real and living and His manifest presence guided them where they were supposed to go (**Numbers 15-23**). Read **Exodus 33:9-10, 40:34**, and **1 Kings 8:10-11**. The presence of God would come down on the tabernacle; people could see it and He would direct them. When the cloud moved they moved, and when the cloud stayed they stayed. His manifest presence offered them shade in the heat of the day and fire at night to keep them warm. **Isaiah 4:4-6** says that those who gather around the “Branch” (Jesus) will be washed and for the dwelling place of Mount Zion (Christian church), we will receive the same manifest presence or “glory cloud” that the Israelites had. This is huge!!!!!! Have you found this? Does your church have this?

In **Acts 1:9** Jesus was taken into heaven and a cloud covered Him up and they could no longer see Him. Then two angels appeared to the disciples and told them He

“shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven” (Acts 1:11).

Different scholars may interpret this very differently, but Jesus was taken in a cloud and scripture says He will return in a cloud. Jesus says, ***“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20).*** I do not know what the scholars say, but I have *experienced* Jesus in the “glory cloud” prophesied in **Isaiah 4:4-6**. And when we “assemble” around the “Branch” with the people of “Mount Zion” we *experience* the manifest presence of God and are fed, filled and transformed into the image of Jesus Christ (**2 Corinthians 3:18**). In this place, that we “enter” (just like the Holy of Holies) He guides us, directs us and offers us shade in the heat of day and warmth in the cool of the night (elements of the world). So what is this “glory” and how do we get in it?

Well, glory in the Hebrew comes from a word meaning *weighty* and in the Greek means *very apparent* and *it’s like to think*. The glory of God is something we *experience* with our five senses. When we come into the presence of God we will start to experience this “weightiness,” we can actually “feel” the presence of God. I do not read of anyone in the Bible that stepped into the presence of God and experienced His glory and didn’t know it. We *know* when we are “in” God’s glory! For some people it manifests as goose bumps and for others it is butterflies in their stomach, it may vary, but it always results in the Fruits of the Spirit (**Galatians 5:22-23**). Some people may want to run away from it (**Exodus 20:18**) and many people try to cover it up (**Exodus 34:29-35**). But we know when we are in God’s presence and Satan does everything in his power to prevent it.

We are transformed into the image of Jesus Christ when we are “in” God’s glory (**2 Corinthians 2:18**). So don’t you think it would be nice to know how to get “in” this glory; into God’s presence, into the Holy of Holies? This is what the next 40 days are about; using horse parables to help you get into the Holy of Holies and experience God’s glory, God’s presence. Faith comes by hearing and hearing the word of God (**Romans 10:17**), how can we know these things unless someone teaches us (**Acts 8:31**)? I have been a Christian for as long as I can remember. I was raised in a Christian home, and have gone to church my entire life. However, I was 18 years old before I had someone *teach* me how to “enter” into His glory. I pray that there will be something in here that will help you enter into God’s glory and experience His presence in the Holy of Holies. This is *where* we experience the “Kingdom of Heaven” and *how* we “Return to Eden”.

Inside the Holy of Holies was the Ark of the Covenant and inside the Ark was the second copy of the Ten Commandments given to Moses on the mount. If you remember, Moses was ordered to give the first copy to the people, and the people *shattered* the first copy with disobedience. The second copy was not given to the people, but kept inside the Ark in the Holy of Holies. The law was placed inside the Ark and kept in the presence of God. This has great symbolic significance in our lives. The only place we can ever fulfill the law is when we place Christ inside our hearts and are transformed into His image from glory to glory; in the Holy of Holies. This is the only place we have any hopes of willing submission and good communication. I pray that the horse parables found in the “Foundation for Perfection” will help take you into the presence of God and experience the New Covenant in the fullest.

Life

Driving Factors: Daily Exercises

In order to have any hope of getting rid of the resistance that is keeping us from perfection, we must understand the horse's and our own driving factors. I teach that horses have three primary driving factors and two underlying driving factors.

Three Primary Driving Factors: Self-Preservation, Comfort, Companionship
Two Underlying Driving Factors: Confidence, Energy

Horses are constantly seeking comfort and companionship. As long as a horse is comfortable they are happy, and like any herd animal, horses seek companionship. Whenever they lose confidence in someone or something, self-preservation (fight or flight) kicks in. If they did not have this instinct, predators would have eaten them a long time ago. There are two ways to get rid of this self-preservation, increase the confidence or decrease the energy. Self-preservation is engaged when a horse loses confidence, so by increasing the confidence in a person or situation, self-preservation will not be engaged.

Energy is the equivalent to motivation and determination and enhances the driving factor that the horse is displaying at any given time. When a wild mustang stallion loses *confidence* in someone or something, they are going to be driven by their *self-preservation* to fight (strike, kick, bite, etc.). The higher the *energy* level, the more motivated and determined they will be to fight. A horse with a body condition score of 5 or 6 is going to be highly motivated to fight, while a horse with a body condition score of 1 or 2 will have little motivation or determination to fight. When a yearling colt loses *confidence* in someone or something, they are going to rely on their *self-preservation* for "flight." They will try to run from danger to seek the *comfort* and *companionship* they have with the herd. The higher the *energy* level (body condition, high energy feeds) the more motivated and determined they will be to run from you and seek *comfort* and *companionship* somewhere else. As we decrease the *energy* we decrease *self-preservation*, which opens the door to increase *comfort* and *companionship* when presented in the correct manner.

The same thing is true with us. As long as we have confidence in our self-preservation (thoughts involving I, me, we, or us), we limit God's ability to use us to do a job. The more energy we have pushing our self-preservation, the tougher it is. God does the same thing with us that I do with a horse. I make it tough for them when they are in their self-preservation and easy when they turn to me for comfort and companionship. As the energy level decreases (confidence in their self) they find confidence in me and their self-preservation leaves. God does the same thing with us to build confidence in Him. Jesus said, "***In me you will have peace, in the world tribulation***" (Greek – pressure; **John 16:33**). To teach my horse to stay out of their self-preservation I use pressure and relief. God does the same thing with us. "In Him is peace." **How do we**

know we are in our self-preservation unless God puts a little pressure on us when we are “in” ourselves?

Let's identify your driving factors.

What is your primary defense mechanism; fight or flight?

When you lose confidence in a situation, or if someone hurts you, do you: 1) Get mad and want to verbally or physically hurt the other person, or 2) Run away, want to hide from the danger, seek comfort and companionship with someone, or something safe.

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By identifying your self-preservation you will hopefully learn to identify it and stay out of it. Just like your horse, the longer you spend in your self-preservation the harder it is to build confidence in the Lord. Confidence (faith) eats self-preservation and self-preservation eats confidence. It is very difficult to offer direction to a horse that is in their self-preservation. It will only bring resentment. This is what happened in the Old Covenant. We are now under the New Covenant. If we want direction in our life, or to eliminate the resistance in our life, we must learn how to get out of our self-preservation.

Which driving factor is your energy (motivation and determination) currently fueling? Where do you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone else, or God?

- 1) Self-Preservation – Primary thoughts throughout the day are consumed with I and me.
- 2) Companionship – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with someone or something else; Employer, co-workers, friends, spouse, kids, parents, etc. Or worldly TV, computer, magazine, radio, etc.
- 3) God – Primary thoughts throughout the day involve God.

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I am not for one second trying to tell you how you should raise your kids, or be a spouse. A husband should think about his wife, a parent better think about their children, an employee about their employer, and so on. I do not even have kids yet; I am just sharing what the Lord told me to do when I do have kids. I am just going to show you a few drills that the Lord showed me, of how we can serve God and live our life at the same time. By drawing closer to God, we can become a better parent, spouse, friend, employee, etc. By getting out of our self-preservation and learning to seek Him for comfort and companionship, we can find the peace that is “in” Him.

Jesus was in this world, but not of this world; this should be our goal. After spending most of my life trying to learn how to ride in perfection with a horse, I can

experience it more regularly with my horses. After working on it with just me and the horse, I can now feel this perfection while I am doing jobs. I have learned how to feel the perfection in a horse that I am riding, while feeling the perfection of a horse that I am flagging, while talking to someone standing on the fence and listening to the radio, all at the same time. This is what Jesus had from a heavenly perspective and this is what the early disciples had as well. Jesus was “in” His father while healing the sick, confronting Pharisees, and teaching His disciples all at the same time. Jesus and the disciples had a close and intimate connection with their heavenly Father while doing a job, and this is what He wants for us as well (**John 14:12**). You may think I am crazy, but the Lord has shown me how we can experience this in our lives. However, just like the horse we don’t start out by doing jobs. We start out by finding the perfection, by finding how to stay “in” Him and not falling into our self-preservation. When I try to do a job with a horse with a weak foundation, I often get into wrecks and the same has been true in my life.

In order to have a strong foundation we must get control of our driving factors. Getting control of my driving factors has had an amazing impact on my life and has had an amazing impact with my horses as well. Controlling the driving factors is the most important thing in having a foundation for perfection and eliminating the resistance with your horse, or in your life.

Driving Factors: Life (First Five Rides)

I would like to share with you what I look for in the first five rides concerning the horse’s life (driving factors). I can pretty well break it down into four steps:

- 1) Submit their life**
- 2) Get filled and driven with my life**
- 3) Life on a line**
- 4) Led by my life**

Submit Their Life

When teaching people about their horses, I use the horse’s life, driving factors, and the hindquarters interchangeably. Horses have three parts; head and neck, front quarters, and hindquarters. The hindquarters control the entire horse. When a horse is driven by self-preservation to “flight,” the hindquarters will turn away from the danger and push the horse, bringing life into the horse to go forward. The hindquarters push the horse forward just like your gas pedal pushes your car forward. If a horse is being driven to seek companionship with another horse, they will point their hindquarters toward the horse and the hindquarters will drive them to the horse. If a horse is seeking the comfort of the barn for food, or water, the hindquarters will point toward the barn and drive them there.

The hindquarters will drive the horse in which ever direction they are seeking, regardless of their head position. In the same way our driving factors drive our mind regardless of our head position. We can be looking directly at someone and our driving factors can be driving our mind miles away from the person talking to us. We can attend

church, or go to class and have our mind no where near our teacher, or God. Our body may be in the building, but our driving factors often have a run away with our mind. Our mind is like the horse's hindquarters. Wherever your mind is pointed, that is where you will be driven. If your mind is always on your job, your life will be consumed with work and there will be little room for anything else in your life. It is pretty well black and white, no middle ground with the Lord. You are either being driven to the kingdom of darkness (world), or the Kingdom of Light (God). No one can serve two masters (**Matthew 6:24**).

When we first come in contact with a horse that does not have confidence in us, they will be filled with self-preservation and their hindquarters (driving factors/life) will want to drive them away from us, to seek comfort and companionship somewhere else. The most important thing I teach a horse, from the first time I come in contact with them, is to submit their driving factors (hindquarters/life). In order to have any hopes of building a foundation for perfection, the horse must learn to submit their driving factors and the same is true in our life.

In my classes I teach the **Mechanical to the Mental**. I start with Stage 1 of the *Mechanical Foundation of Maneuvers* (pivot around the inside front foot) to get to the *Mental Foundation* (all resistance leaves and we experience perfection). The same thing is true in our life. When a horse stops driving forward with the inside front foot and walks the other three feet around the inside front foot with willing submission (loose rein and no leg pressure), they have totally submitted their driving factors/life to us. If they were driven by self-preservation, or seeking comfort and companionship away from us, their hindquarters would be driving them forward. We can disengage the hindquarters, but the driving factors are only submitted when the inside front foot stops moving forward. In Stage 1 the hindquarters will step sideways and then the outside front foot must step forward, then the hindquarters, then the outside foot and so on. If the inside front foot moves back or sideways, you have too much pressure on the rein. If the inside front foot moves forward, you have too much life and need a little more rein pressure.

It is about balancing the direction (rein) to life (forward motion) ratio. Stop the inside front foot and let all the other feet walk around it. Once you have Stage 1 with willing submission, it is at this point that it is extremely easy to get direction (suppleness through the poll and loin). Once you have a solid Stage 1 with willing submission, all you have to do is let the inside front foot walk forward, keep the hindquarters (driving factors) submitted and you will have direction. If you feel them get stiff through the poll and loin at any time stop and resubmit the driving factors.

There are two ways to get direction; bringing the suppleness from the hindquarters (driving factors) through the loin and up to the poll, or, direction can come from the poll and go to the entire body. Direction coming only through the poll requires much more feel, timing, and balance in a horse filled with self-preservation. The same is true with the Lord; there are two ways to get direction. One way is that God reaches for us like Paul in **Acts 9:4-6** and the power of the Holy Spirit hits us, softens us and we receive direction. Or, we can bring it the other way, through our driving factors. We can

submit our driving factors, be softened by the Holy Spirit and then receive direction like Elijah in **1 Kings 19**. Elijah fell before the Lord a helpless wreck, fully submitted his driving factors and *then* the Lord spoke to him. If you are tired of waiting on direction from the Lord, instead of waiting on the Lord to get through your driving factors, try totally submitting your driving factors, laying everything at His feet.

Once we have learned to totally submit our driving factors with willing submission that is when the Lord can give us direction. Often even though we may want direction and be seeking direction, until we have totally submitted our driving factors, it is difficult to hear the Lord speak. When we attained salvation we achieved Stage 1, we totally submitted our driving factors with willing submission. We were no longer driven by our self-preservation and seeking comfort and companionship anywhere but “in” Him. We had total confidence in Him and our energy (motivation and determination) was pointed entirely to Him. It was at that moment that you were in perfection. You were cleansed from all your sins and they were as far as from the east is to the west (**Psalms 103:12**).

However, just like a young horse it does not take long for those driving factors to come back in and start driving us away from the Lord. No, the driving factors must be resubmitted and resubmitted and resubmitted all day every day until they no longer come back in. That is what we have to do with our horse and that is what the Lord showed me I must do with my life, to be a true disciple. Once the Lord showed me this concept of how limited I am to do a job with my horse when they have not submitted their driving factors, I began to realize how much I was limiting God in using me as a true disciple. Oh sure, we can contain our self-preservation with a strong mechanical foundation (going to church, reading our Bible), but we will never be a true disciple until we get rid of our self-preservation and seek Him for comfort and companionship daily.

The most important thing in this 40-day trial is to learn how to submit your driving factors. If you are like I was when the Lord started showing me this, it is going to be very difficult. Although I tried to read my Bible daily and attended church whenever I could, I was amazed at how much I operated in my self-preservation (I, me, we, or us). Just like our horse we need to learn how to submit our driving factors. The tough part is to try to stop the forward motion, to stop your driving factors from driving your mind away from God. God showed me to do this the same way I get a horse to do it.

When I first begin to teach a horse to submit their driving factors it is all mechanical. A horse that has never been touched before I will rope around the neck and whenever they turn and face, pointing their driving factors to me (Stage 1), I will give them relief. Eventually they learn that they can not breathe unless they have their driving factors pointed to me (this is what the Lord did to me). Then I work closer and closer, decreasing the energy and increasing the confidence in me, teaching the horse to keep their driving factors pointed to me. Then I put a halter on them and teach them Stage 1 (submitting driving factors) with a halter. Then I wrap the lead rope around my saddle horn, put the flag over the horse’s withers and ride to their tail. The horse is snubbed to

my saddle horn and cannot get away. When I bring the flag into the horse, the horse's self-preservation tries to drive the horse away, but he hits the end of the lead rope and submits his driving factors. Eventually as the energy decreases, confidence is gained and the horse is no longer bothered by the flag.

The horse also learns that under high stress situations when self-preservation is at its highest, they can always submit their driving factors and get relief. If I do not have a saddle horse, I will tie them to a solid post and drive them forward until they hit the end of the rope and do Stage 1 submitting their driving factors. I then give them relief when they turn and face me, pet them between the eyes, walk around straight behind them and do it again. Eventually as the energy decreases and confidence is gained, they learn to submit their driving factors and trust me in their blind spot. They learn to stop the forward motion and pivot around the inside front foot before the slack even comes out of the lead rope. It is easy to see how Stage 1 brings direction (suppleness through the poll and loin) in this drill. Apply the same concept when you get on the horse's back.

A person can apply the same concept of getting the horse to point their driving factors to you, in the round pen. Brian Neubert explains this very well on his website and there are several people that have "round pen ministries" relating getting a horse to "turn and face" and how it relates to our life with the Lord. The parable is that the round pen is the world, we are the horse and God patiently waits in the middle. God applies slight pressure when we are focused on the distractions of the world (outside the pen) and relief when we turn our focus to Him. The end result is our driving factors pointed to God and no longer seeking comfort and companionship with the world. The round pen ministries are a great demonstration of how we can find peace and contentment in this life, through submitting our driving factors. They are a tremendous tool for bringing people to the Lord and work wonders; our ministry however is focused more on the next step. Now that we have submitted to the Lord, how can we learn to ride in absolute perfection where horse and person, man and God truly become one? Now that we have submitted in the round pen, how do we stay submitted once the gate is open?

What are *your* flags that bring the self-preservation (fight or flight) out in you?

Over the next 40 days ask the Lord to give you a solid post to keep your self-preservation from having a runaway. Just like your horse, the more times you can keep your driving factors submitted, the more confidence (faith) can be gained in God and the flags will soon have no effect.

When working with a horse that is filled with self-preservation I like to work with them in a solid round pen. Do the same thing with your mind during the early stages. Over the next 40 days build a strong round pen for your mind. The more people that you put around you that are seeking the Kingdom of God, the easier it is going to be to keep your mind from running off. Treat your first group meeting like the first round pen session with a wild mustang. Have everyone just try to keep their mind focused on God

and from running off. It will be very difficult, but the more people you have wanting to know God and seeking His presence, the stronger His presence will get. The more time you keep your mind on Him, wanting to know Him, the Holy Spirit will begin to decrease your energy and increase your confidence in Him. Once you have a solid Stage 1 with willing submission, peace and direction will follow right after.

Treat your mind just like the horse's hindquarters. Our mind is constantly in self-preservation, running off and seeking comfort and companionship away from the Lord, if we let it. Learn to double your mind. Ask the Lord to give you something to double your mind around. Pray to the Lord, "Lord my mind is running off; give me something to double it around." Think of your favorite Scripture, or something He has shown you in the past. Start praising Him and thanking Him for everything He has given you. Ask Him to remove your self-preservation and wash you of your sins. Do what ever you have to do to keep your mind on Him. As your focus begins to shift from self-preservation to feeling the comfort and companionship of the Holy Spirit, just continue to think about Him and the presence of the Holy Spirit will get stronger and stronger. Pretty soon your mind will become totally submitted, you will be at total peace and your mind will become consumed with the Lord. This is what it means to have a solid Stage 1; totally submitted driving factors. Once a person learns to find this place on a daily basis, your life will never be the same again.

Get Filled and Driven with My Life

Stage 1 is about submitting our driving factors. Submitting our life with willing submission is the most important thing we can do in our life, or with our horse. Once the horse has submitted their life, then I can fill them with my life and the same is true with the Lord. Once we have totally submitted our life to the Lord, He then fills us with His life (**Genesis 2:7, Ezekiel 37:5, John 20:22, Acts 2:4**). Once we have become nothing, then He can become everything. He fills us with His Holy Spirit and we begin to feel the Fruits of the Spirit. When I bring the life into the horse the first few times, I do not try to direct it or often I will take all the life away. I just give the horse his head and drive the life into the horse's body. Once I can bring the life into the body without any self-preservation coming out, then I am ready to direct it. The same is true with our life and the Lord. If you feel like crying, laughing, raising your hands to praise Him, or bowing to the ground when His life comes into you, that is fine. Just let His life come into you and get rid of your self-preservation. Let His life come into you and totally take over your body. Don't feel like you have to do anything, it is not a show of your self-preservation, but letting the Holy Spirit get rid of your self-preservation.

In order to be filled with His life we must get rid of our life (driving factors). When we get filled with His life (Holy Spirit), God is coming into us. I do not think we can even fathom in our natural mind how powerful God is. He spoke and the entire world came into existence. That is the God we are talking about here. There are three parts to God; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. When we submit our entire life (driving factors) to Him, He can fill us with Himself. We get filled with the power of God Almighty and He can work supernaturally through us. The sick can be healed, the

dead raised, we can love the unlovable neighbor and turn the other cheek after being hit. However, He regulates how much of this life, His power, He puts into us at any given time. Can you imagine what would happen if He filled us with high portions of His power and we were still in our own driving factors? **2 Kings 2** gives us some insight to what would happen if the Lord filled us with high amounts of His power and we were still driven by our own driving factors.

In **2 Kings 2**, Elisha knew that Elijah was going to be taken to heaven and because of this, Elisha would not leave him. In **2 Kings 2:9** Elijah said, “***Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.***” Elisha inherited a double portion of the Spirit, performed two miracles, and was walking along a road when some children made fun of him for having a bald head. He cursed them in the name of the Lord and two bears came running from the woods and tore 42 children apart. Our God is powerful!!! And He *does* have the ability to give power to His children (**Acts 1:8**)! However, He is not in the habit of turning loose a bunch of maniacs being driven by their own driving factors with this power. No, He limits the amount of power He puts into us, until our driving factors are totally and utterly submitted, until we are mature enough to handle this power and not let our driving factors come back in. Fill a horse full of your life when they are driven by their self-preservation and you are going to have a wreck. The same is true with the Lord and how much life He puts into us at any given time. If this goes against some of your doctrine, that is ok. Just ask the Lord, start submitting your driving factors and see what happens.

Once the horse has submitted its life and has been filled with our life, it must learn how to stay on a straight line and be led (backing, stopping) by the life, before we are able to do a job. Once we have submitted our life and been filled with His life, we too must learn how to stay on a straight line and be led by His life, before we are able to be used as a true disciple of Christ.

Life on a Straight Line

Once we have submitted our life and have been filled with His life, then it is about staying on a straight line. If the life never gets direction, then the life is useless to get a job done. Once we have the life, we have to start putting some direction to the life. I always start out with straight lines with a horse and then work to curved lines. Once you have a good solid Stage 1 with the Lord and have been filled with His life, He will usually give you a line, a Scripture or show you something for your life. If He does not give you a line (some direction for your life) then the line is whatever line you are currently traveling on. Just try to travel on the line He has you on, without letting the driving factors come back in.

As you get up from your round pen exercises with your mind and go throughout your day, try to keep your mind doubled. The prayer meetings and your individual time of “talking, listening, and sharing” with the Lord are to act as your round pen. However, when you get up and go to work, that is like opening the gate to the real world, and that is

when the “rubber meets the road.” Try to keep your driving factors under control, try to keep your mind on the Lord. Keep your mind doubled around what you felt, saw, heard, read from Scripture, or experienced during your quiet time. The more time you spend with Him, the easier it will get. The goal is to go throughout our entire day working, conversing with people, but keeping our driving factors submitted and our mind on the Lord. You may think that this is impossible. It is difficult, yes, but not impossible. Remember, we are building a foundation for perfection, not for mediocrity, and it just takes practice. There will be times during the day when you have to give your entire mind to your work, or what you have to get done during the day. However, I am sure there has to be some time during the day when your mind is just idle in self-preservation. During these times practice Stage 1. Remember how you felt when you were madly in love with your significant other, and you couldn’t keep your mind off them, right? Return to your first love (**Revelation 2:4**). We are the bride of Christ (**Matthew 25**).

To keep my mind doubled I have packed a pocket-sized Gideon’s Bible in my pocket, to act as my post during the day. Whenever my mind would get to running off with self-preservation I would just say, “Lord, we’re having a runaway, give me a scripture!” I would then say, “Holy Spirit, speak to me.” Then, I would just crack open my Bible and read the first scripture I came to. I would read it over and over until I had it memorized, and then I would put my Bible away and just chew on the scripture like a piece of meat, as I was working. If the first scripture I came to didn’t make any sense, I would keep reading until I found something that did. I would then say, “Holy Spirit, speak to me, teach me from this scripture, and feed me.” You see, the Holy Spirit is like saliva and we need it in order to chew on Scripture and properly digest it. I have chewed on a single verse and have kept my mind doubled for hours.

Led by My Life

Once a horse has submitted their life, has been filled with my life, and I am able to keep the life on a straight line, then the horse needs to be led by the life. This is where Stage 2 in the mechanical foundation of maneuvers comes in (using the hindquarters to pull the horse in a reverse motion). The horse needs to not only be able to be driven by the life (hindquarters), but needs to be led backwards by the life (hindquarters) as well. If the horse is unable to be led backwards by the life that I put into him, then there will be no regulation of speed. They will be sluggish and resentful, backing and stopping, and I will run over the top of a cow when I get to it. I have done this many times with people. I submit my life, get filled with His life, He gives me a straight line (someone to talk to), I keep my mind doubled until I get to the person and when I get to them, I run right over the top of them. My self-preservation comes in and although I was driven by the Holy Spirit to talk to someone, I did not let the Holy Spirit lead me to **every** word when I got to them, and I ran over the top of them. After we have been filled and driven by the Holy Spirit to do something, we must make sure we are led by the Holy Spirit when we get there. If I have a lot of life in a young horse coming up on a cow, I will check the life before I get there, so I do not run over the cow. We should do the same thing. Slow down! Make sure you are being led by the Holy Spirit as you come up on somebody and not by your own driving factors.

I believe very strongly that this is why the early disciples were able to do so much for the Kingdom of God and many of us today are not. Although our intention might be good when we pray for someone, if our life is being driven and led by our driving factors, we might not see any results. Or much worse, we could cause more harm than good. People often do this when sorting cows. Although they may be trying to help you, if their horse's driving factors are not submitted, filled, driven and led by the life of the rider, they often do more harm than good. Turn a horse loose in a herd of cows with no rider, and they will just stir up the herd and get nothing constructive done. However, if they have a rider that knows what needs to be done and can bring his life into the horse to do it, then the rider can use the horse to do a lot of good. God knows what needs to be sorted out and put into His children much better than any of us. Let the Lord do the work and we'll just be His instrument. ***"I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does"* (John 5:19-20).** This is what the early disciples had and this is why God was able to use them so much. They were submitted, filled, driven and led by the life of the Holy Spirit.

When sorting cows, if a person has a horse that has not submitted its driving factors and that is not filled, driven and led by the life of the rider, they can still get the job done if the horse has a strong mechanical foundation. There is often a lot of jerking and pulling, the whole herd gets upset, and it is often a lot of work. However, in the end, it is possible to get the job done. The stronger the horse's mechanical foundation and its confidence in the job, the more it can get done. In the same way, if a person has not submitted their driving factors, and they have a strong mechanical foundation (understanding of scripture), they too can get the job done. The more faith they have, the more they can accomplish. Also, one person with a fairly weak mechanical foundation can still get the job done, if they have some help from other people with stronger foundations. Just like boxing a cow to get them out of a herd with a bunch of people riding colts, we too can get the job done if we have enough mechanical (scripture) support from our brothers and sisters in Christ.

However, sometimes relying solely on the mechanical does not work (**Acts 19:15-16**). Sometimes we do more harm than good and it takes a lot of work to get the cow out the next time (**Matthew 17:21**). Currently, there is a movement going through God's children where they are able to do a lot of good by relying solely on the mechanical and on faith (**Matthew 17:20**). I am not trying to down play it in the least, it is good and from God. However, I see that they lack the finesse that Jesus and the early disciples had. Sometimes relying solely on the mechanical does not work. Sometimes the Lord would rather teach us to submit our life, and get filled, driven and led by His life. Sometimes God chooses a person (**Romans 8:29**) and wants them to learn how to have the same finesse that He had (**John 14:12**), where cows do not get by, and people don't lose faith in a God that loves them.

First Five Rides

It is all about submitting our life, getting filled with His life, keeping the life on a straight line, and being led by His life. Along with direction and a solid foundation of maneuvers, this is what it takes to do a job with a horse and this is what it takes to be used as a disciple of Christ. The disciples built a strong round pen and submitted their driving factors (**Acts 1:12-14**). Once they had totally submitted their life they were filled with the life of the Holy Spirit (**Acts 2:1-4**), then they learned to keep the life on a straight line (**Acts 2:42-47**), and finally they were led by the life to do a job (**Acts 3:6-7**). Jesus said, ***“Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father”*** (**John 14:12**). What takes me five days to attain with a horse, might take me the rest of my life to get with the Lord. Nonetheless, I am going to believe the words of Jesus and follow Him. You may think I am crazy, but I believe **John 14:12** and I believe that it is attainable by submitting our life, getting filled, driven and led by His life. Just like our horse, we just need to get out of the way and be led by our Master. ***“I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does”*** (**John 5:19-20**).

Over the next 40 days try to keep your driving factors submitted. Do not get discouraged, it will be very difficult at first. I highly recommend packing a little Bible in your pocket and pulling it out to “double your mind” when it gets to running off, or quoting memorized scripture. Ask the Lord to give you a post, something to keep your mind doubled around. Praise and worship music is also very helpful when driving in your car, or if you are near a radio. I have actually listened to a MP3 player starting colts and kept my mind focused on the words to keep my mind doubled. Remember the next 40 days are about building a foundation for perfection in your life and becoming a disciple of Christ. Treat the next 40 days like you are a horse that God wants to use to do a job; you are entering God’s training program. If you are currently experiencing pressure in any area of your life, maybe the Lord is just waiting for you to turn and face. Start pointing your driving factors to the Lord and see if you do not begin to experience peace in your life.

Direction:

Finding Your Line

Once the horse's life has been submitted to me and I have filled them with my life, I then try to get the horse to travel in my perfect will; on a straight line to a specific point. I pick a spot in the far off distance and try to ride as straight as I can to it. However, the horse does not know the spot that I have picked for him and his driving factors (hindquarters) are going to be driving him in all different directions, most often everywhere but on my line. If you have submitted your life to the Lord I guarantee you He has a line picked out for you and waiting for you to find it. If your driving factors are having trouble finding that line (peace) I hope the next 40 days will help you find it. The goal of the next 40 days is to try to help you find God's perfect will for your life. To help you find the line today that will lead to where God wants you in the future. God has His perfect will planned out for your entire life; He has every hair numbered on your head, He created you and knows everything about you inside and out. You are God's workmanship and He has set aside (pre-ordained) good works that you should walk in them (**Ephesians 2:10**). Although you may not see it yet, He has a set line in front of you that will lead you to the perfect spot in the future. I hope you are as excited about finding that line as I am about teaching you what I have learned in finding it.

I going to tell you a little secret that the Lord showed me about how easy it is to find God's will for our life. I hope you are ready for this; it is the easiest concept and yet most difficult task I have found in my life so far. Here is the secret to finding God's will for your life: Quit looking to where you think God wants you in the future and start looking to where God wants you today. ***"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you (KJV). Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own (NIV; Matthew 6:33-34).***

Let me explain this concept with the horses and then relate it back to our life. I do not try to direct my horse's head to the spot that I have chosen for the future; instead I direct his driving factors (hindquarters) to the line that will lead to the spot that I have chosen. If I am focusing on his head and pointing his head to the spot I have chosen in the future, often his driving factors will be trying to go somewhere else. Although I may eventually get to the spot I chose, the process of getting there may be a lot of work and not peaceful for either one of us. This has happened many times in my life. God shows me something in the future and instead of staying focused on where God has me today that will lead to the future, I keep pointing my head (mind) to the future and my driving factors end up going away from the Lord. Although I don't mean to, my mind starts drifting away with self-preservation thoughts and finding comfort thinking about all I can do for the Lord. Eventually my driving factors are primarily being fueled with self-preservation and I have more thoughts about me than I do about the Lord. There will be some days that I try to think about God all day, but instead of feeling filled with life and

energy I am tired and drained. The Lord then just softly reminds me, “Wade, it’s no wonder you are tired, you were in your self-preservation all day.”

Let me tell you something God told me which has helped me a lot in finding lines for my life.

God’s presence is in the present.

Find Him in the present and He’ll take you to the future.

Look for Him in the future and He’s waiting in the present.

Meaning it is hard for God to talk to us in the present, if our minds are running off in self-preservation in the future. Find Him in the present, let the presence of the most high God saturate your body, taking away all your self-preservation and *then* He will take you to the future giving you direction for your life.

God has a line for each and everyone one of us, each and every day. He has a line, a perfect line today, that will lead us to where He wants to take us tomorrow, next week, next month and years to come. However, the only way to make sure we are where God wants us next year is to make sure we find the line of where He wants us today. Many people get discouraged when God doesn’t tell them His will for their future. However, if we could just learn to focus on God’s will for today and stay in His perfect will every day, each day would lead to the next and we would find ourselves “in the future,” “in His perfect will.” God does the same thing with us that I do with a horse. When working with a horse, if I give the horse peace when his driving factors are pointed straight to the line or on the line, eventually the horse will learn to keep his driving factors (hindquarters) on the line I have set. If the horse’s driving factors are on the line, their head (mind) will be on the line and we will both be able to travel in peace to the spot I have chosen in the future.

In doing this (keeping the driving factors on the line) sometimes the horse’s driving factors are pointed no where near the spot in the future that I have chosen, and that is ok. I am not worried about the future, I am worried about the straight line in the present that will lead me straight to the future. Let me explain this a little further. If I have picked a spot straight north and the horse’s driving factors begin driving him back to the barn (south), when I give him his head and push him he is likely to go left (west), or right (east) to get back to the barn. This is often the case with the Lord as well. Often our first line with the Lord is out of our comfort zone. Often it is in the exact opposite direction that our driving factors are naturally pushing us. It is often a line to a spot that may be a little unfamiliar and as the Lord pushes you your driving factors will want to run back to what feels comfortable; run back to what you know is safe and familiar.

If the horse’s driving factors (hindquarters) take him to the left (west) and I turn his head back to the line (north) often his driving factors will still be seeking comfort and companionship back to the barn (south), so his driving factors (hindquarters) will be traveling north-west. Due to the fact that I want the horse to go to the north and he wants to go to the south, I will be riding with constant pressure on the rein trying to hold him on

my line. I don't know if you have ever been here in your life, I know I have. Trying to stay focused on where you think God wants to take you in the future, but not having any peace while living in the present.

When the horse's head is going one way and his driving factors are going another, I need to get his driving factors (hindquarters) pointed back to the line that is pointed north, back to the line that is in my perfect will. Similarly, it doesn't do us any good to be trying to find God's will for us in the future and be living in our self-preservation and seeking comfort and companionship away from Him in the present. We need to find the line today that will lead us to God's chosen destination in the future. To get my horse's driving factors pointed back to my line, sometimes I have to direct his head clear to the east before his driving factors are pointed to the line heading straight north. Just like the horse you might have to point your head (focus) away from where you thought you needed to go, to get back to the line that is going to get you where you need to be.

As the horse drifts to the left and I pull him back to the right, his driving factors will want to keep going right (east) and head back to where he is comfortable at the barn (south). Before he is able to switch his driving factors to the south I will turn his driving factors back to the left (west), back to the line heading north. Eventually instead of pointing his driving factors east to west to bring him back to my line, I will start pointing them north-east to north-west to bring them back to my line and eventually the driving factors (hindquarters) will settle heading straight north. At first it is a lot of work for the horse and it is a lot of work for us, to get out of our self-preservation daily in order to find our daily line. However, just like the horse the more we take time to find our daily line; we will learn that it is so much easier to travel in the peace of God's perfect will. After enough days of working on this, we will also find our self not even wanting to fall into our self-preservation, but wanting to stay in God's perfect will every second of everyday. I have certainly not attained this, but I know enough to know that there is always a line in front of me that is peaceful. I am just not always willing to get out of my self-preservation to experience it.

I do not worry about the horse's head in this drill, only using the head to point the driving factors to the line heading north (to my set destination). As long as the horse's driving factors are pointing to the line, or on the line, I give the horse total relief. The Lord does the same thing with us. He also uses pressure and relief to help us find God's invisible line; His will for our life. Jesus says, ***"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world"*** (John 16:33). If you want to know God's will for your life point your driving factors to Jesus. He says, ***"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me"*** (John 14:6). When our driving factors are pointed to Jesus, He promises us we will have peace. This is a scripture I try to take to the bank daily and draw my deposit from the Holy Spirit. ***"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control"*** (Galatians 5:22-23).

When working the horse it's like there is a brick wall on either side of my invisible line. When the horse goes past the line he runs into the wall bounces off and goes the other direction. Pretty soon through pressure and relief (bouncing off the walls) the horse learns to find the invisible line in the middle and stays in my perfect will all the way to the destination I have chosen. Just like the horse experiences peace when he points his driving factors to my line, we are promised peace when we point our driving factors to Jesus. Jesus says, "***I am the light of the world he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life***" (John 8:12). If we have our driving factors pointed to Jesus we will experience the "light of life" and we will have "life more abundantly" (John 10:10). If you are walking in the light, God will reveal His plans for you (Jeremiah 29:11) and you will no longer have to walk in darkness; walk in the uncertainty, doubt and despair of what the future will bring. Jesus is the line today that will lead us every day to God's perfect will for our life. Make sure you find God's line for you today, this is our daily bread (Luke 11:3) and it will keep you traveling in God's will into the future.

Just like the horse, we are constantly bouncing back and forth on either side of the line. We are constantly falling into our self-preservation and seeking comfort and companionship away from Jesus. Do whatever you have to do to point your driving factors back to the line, back to Jesus. Just like I said earlier you might have to point your head (focus) away from where you thought you needed to go, to get back to the line that is going to get you where you need to be. I constantly have to do this. God has told me many things for my future and often His plan is so exciting that all I want to do is think about it. However, when I find myself getting tired and worn down, I know I need to get my mind off the future and redirect my focus to the present. It may be that my line for the day is showing love to my wife instead of thinking about what I am going to get done for God in the future. Once I work to get my mind off the future and point it directly to Jesus, I then begin to feel His peace again and I am able to travel in the perfect will of God; that is until I run off again in self-preservation. I am here to tell you just like your horse it is a process, it takes lots of time and lots of work. If it was easy, Paul wouldn't have said "***I die daily***" (1 Corinthians 15:31). I pray that over the next 40 days, through Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, you will find the invisible line that He has placed in front of you. I pray you will find the peace and contentment found in the perfect will of God.

Mechanical Foundation

Receiving the Message: Getting the Most from Scripture

I would venture to say that nearly every problem I have had in my life and with my horses stems from the message not getting through. With every horse I work, there is a set message that must get through for my horse to have peace and the same it true with God. He has a set message that must get through to us, for us to have any hope of peace and contentment in this life. Where we run into trouble with our horse and in our life is when the message fails to get through. To explain this a little further, I have a plan for my horse, I reach for my horse using my reins, my reins put contact on the bit sending a message to their head and all the message has to do is be delivered to the rest of the body. However as anyone that has ever ridden a horse can attest sometimes the message does not get through. Some times you try to deliver the message and you get a different response than what was originally intended. The horse does something totally different than what you wanted, or much worse sometimes all you get is confusion, resentment, self-preservation and a fight.

I am sure you have tried to deliver the message to a struggling person and received the same response. You took the gospel, explained the salvation plan, a good message was delivered, but just like the horse; sometimes the message does not get through. Just like the horse a relatively harmless message brought out the absolute worst in the person. They become resentful, slinging their head, striking at the bit (message), doing everything in their power to throw you off and be freed from the message you were trying to deliver. They may even have gotten on the fight and tried to attack you for the message you were trying to deliver.

I am sure some of you have experienced this in your life as well. You open your Bible, God's written word, His reins through which He directs and guides us. You read the message, like the reins making contact with the horse's head, the message makes contact with your brain and words begin to go into your brain. You receive the message, but does it get through to your body? After reading the message are you able to live the message with no resentment, confusion or misbehavior? If not, was the message bad, or did it just not get through? Is there anything we can do to help the message get through? Well, let me tell you a few things the Lord showed me using horse parables about why the message gets through sometimes and sometimes it doesn't. About why the message sometimes brings peace and contentment to people and to others it brings out resentment and self-preservation. Why for some pastors the message gets through to the body and for some it doesn't.

Well, first of all what is the message? I have a big thick Bible. There have to be hundreds of thousands of different messages to choose from. I read lots of different stories in my Bible and there have to be lots of different messages. Well, let me tell you something that will bring your entire Bible from the written word, to the spoken and living word of God. I heard someone say one time that the best revelation he ever received is that the entire Bible speaks of one man: Jesus Christ. I pray that we would all receive this revelation and the power that comes with it. Every scripture from beginning

to end points to Jesus. Jesus was the word that became flesh (**John 1:14**). From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible points to Jesus. He is the way, the truth and the life and no one can come to the Father but through Him (**John 14:6**). He came to set us free (**John 8:31-32, 36**), to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captive, recovery of sight to the blind (physical and spiritual), to set at liberty them that are oppressed (**Luke 4:18-19**).

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. Jesus is the message. Has the message gotten through? You can read the Bible from cover to cover a thousand times over, attend Bible college, seminaries, learn Greek and Hebrew to read the Bible in the original text, receive a PhD in religious theology, and go to church every Sunday and Wednesday Bible study, but if you have not received the revelation of Jesus Christ and have not come to know Him in a personal and intimate way, you will be a very educated, highly intelligent puffed up Christian in total bondage. No man, institution, book, Bible study, or church can heal the broken-hearted, deliver the captive, and set at liberty the oppressed. That can only come from Jesus Christ. Are you oppressed in *any* way? Do you feel captive to *anything*? Has the message gotten through? I pray that over the next 40 days if you are experiencing bondage in any area of your life, the message gets through and you experience the freedom that can only be found *in* Christ Jesus.

Who is Jesus? If somebody asked who Jesus was and is, what would you say? I have heard several teaching over the years on what I am about to share. God has taken these teachings, added to them, revealed more to me through horse parables, and made them real in my life. I would like to pass on what He has given me through other people and has revealed to me personally. I hope you experience the freedom that can be found through the “message.”

To truly understand the message and receive the fullest of the Gospel, a person must come into four revelations (Greek – to take the cover off, *reveal*.) of Jesus Christ. The four revelations of Jesus are: The Savior, Son of God, Man, and King. Oddly enough there are four gospels; Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, and in these four gospels, Jesus is portrayed in these four different aspects. In Matthew, Jesus is portrayed as the King of Kings, in Mark, as the perfect Man, in Luke, as the suffering Savior, and in John, as the Son of God. These are the four revelations that must get through in a believer’s life to be saved, freed, liberated and used by God. When I stop and think about it, **every** problem in my life stems from these four revelation’s “message” not getting through. The same is true with a horse.

There are four revelations that must get through with the horse as well. It is amazing. Just like with the four revelations of Jesus, if these four revelations get through with willing submission, a person can accomplish any job and all resistance is removed. The four revelations are found in the Mechanical Foundation of Maneuvers: Stage One – stopping the inside front foot, letting the other feet move forward around it; Stage Two – using the hindquarters to pull the horse in a reverse motion; Stage Three – shoulders and hindquarters moving together in a lateral motion; and Stage Four – stopping the inside hind foot and walking the other feet forward around it. It is so important that these four revelations come through with “willing submission.” Remember willing submission is:

“After an initial cue, the horse performs the task on a loose rein and no leg pressure; it is the horse’s idea.” If we try to force these four stages without *willing submission* we will still be able to get the job done, but we lose the power of riding with no resistance and in absolute perfection. If we have to force a horse to do these four stages and they do not “willingly” do them on their own after you cue them, I guarantee you will have resistance in your horses. You can not force these revelations through and have any hopes of perfection; you have to set it up and let them find it. Just position your reins, feet, weight and then let the horse find it on their own.

The same is the true with the four revelations of Jesus Christ. I can tell you what they mean, or someone else can, you can read a book, listen to a sermon, but you will not experience traveling in the perfect will of God until the cover is lifted, the light bulb comes on and you receive the revelation. I help people all the time with their horses and nearly every problem they encounter stems from these four revelations not getting through with willing submission. However, I can not force the revelation between the horse and the person. It has to be *experienced* between the two of them and there is nothing I can do to “make” this happen. What I can do, is show them how, tell them how, demonstrate it, explain it, and help position them so they can experience it. This is all “I” can do with the four revelations of Jesus Christ as well. The next 40 days is about teaching, demonstrating, explaining, and helping position you so that you can “**experience**” the four revelations of Jesus Christ in your life.

Position for the Transition: Experiencing the Experience

My grandpa, Ray Hunt, traveled all over the world trying to help people experience what he experienced with the horse. He tried to help people learn how to get out of the horse’s way, to quit trying to “make” things happen and to learn how to truly become one with the horse. Grandpa wrote a book to help explain to people what he had learned from his mentor, Tom Dorrance, and experienced with the horse. He also gave horse clinics trying to teach and demonstrate to people what he had learned. However, with all his instruction and counseling trying to help people experience “true unity” with their horse, at the end of the day it had to take place between the horse and the person. The same is true with the Bible and ministers of God. All they could do is teach and instruct people how to position for the transition.

This 40-day program is not meant for you to read about the experience, but to help position yourself so that you can experience the experience. Over the next 40 days try to position yourself so that the message of Jesus Christ can get through bringing liberty to your life on a daily basis. I am going to write down the four revelations in the mechanical foundation of maneuvers. Then I am going to add a few questions for you to take to the Lord over the next 40 days to help you come to know Jesus in all four facets. The prayers at the bottom are just to get you started. When you feel comfortable, start praying your own prayers. I pray that over the next 40 days you are able to position for the transition and truly experience the experience.

The Lord told me once, “**Believing God’s word will give you hope in your current reality, experiencing God’s word will set you free into a whole new reality.**”

Suffering Savior: We Give Him Our Life

Think about the cross. Think about what the *suffering* Savior went through for you. Let the scenes from the Passion of the Christ run through your head and realize He did this *for you!* He suffered so we do not have to. We give our *entire* life to the suffering Savior; our sins, our burdens, our past, the present and the future. Anything that is keeping you in bondage, just give it to Jesus; nail it to the cross. He is waiting for you to reach a place of total vulnerability, where you can't do it on your own and you need help. It is when we reach this point in our life that we can start to know Jesus as the suffering Savior and be *totally* liberated from the chains that bind us. It is when we come to our knees that we can be lifted up.

Prayer:

Show me if there be any wicked way in me, anything that I need to be washed and totally cleansed of. Make me pure through your precious blood, the blood that you shed for me, so that I would no longer have to carry my sins keeping me distant from you, oh Lord. Lord, I pray that the scales would be lifted from my eyes and you would show me if there is anything I need to be forgiven and washed of.

Lord, what am I still holding onto in my life? What do I still need to lay at your feet to be totally surrendered? Lord, you say we can come to you when we are weary and burdened, and you will give us rest; that we can take your yoke and that it is light and easy (Matthew 11:28-30).

Lord please take this yoke from me _____

I surrender this heavy load that I have been packing, this burden that is heavy on my heart and I take up your yoke.

You also say whatever we bind on earth will be bound in heaven and whatever we loose on earth will be loosed in heaven (Matthew 18:18). Lord, I turn loose my natural ways on earth that you may turn loose your supernatural ways in heaven. I no longer bind Your supernatural ways with worry and doubt, but turn it loose for you to work.

If there is something you have just given Him, or over the next 40 days God gives you something you need to lay down, don't pick it up again!!!! Know that Satan is going to do absolutely every thing in his power to get you to pick it up again. Don't fall into his trap. Whenever a thought comes into your head that involves what you have just laid down start praising and worshiping God, you have just turned loose the natural so that the

supernatural can work! Get excited! As long as you don't pick it up again by worrying about it, God promises He will turn loose heaven on your situation! If you find yourself thinking about the situation you have just given Him at ALL, you are picking it up again, don't do it! If you do pick it up again don't feel guilty, just lay it back down. Let God work in your life and get out of the way. His ways are better than our ways, "***As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts (Isaiah 55:9).***"

If you have bondage in ANY area of your life, start coming to know Jesus Christ as the suffering Savior; the person that you give EVERY area of your life to; the past, present, and future, finances, marriage problems, health problems, people problems. Whatever it is, start laying it at the feet of your precious Savior, He promises He will pick it up and take care of it for you.

Son of God: We Worship

Worship and surrender go hand in hand; it takes one to have the other. In order to truly worship we must be fully surrendered, and in order to fully surrender we must worship our way into His presence. Both involve coming into the presence of God. I guarantee you when you come into the presence of the Most High God you will be surrendered! (**Ezekiel 1:28, Isaiah 6:5, Revelations 1:17**). Read these three passages, look at *their* reactions from coming into the presence of God, and ask yourself when the last time was that *you* came into the Lord's presence and truly worshiped.

Let this sink in: honestly when you come to God do you *really* come to God? Do you come to the Most High God, or do you come to a graven image, an idol, a make-believe God that you, or your religious leaders have created. You can come into the presence of an idol and pray and not experience anything, see no results and have nothing happen. But I guarantee you when you come into the presence of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the one True God, and meet His Son face to face, you *will not be able to stand on your feet!* You will involuntarily fall to your face and melt into a pool of mush.

When you start coming into the presence of the Son of God, ALL your sins are revealed. You melt to absolutely nothing, fall face down on the floor and literally die. Once you reach a point of absolute nothingness, it is at this point He takes your heavy burdens, He takes your sins, He takes the weight off your shoulders that sent you falling to your face, and He picks you up, wraps His arms around you and you receive a peace that is out of this world. Liquid love runs through your body from the top of your head to the bottom of your toes and you are totally changed; liberated, freed, and transformed. This is what it means to surrender and worship, worship and surrender. If you *have not* reached this place and *do not* try to reach this place daily, you are not spending time in His presence and have not come to know Jesus as the Son of God and learned the power of true worship.

I try to come into His presence and experience this daily. If I don't do this, I do one of two things; either I get puffed up and self-righteous seeing where everyone else

needs work and start thinking I am not doing too bad, or I get sucked back into the world, quit dying to myself and fall into my old ways of worldly living. I honestly do not know how people live their lives without coming into the presence of God. If I go much more than a day or two without stepping into His presence, I am a wreck. I feel like I have holes in me and no matter how much of God I receive in a day if I don't come back the next day to get filled, what I previously received gets sucked out by the world. No matter how much goes in, it goes right out just as fast. God told me it is ok to feel like I have *holes* in me. He told me this is what it means to be a *Holy* person, a steady stream of God flowing in and through a person. It is through this steady stream that we become *whole*, complete in Christ.

I could talk about worship for pages and pages but it's important that the Lord teach *you* what is acceptable to Him. I will just give you a few things to think about. Read **Malachi 1:6-14** and **Malachi 2**. While reading these passages keep in mind that we are supposed to present ourselves as a living sacrifice and this is our spiritual act of worship (**Romans 12:1**). Worship can be singing, but it has nothing to do with words coming out of our mouth. It has everything to do with what is going on in our heart.

It has nothing to do with what people can see and hear on the outside, but what God can see and hear on the inside. Keeping the acceptable sacrifice idea in your head, think about Cain and Abel, what are you bringing to the Lord in worship? In **John 4:23-24**, Jesus tells us how we should worship, in Spirit and in truth. We can't even begin to worship until we get out of our flesh. We are supposed to worship "in spirit," but the flesh lusts against the spirit (**Galatians 5:17**). We have to get out of our flesh to truly worship. Remember the flesh is like our self-preservation; any thought that involves I, me, we, us. So if you are truly worshipping you should not have any thoughts involving; I, me, we or us. What helped me quite a bit is the actually Greek definition for worship. The Greek word for worship means; to *fawn* or *crouch* that is (literally or figuratively) to *prostrate* oneself in homage to (do *reverence* to, *adore*). I looked up fawn in the Webster's and the first definition means to: show servility, slave like. Prostrate means to: lay flat without strength. For me this can be physically or mentally/spiritually. Like I said it is about what is going on in the inside, not on the outside.

Basically "true worship" means to totally submit your driving factors, to lay down all of *your* thoughts, *your* desires, ALL of you, and become totally consumed with God; a full and complete Stage 1. If you are unfamiliar with worshipping God in this manner pray that He would show you what *your* acceptable act of worship is. I can not tell you how *extremely* powerful worship is. If we are struggling with *any* area of bondage in our life, it is because we have not come into the *full* revelation of total surrender and true worship. Read **Acts 16:25-26**, true worship is unbelievably powerful! The Israeli army used to send the worship team ahead of the army and many times the fight was won before it even started. You see worship gets us into heaven, once we are in heaven; heaven consumes (**1 Kings 18:37-39**) anything we are faced with on earth.

Listen to me very carefully; *worship is not an action of anything we do, but a reaction to who and what God is*. If you are not accustomed to "true worship" just imagine what you would do if you found yourself in heaven standing in the presence of

God Almighty; the maker of heaven and earth, the alpha and omega, the beginning and end. Think about how you would react if you saw Jesus in His resurrected form; if you were the guards who saw the bolder move from the tomb and the glorious Light that walked out. Read **Matthew 28:1-4**. Do you think you would have been able to stand and think about what was going on in *your* life, *your* needs, *your* desires, if you had been a guard. Let me tell you the secret to true worship: **Worship God, as if you had died in this world and were in the presence of God in heaven, and you will find yourself in the presence of God in heaven and dead to this world.**

Prayer

Oh Lord, I want to know you. Teach me what my acceptable act of worship is. Bring me into your Holy presence, that I may be consumed and transformed in your glorious light. You are a Holy God, you created the heavens and the earth, you have always been and will always be, and you are worthy of worship!

Perfect Man: We Can Relate

Jesus is God, part of the Trinity; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. However, Jesus left His role as God in heaven and took on the body of a fleshly man, a man that had all the same temptations and limitations as you and me. God cannot be tempted with evil, ***“For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone” (James 1:13)*** and Jesus was led into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil, ***“Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil” (Matthew 4:1)***. ***“In the beginning was the word (Jesus), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1)***. Then the Word *became flesh* (**John 1:14**; Greek – (by implication) *human nature* (with it’s frailties (physically or morally) and passions) or (specifically) a *human being*: carnally minded, fleshly). Jesus although God, did not walk this world as God, He walked it as a man, a son of God. Jesus (God) became man to be the ultimate example for ALL future sons to follow (**John 1:12**); to show us how to live a perfect life as a human being, a child of God. ***“The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master (Luke 6:40)***. Are you a disciple, are you following Him? ***“Be ye therefore perfect, even as your heavenly father is perfect” (Matthew 5:48)***. If talking about perfection makes you feel like you are getting sucked into a cult, read the “Two Thought Processes” chapter in *Returning to Eden*. Perfection comes from nothing you can do, but getting out of the way and letting Christ live through you (**Galatians 2:20**).

The revelation of learning to relate to Jesus as the perfect man has been so extremely powerful in my life. As the Lord began to open this to me, I was amazed at the power that came with this revelation. The way I was trying to follow Jesus was all wrong; I was skipping ahead in His life and in turn was falling on my face and getting discouraged. You see Jesus started as a seed, a seed that was conceived of the Holy Spirit and planted in Mary. This seed had a different Father than any previous man ever born. This seed would be the direct son of God. Not fathered by the flesh of man, but fathered by the Most High God (**Luke 1:35**). We too start out as a seed (**Matthew 13:1-23**), a seed sown by a sower, penetrated by the Holy Spirit, and placed deep in our heart (**Hebrews 4:12**). We too have a new seed planted, not from the flesh of men, but from

God in heaven (**Romans 9:7-13**). Then this seed, just like Jesus, must be brought to term by spiritual parents, or it will eventually die (**Galatians 4:19**). When the seed has been brought to term, it is birthed into a new world, leaving its previous habitation and being born into a different realm (**John 3:3**). This new creation cries and whines and wants to be held and comforted by its parents (**Romans 8:14-25**).

This new creation, just like Jesus, has his entire life planned out, a set destiny before him to bring glory to his Father. However, this new creation at this point can not have a mature relationship with his heavenly Father (**1 Corinthians 3:1**). At this point he can only be held, comforted and fed by his earthly/spiritual parents (**1 Corinthians 3:2**). We have earthly parents who give birth to our flesh (**Romans 9:8**), but we also have spiritual parents who helped give birth to our spirit (**Galatians 4:19**). We are born into this world twice (**1 Peter 1:23**). Once is an earthly natural birth and the other is a heavenly supernatural birth (**1 Corinthians 15:19-49**). This new creation must be fed milk daily (**Matthew 6:11**) to stay alive (**Romans 6:11**), and to truly grow and be healthy it should be fed more than once a day. This new creation, just like Jesus, will want to obey and do the will of his heavenly Father (**Galatians 4:6-7**). However just like Jesus, he must grow up first. Just like Jesus this new creature (**2 Corinthians 5:17**) is not very productive in infancy (**Hebrews 5:12**).

Don't feel bad. Jesus was a baby for the kingdom of God just like us at one time. He had no self-control, cried when He didn't get fed, soiled Himself making terrible messes, not even realizing it and had to be cleaned up by His parents, and to top it all off, like any newborn baby, He was totally oblivious to anyone else's needs but His own at one time. Try to get your mind around this. Jesus was 100% man, at one time He was a baby. Jesus did not take up His cross as a baby; He was still pooping his diaper making messes, lazy, sleeping all the time, never said anything wise or intelligent, pretty much totally useless for the kingdom of God, at one time. He had to grow up, to have a relationship with His heavenly Father and be used for His Father's kingdom. Jesus is our example; why else do you think God chose to do it this way. He did it so we could relate to Jesus and learn to follow the perfect man.

This revelation is so huge, dear children!!!! If you are acting like a baby for the kingdom of God, don't get discouraged, get fed!!!! Take one day at a time, get fed every day and see if you don't find yourself naturally following Jesus' footsteps. You are physically where you are today because your flesh/body got fed everyday so you grew and matured. If you didn't do this, you would have died. If you feel dead spiritually start getting fed daily and see if you don't start coming back to life. Once you feel alive again, for goodness sakes, keep feeding yourself, so you can start growing.

After Jesus was brought to term, raised through infancy, we see Him leaving His earthly parents and starting to obey His heavenly Father (**Luke 2:49**). When Jesus was 12 years old He astonished the religious leaders with His wisdom and understanding of scripture (**Luke 2:46-48**). So there was a process from infancy (totally reliant on His earthly parents); to maturing, growing strong in spirit, filled with wisdom, and having the grace of God upon Him (**Luke 2:40**). This could not come from His earthly parents.

This had to come from His heavenly Father and the Holy Spirit. Our spiritual parents must do their job to keep us alive through infancy, but must get out of the way in order for us to mature (**John 1:27**). Our spiritual parents are not the True Light and they must not stand in the gap forever (**John 1:6-8**). They must get out of the way (**John 3:30**) and lead us to the True Shepherd (**Ezekiel 34**). Their job is to feed us milk until we can eat solid food (**Hebrews 5:13-14**), and to help us hear His voice, learn to walk, follow Him (**John 10:27**) and then they *must* let us go, so we can do the will of our heavenly Father (**Matthew 12:46-50**). Do you think Jesus' life would have looked the same if He only talked to Joseph and Mary and never matured and had a relationship with His true Father? Where is your conversation (**Ephesians 2**), heaven or earth, with man or with God? (**Philippians 3:20**). If it is only with man that is fine, drink the milk and mature to solid food (**Hebrews 5:14**).

When Jesus was 12 years old He told His parents He would be about His Father's business. Jesus started His ministry when He was 30 years old. That is 18 years of seeking God everyday and trying to stay in the perfect will of His heavenly Father. That is 6,570 days straight of seeking God to be trained, taught and guided into His Father's will for His life. This is a 40-day program. Try seeking God daily for *just 40-days* every day and see if you see any results. Imagine if you truly followed Jesus and sought after your heavenly Father's will for 6,570 days *before* you started your ministry. Do you think your ministry would be successful? Do you think your heavenly Father could use you if you truly sought after Him? If you looked to God and only God, not religious leaders, all day, every day for 6,570 days, do you think you would be a beneficial player in the Kingdom of God? Well, let me ask you another question, how do you think Jesus could possibly say in **John 14:12** that we would do what He did? We do it by getting out of our spiritual diapers and maturing past the milk of our spiritual parents. The entire purpose of the 40-days is to move you from drinking spiritual milk, to eating spiritual meat.

As far as following Jesus through the rest of His life, I will talk about that in the next revelation. Jesus the King of Kings, the King we obey, the King we serve, the King who has benefits for the workers in His Kingdom.

Over the next 40 days, learn to follow Jesus. If you act like a selfish baby, are not very productive in the Kingdom of God, have trouble understanding and hearing from your heavenly Father and are totally oblivious to what is going on in the heavenly realms that is totally ok, Jesus did too at one time. Don't get discouraged, get fed!

Prayer

Oh precious Father, please feed your child. I want to know you. I want to have a relationship with you. Oh Father, I want to talk to you and hear your voice. I long for you to guide me and lead me like you did Jesus. Please feed me daily, oh Lord, and help me grow up, so that I can be taught by you, led by you, reach maturity and have a mature relationship with you. Then, oh Father, like Jesus, please guide me to live the life I was predestined to live and finish the task you have set before me (Ephesians 2:20).

Lord, please open up your word and pour into me. I don't want to just read your Word and learn from the characters, but truly hear your Word and become a character. Speak to me from your Word; show me where I am at. If you passed me on the road to Damascus what parable would you speak to me, what would you say to me? What direction would you give me for my life? Open your Word and speak directly to me, help your Word not to be just words on a page, but living and direction specifically for my life.

This is the kind of stuff I prayed to get this revelation of Jesus flowing in my life. You can pray this, to help get you started, or just pray your own. The best is to just get out of the way and let the Spirit living inside you cry out for His heavenly Father **(Romans 8:15)**.

King of Kings: We Obey and Serve

The final revelation we come to is Jesus, the King of Kings, the King we obey and the King we serve while living on this earth. One of the greatest deceptions that Satan leads us in is to try to get us wrapped up and consumed with worldly things that do not matter. Jesus tells us, ***"Labor not for the meat which perishes, but for the meat which endures into everlasting life"*** **(John 6:27)**. There is nothing wrong with work **(1 Thessalonians 2:9)**, but we need to remember what we are working for **(1 Corinthians 15:58)**. We need to assess where we are storing up our treasures while working on this earth **(Matthew 6:19)**. Scripture tells us that every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord **(Philippians 2:10-11)**. We will all stand before the King of Kings and Lord of Lords and everything that we did on earth to bring glory to Jesus and benefit His Kingdom will remain and everything else will be tried with fire **(1 Corinthians 3:13)**. Everything we did with our time on earth that did not have an eternal and heavenly purpose will disappear into flames.

Jesus was the suffering Savior, but He is also the King of Glory. A King that has a kingdom and servants that are supposed to be working for His Kingdom. Jesus was very clear in numerous parables that there will be consequences for wicked and lazy servants **(Matthew 22:1-14, 24:43-52, 25:14-46)**. He was very clear that we will all come before the King and give our account **(Matthew 18:23-35)**. Each man will be judged by the fruit he produced while living on this earth **(Matthew 7:17-27)**. Jesus is the true vine and we are the branches. If we truly abided in Him while living on this earth, our life should have produced fruit for His Kingdom **(John 15:1-6)**. We will be judged by our fruit. If the fruit of our life brought glory to God, we will receive one thing and if the fruit of our life brought glory to ourselves, we will be given something else. A laborer is worthy of his wages **(Luke 10:7)**, who are you working for? Are you working for the Kingdom of Heaven and the Prince of Peace, or are you working for the kingdom of darkness and the prince of this world? It is not your job title which determines who you are working for, but your heart. Paul says, ***"In all that you do work at it with all***

your heart as working for the Lord not for man, for it is from the Lord you shall receive the reward of the inheritance” (Colossians 3:23-24).

The final revelation we must come to is the King. The King we obey and the King we serve. We often see Jesus as a humble servant, the suffering Savior and someone we can relate to, but we need to come to know Him as the mighty King; the King who demands obedience, the King who is worthy of our service. Well, with all that said, how do we obey and serve this mighty King, in a worthy manner? Let me make it easy on you, you can't. Loads of people much better than us tried to do it for thousands of years under the Old Covenant and they failed, they just couldn't do it. That is the beauty of the New Covenant, we do not have to “do” things; Christ did it all. All we have to do is get out of the way and let Him complete His work in us and through us. The minute we start “doing” things, we slow down His work in us. All we have to do is die daily (**1 Corinthians 15:31**) and let Christ live through us. Once we are completely out of the way (through surrender and worship), it is then that we say, ***“It is no longer I who live, but Christ in me” (Galatians 2:20).*** Once we are no longer operating within our own power and the power of Christ is living through us, it is then that we will do what Christ did (**John 14:12**). It is then that we will be able to obey and serve the King.

This revelation is last for a reason. Let the previous three revelations come completely through and this revelation will fall into place without you “doing” anything. It is easy to get into the mind set that we need to “do” a bunch of stuff for the Lord. With this mind set we fall under the Old Covenant and a life *filled* with bondage and disappointment where we never feel good enough. All we need to do is surrender, worship, get fed daily and the rest will take care of itself. Jesus did nothing of Himself, He did only what His Father told Him to do (**John 8:28**). To truly bring this revelation to pass, we need to continue to follow our example: Jesus. After Jesus spent 18 years seeking His Father all day every day, maturing into a man of God, we see Him enter the next phase of His life, the start of His ministry and completing the will of His Father.

This last revelation deals with *your* destiny; your destiny which has *already* been set before you (**Ephesians 2:20**). As a child of God, like Jesus, this deals with learning to find your Father's will and completing the will of your Father before you are taken home. This revelation deals with *your* ministry, that's right, just like Jesus your heavenly Father has a ministry set aside for you. There is a body of Christ and Jesus wants you to be part of Him. Read **1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4, 1 Peter 4 and Romans 12**. There are many parts to the body of Christ and the body needs your gifts in order to operate properly and you need to be part of the body to complete the will of your Father and truly find peace in this life. I am not saying you need to run out tomorrow and join the first church you come to and get involved. The body of Christ is not made up of buildings, but of people. Like I said earlier this revelation is last for a reason. Focus on the other three and this last one will come by itself. If you try to rush it, we run into the same problems that the Corinthians ran into. We have a bunch of babies in Christ operating in the gifts of the Spirit and acting immature and childish (**1 Corinthians 3**). We must follow Jesus; He is the example that has been set.

When it was time for Jesus to start His ministry, we see Him baptized by the Holy Spirit (**Luke 3:21-22**), driven into the wilderness to be tempted and then the start of a supernatural ministry. Precious children listen to me. Jesus is the example, Jesus is our example, Jesus is the way, the truth and the life and no one can come to the Father but through Him (**John 14:6**). Jesus was first born a child of God, then He received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Did He have to do it this way? I do not know. What I do know is *everything* He did in His life was to be our example. We are born again (child of God) and *then* receive the baptism; it can be at the same time (**Acts 2:38, Acts 10:43-47**), or it can be at separate times (**Acts 8:14-17, 18:24-19:6**). Follow Jesus. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, He is the example; don't take your eyes off Him. Whenever you get confused with doctrine or religious theology, just follow Jesus. Follow Him from beginning to end; it is only when we take our eyes off of Him, that we stumble.

The Holy Spirit is given to us so that through God's power (not our own) we can be witnesses to the uttermost parts of the earth (**Acts 1:8**). Jesus worked in this world for 18 years holding down a job and learning from His Father and the Holy Spirit. Once it was time to start His ministry, God anointed Jesus with the Holy Ghost and power (**Acts 10:38**) and *then* He carried out the most powerful ministry ever. Jesus never performed one miracle before the baptism; Jesus is not recorded as "doing" anything for the Kingdom of God before receiving the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Jesus undoubtedly had an enormous impact on His community, such an impact that it spread throughout the entire world and continues today. If Jesus is our example and we are supposed to follow Him, how did He do it? This may sound a little crazy, but He didn't. His Father did it through Him, Jesus said, "**Verily, Verily, the Son can do nothing of Himself**" (**John 5:19**). Jesus could do only what His Father told Him to do. Verily, Verily I say unto you, *we can do nothing of ourselves, we can do only what we see our Father doing.*

Remember we do not need to "work" for the Lord. The only "work" we have to do is "work" at getting out of the way, so that God can complete His work through us. You did not have to work for your salvation, it was a gift and there was nothing you could do to earn it; we received it by grace. The same is true after salvation. There is nothing we can do, but by His grace receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and let Him work through us. This may be hard to get our mind around, but this last revelation involves *doing* nothing. Absolutely nothing, but getting out of the way and letting Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit work in and through you.

God has given and wants to give you gifts by the Holy Spirit for the edification of the body of Christ. Paul tells Timothy, "**For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands**" (2 Timothy 1:6). In order for this to happen we need to do two things: 1) Get in the body of Christ and, 2) Totally submit to the move of the Spirit and let the *body* draw the gifts out of you. Just like salvation you can't "make" it happen, but prepare your heart and let it happen. What did you have to "do" for salvation? Did you have to "work" for it? No, it is a gift through grace; something we did not deserve, but was given to us anyway. The same is true with the Holy Spirit and the gifts. They are gifts through grace; something we do not deserve, but are given to us anyway. Just like when we made a commitment to give our life to the Lord and accepted Jesus into our heart, we received salvation and the fruits of

the Spirit. When we make a commitment to be used in building the Kingdom of God (**Acts 1:8**), we receive the power of the Holy Spirit and gifts for the edification of the body of Christ. Then all we have to do is stay out of the way and keep them stirred up by learning to operate in the first three revelations. This is how we obey and serve the King.

Prayer

Oh mighty and Holy King, I do want to serve and obey you. I have tried to do it in my own power numerous times and have failed. I have tried to obey your commands and use my life to serve you and have fallen short. No matter how hard I try, I keep getting sucked back into the world. Lord, I know I can't do it in my own power. Please fill me to the top of overflowing that I may do it through Your power. Precious Holy Spirit, I submit every ounce of my body to your movement; take me, teach me, use me and empower me to be a witness to the uttermost parts of the earth. Stir up the gift of God that is inside me that I may serve you and obey you. Use my life to glorify you. I am an empty vessel. Fill me up and pour me out, however and wherever you see fit. I am the clay and you are the potter, mold me and make me, change me and use me.

Who are You in Christ?

If you're unhappy with your *condition*, change your *position*. We must make the *transition* to a new *position* and the *condition* will take care of itself. If you try to change your *condition* without changing your *position*, you will fall back into the same *condition*. My grandpa used to say, "It is the *preparation*, to the *position* for the *transition*." Although He was referring to horses and people, he couldn't have been more accurate from a spiritual perspective.

What is the preparation? When we run out of energy fueling our self-preservation and seeking comfort and companionship away from God; when we have tried to do absolutely everything we can think of and nothing has changed; when we have looked to our friends, family, pastors, doctors, all the experts in our condition, and the condition has not changed; this is the preparation. Once we have reached this place, we are now ready to get into the *position*.

What is the position? To *prostrate* (lay flat without strength) one self in homage; to *reverence*, *adore*; to *fawn* (show servility, slave like) or *crouch* (Greek definition for worship). The position is flat on our face with no answers, exhausted from being in our self-preservation (thoughts involving I, me, we, and us) and finally falling to the ground and saying, "Alright!!! I can't do it anymore, I need help!!!!!!" Once we have reached this *position*, now we are ready to make the *transition*.

What is the transition? The transition is to a new position; a new position where your condition can not follow you. We have to give something we've never given, to have something we've never had. We have to dig down deep to lay a new foundation; a foundation built on a rock (Jesus), a foundation where we can not be shaken (**Luke 6:46-**

49), a foundation for perfection. Because with Jesus as our foundation our foundation is perfect!

The transition to a new position is found in **Matthew 16:13-20**. Jesus asked His disciples, “Who do men say that I am?” His disciples answered, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets. Then Peter said, “You are Christ, the son of the Living God.” I go through this passage in much greater detail in the “revelation” chapter in “Returning to Eden.” I will just give you the Paul Harvey (short version). Jesus tells Peter, “Man did not reveal this to you, but my Father in heaven.” And it was upon this revelation that He was going to build the church. He then goes on to say that, “the gates of Hades will not overcome it” and He will give us the “keys to the Kingdom of Heaven.”

Well, I used to think that the “rock” He was going to build the church on was any revelation. When God speaks directly to His children, the cover is lifted, and God “reveals” something to us. However, I am beginning to believe that it was *this specific* revelation that Peter received that God wants to build His church on. The revelation of who we are “in” Christ. When we receive the revelation, “You are (in) Christ (and through Him), a son of the living God.” Once we receive this revelation we will *truly* have the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. Once we receive this revelation (who we are “in” Christ) we can eliminate the resistance that is keeping us from perfection and experience the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth.

Part of the next 40 days involves bringing questions to God that you do not have answers to. To get you started, I am going to give you the first two questions to bring to God over the next 40 days. Once He has answered these questions, then feel free to ask Him anything you want. The first two questions are: 1) **Who am I in Christ? and 2) Where am I in Christ?** Working through the mechanical foundation of maneuvers will help this revelation come through.

The *preparation* comes when you are tired of carrying your burdens and ready to come to know Jesus as the suffering savior; the one you give *everything* to. Once we have been *prepared*; we no longer have peace “in” ourselves, or “in” the world. We are now ready to find the peace that is “in” Him (**John 16:33**). It is then that we say, “Take this burden please, Father, I can’t carry it anymore.” He then takes it gladly. When we feel this huge burden taken effortlessly in an instant; we fall into the *position* and come to know Jesus as the Son of God, the real and living God who cares and is active in our life and we worship Him. After we have found the *position*, we are now ready to make the *transition* of who we are in Christ.

We now come to know Jesus as the perfect man. He begins to show us who and where we are “in” Christ. The things of this world begin to fade away and the things pertaining to His kingdom come alive. As His kingdom becomes increasingly real to us, we now have this new desire to, “Seek ye first the kingdom of God” (**Matthew 6:33**) and as we begin to do this, we find ourselves further and further from our old condition. As our position begins to grow of *who* and *where* we are “in” Christ, our condition of *who*

and *where* we were in the world begins to fade away. We begin to experience freedom, peace and joy in this new found position. Then as we continue to stay out of the way and Christ begins to grow more and more in us, we start to know Jesus as the King of Kings; the one we obey and serve. Now that we have found the true vine and learned how to abide in Him through surrender and worship (**John 15:1**) we *automatically*, through no effort of our own, begin to produce fruit for His kingdom. And just like any worker for any good employer, we begin to enjoy the “benefits package” of the Maker of the Universe.

It is awesome!!!!!! It is the New Covenant!!!!!!

There is one more thing I would like you to do before you start the 40 days and begin to let the Holy Spirit reveal to you through scripture *who* and *where* you are “in” Christ. I would like you to write down, “**Who do men say that you are?**” This was the first question Jesus asked, because if what we believe lines up with what the men around us believe and not with what our “Father in heaven is revealing to us,” we are never going to have “the keys to the kingdom of heaven” and protection from the “gates of Hades.” A lot of times, what you think others believe about you or your situation, determines what you believe about yourself and your situation. If what the men around you are saying does not line up with what the voice of truth (Holy Spirit) says through scripture, we are inevitably going to find ourselves in some form of bondage. We must not fill our head with lies from the enemy, but with truth. You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free (**John 8:32**).

Then Jesus Asked _____ (your name) who do men say that you are?

This is basically a short biography. *Who* and *where* are you in this world?

Describe your current condition. Is there *anything* keeping you from peace?

Remember, we have to change our position (*who* and *where* we are “in” Christ), before our condition can change; health, finances, relationship problems, decisions about the future, addiction, depression, bitterness, fear, worry, doubt, etc, etc, etc.

Getting Started

Alright, let's get started! This 40-day program involves two parts: *Daily Exercises* and *Group Meetings*. Both are designed primarily to act as a round pen for your mind, to help get rid of your *self-preservation* so that God can *communicate* with you and give you *direction* for your life. To start with all we need is *total submission*; to quit trying to do it in our own will power and submit everything to our Master and Trainer. Once we have submitted our *driving factors* and have begun to *communicate* with the Trainer, then He is able to build a *solid foundation of maneuvers* in us, *balance our life to direction ratio* using us to do jobs. As God begins to work on a Foundation for Perfection in your lives, I pray that He is able to remove all unwilling submission, resentment, lack of communication, self-preservation and hard spots that have developed over the years. I pray that at the end of the 40 days you are able to experience the ultimate peace and contentment that can come only from being in the perfect will of our heavenly Father, Trainer, Teacher, and ultimate earthly companion.

For fourteen years I have been asking God to teach me and guide me and for fourteen years He has been teaching me. I have said over and over, "Lord I want to know you; I want to be a disciple (pupil) of Jesus Christ, please teach me, feed me, and guide me!!!" And over the past fourteen years He has been extremely faithful in teaching me. God has spoken directly to me opening up scripture and God has also used many people from all walks of life and denominations to teach me. The end result of the past fourteen years has been "Ranch Roping Discipleship". This is a gift that has been given to me and I feel extremely blessed!!! The Foundation for Perfection works with my horses and it works in my life. This is what God has given *me* as a discipleship guide and I am more than willing to share it with anyone that wants to use it and try it. But please understand me, it is a guide that God has given me to follow; I do not *have* the "Foundation for Perfection." Far from it!!!! This is something God has given me to *work* on everyday for the rest of my life and I am more than happy to share it with anyone that wants to work on it with me. Believe me I need a lot of work!!!!!! I need lots of help working at not working, learning to just give *everything* to Jesus.

I do not expect you to follow the Foundation for Perfection "religiously" after the 40 days. Just try it for 40 days, there might be something you choose to take and use and there might not be. Just take the meat and throw out the bone. Like I said this is what the Lord has given *me* and taught *me*, it might not be for you. Not everyone works a horse the same way and we are sure not little Christian clones, thank God! But we can help and encourage one another in what the Lord has shown us in following Him. Just give it 40 days and see what happens.

I pray that God has you sliding and spinning (spiritually speaking) at the end of your training period. If He could totally convert Paul in three days, think of what He can do with you in 40! There is no limit to what God can do with us once we have submitted. The only limitations come from our inability to submit.

Daily Exercises (40)

Here are a few things to work on over the next 40 days. You can do some of them, or none of them. They are just “tools” to help you “position for the transition.” I would *highly* suggest trying to follow the “rule of thirds” daily, practice bringing the “mechanical to the mental,” and writing in your journal. This has been *extremely* powerful in my life.

1) Option A. Read 1 chapter of “Returning to Eden” every day then follow the “Rule of Thirds;” talk, listen, and share.

There are 42 chapters, so if you feel like you got cheated on a chapter (too short) go ahead and skip to the next one. If you do this twice, your days will come out even. The “Class Handout” chapter deals entirely with horses, if you are not interested in *just* the horse stuff, you could skip that one and one other. If it takes you over 40 days to get through the book that is fine, do whatever works for you. **The book is just a tool to get your mind off the world so you can hear from God.**

Option B. Follow the rule of thirds then read your Bible; wherever the Lord directs you after the time of “listening.”

The main goal of these 40 days is to get you hearing from God and experiencing Him in your life. We are all in different places with the Lord and in our spiritual maturity. Option A is for people that are unfamiliar with reading the Bible and would like “spiritual milk” helping them hear from the Lord, or if you are interested in learning more about “Returning to Eden” and experiencing “True Unity and Willing Communication.” Option B is for people that would rather receive their “daily bread” from their Bible. If you want to skip back and forth from Option A and B, or do them at the same time that is fine too, there is no set formula in *how* you get fed. The main thing is that you are getting fed daily.

Talk

- **Talk to the Lord. Write in the journal what you would say if Jesus was standing in your presence and you could ask Him *anything*.**
- I would encourage you to write down questions that you do not have answers to in your journal, whether they are about the book, or your life.
- **You may write the same question for days or weeks, but keep seeking Him. Once we get our driving factors in order, direction will follow.**
- Take everything that you read in the book to the Lord. Just like a little kid that comes home from school and shares with his parents what he has learned, do the same thing with your heavenly Father.
- Ask Him “The book says this, what do you think about that?”
- If you liked something say, “Yes! Lord, help me in this area.”
- If something went against what you have been taught or believe, just simply ask, “Lord what do you say?” Ask Him to speak truth to you.

Listen

- **Be still and listen.** The Lord often speaks in a still small voice (1 Kings 19:12). **How do you expect to hear Him, if you don't listen?**
- **A prayer is talking to God.** In order for there to be a 2-way conversation we have to be quiet and listen to the other person. **If you are not used to hearing from God, just start being quiet and give Him an opportunity to speak.**
- If you can, turn on some praise and worship music, close your eyes and listen to the words, or sing along. Try to just think about God and nothing else. It will be very difficult at first, but just like working with a young horse it will get easier with time.
- "Returning to Eden" and the praise and worship are meant to act as your round pen. **Build a solid round pen for your mind and start pointing your driving factors to Jesus.**
- **Try to get rid of your self-preservation (any thought that involves I, me, we, us, etc).**
- This will be very difficult, ask for the Lord's help, you will not be able to do it on your own.
- Do not get discouraged if you do not get anything at first. We have to get rid of our self-preservation to hear from God and we get rid of our self-preservation through building confidence in Jesus.
- Building confidence works like a sponge. When we are in our self-preservation we are like a crusty old sponge. Whenever we turn to the Lord with an open heart, the Lord waters our sponge. At first we will not be able to see a difference, but as we are softened by the water (Holy Spirit), we are then able to contain the water and then the water is able to pour out of us.
- It may take several days or weeks, but trust me; He will speak to you, if you continue to seek Him.
- Just try to picture Jesus and ask Him to show Himself to you. Think about the "mechanical drills" learned in the Direction, Life, and Mechanical Foundation chapters. Just relax and think about Jesus.

Share

- Write down what the Lord gives you during the quiet time.
- If all that you receive is peace, then that is awesome! This is the beginning of communicating with God.
- Write down what you thought, felt, heard, or saw as you were thinking and listening to God.
- **If you feel like you did not receive anything and want to, write down "Lord, I am not satisfied, please feed me." "Show me what is holding me back from communicating with you."**
- Then just go to bed and start over tomorrow (if at night), or go about your day a keep listening (if in the morning).

- Remember God's timing, not ours. He may answer your question in a dream, or as you are working throughout the day. Just work on your driving factors and the answer (direction) will eventually come.
- **Many times people get discouraged by focusing on the lack of direction from God, let your driving factors be the focus and direction will become secondary.**
- **Do not get discouraged! This is a 40-day program. You don't just jump on a wild mustang and go to sliding and spinning, it takes time to decrease the self-preservation and increase the confidence. Just focus on the "mechanical" and the "mental" will take care of itself.**
- If you are doing Option B share what you received from scripture, what direction He gave you and how what you read from scripture relates to your life personally.

2) Take the six "Foundation for Perfection" quizzes, work on bringing the "mechanical to the mental" and follow the "Rule of Thirds" daily.

The quizzes are just for fun, if you don't want to take them, you sure don't have to. If you do choose to take the quizzes make it your goal to improve a little bit every quiz. If you could improve by just one number in any category in the Foundation for Perfection, from the first week to the last week, I guarantee it will change your life. Just **focus on your driving factors, follow the rule of thirds and the rest will take care of its self.** If you have a bad day or week don't get discouraged, just try for the next day or week. Make sure you are taking one day at a time.

3) Have an accountability partner.

Pick someone from the group, or if there are only two of you, that will be your partner. Talk with them a few times throughout the week and ask each other how they are doing. Encourage one another and don't let them get down. **Make sure they are practicing the "Rule of Thirds," writing in their journal and working on their "Driving Factors."**

4) How much time do I need to spend every day?

- Just like our horse the important thing is that we work with them everyday.
- As we increase confidence, we decrease self-preservation. If we do not spend time with them increasing confidence and decreasing self-preservation then communication is very limited.
- If all you can manage to squeeze in at the end of the day is 15 minutes, then that is fine. The important thing is to try not to miss a day.
- Scripture says to tithe 10% of our income. However, tithing 10% of our waking hours would be much more of a sacrifice for most of us. If you sleep 8 hours a day, 10% of your waking hours would be 1.5 hours per day.
- Our lives all get very busy and very hectic; do the best you can do.
- If finding *any* time is a major issue, ask the Lord to help you, He will.

- **John 6:35** promises us if we come believing in Him, we shall **never** hunger and **never** thirst. However, we have to wait at the table to be fed. If you made a reservation at the Outback you would sacrifice more than 5 minutes waiting to get filled. You have a reservation for 40 days at the Lord's Table; decide if you are satisfied with dry crackers, appetizers, or if you want to stick around for the main course.

5) Relationships.

- If you have any people you wish to grow closer to during this time and want to achieve "True Unity and Willing Communication" with them, follow this simple exercise.
- It does not have to be a marriage or couple; it can be any two people that wish to improve their relationship.
- If both of you are in agreement and want to improve your relationship then both of you should follow the instructions.
- If only one of you wants to improve your relationship that is fine too. Just one of you can do it and your relationship will still improve.

1) Write down three things that you do to bring out the other person's self-preservation (fight or flight).

- If the other person has agreed to work on the relationship, then ask them what you do that brings out their self-preservation.
- If the other person has not agreed to work on the relationship (some cranky guy at work) then just try to read him and think about what you do to annoy, frustrate, or make him mad.

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

2) Write down three things that you could do to build their confidence.

- Once again if your partner is willing ask them.
- If it is the cranky guy at work, just try to think what you could do to build his confidence in you. Most of the time, it does not involve saying anything, but doing something, something to make his day easier, some selfless act of kindness.

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

3) To improve on any relationship, whether it is between a person and an animal or between two people, all we have to do is:

A) Try not to ignite their self-preservation.

B) Try to do one thing every day to build their confidence in you.

The only time we have a fight or disagreement with our animals, or with other people is when we are both in our self-preservation (thoughts that involve; I, me, we, or us). As long as you are being driven by comfort and companionship the other one can be in their self-preservation and eventually you will pull them out of their self-preservation. Two creatures cannot spend time around each other with one being driven by comfort and companionship and the other being driven by self-preservation. One creature will pull the other one out of their state of mind and pull them into their own. Over the next 40 days follow the program, so that the Lord will help keep you strong enough that you do not get pulled into your self-preservation (thoughts involving; I, me, we, or us).

Group Meetings (6 – Once a Week)

For best results make SURE you follow these guidelines: Especially the second one!

1) Follow the “Rule of Thirds;” talk, listen, share.

Spend 1/3 of your time **talking**.

- Talk about how you are doing in bringing the “mechanical” to the “mental” and what you have been going through. If the Lord has shown you something throughout the week share what He has given you.

Spend 1/3 of your time quietly, **listening** to the Lord.

- Turn on some praise and worship music and just listen to the Lord.
- If your mind is having trouble staying focused on God, listen to the words of the songs, or sing along if you feel comfortable.

Spend 1/3 of your time **sharing** what you experienced during the quiet time.

- Share what you thought, felt, heard, saw, or experienced.
- Remember it is not a contest, feeling peace is just as good as getting a vision, scripture, or hearing from God.

2) Do not bring self-preservation into the body.

- When discussing scripture do not say, “I think...,” or “We believe...,” or “Scripture says, but, I think, we believe”Self-Preservation.
- If you do not have a scripture, or if God has not given you something to say that lines up with scripture, be quiet, and look forward to the time of listening and sharing. When God gives you something, then you can share it. This will keep the body operating with “True Unity” and prevent self-preservation from creeping into the body causing destruction.

3) Remember the next 40 days are about receiving a “Foundation for Perfection,” through “Returning to Eden and Experiencing True Unity and Willing Communication with God.”

- It is not about learning from Wade, but learning from God.
- It’s not about listening to Wade, but learning to hear God.
- Your group meetings should be about what God is doing in your life, not what He has done in mine. Or what you agree, or don’t agree with in the book. The book is meant *only* as a tool to open the line of communication with God so *He* can teach you, not to have you adopt *my* beliefs. Try to leave me out of your group meetings! The meetings are designed so God can move between you and your group, not talk about me and the book.
- It’s not about learning about God, but learning from God.
- It’s not about getting together to *talk* about God, but getting together to *hear* God (**Matthew 18:20**) – Just listen (**John 10:27**).
- If somebody came to me to get help with their horse 40 times and only learned to listen to me and not their horse, I would be a very poor teacher.
- If at the end of 40 days you are still listening to your group leader or me and have not learned to hear the Lord better, then something went wrong.

Comforting Words or Words from the Comforter

Question to keep in mind over the next 40 days:

Are you receiving your daily bread from *Words from the Comforter*, or from *Comforting Words*?

Comforting Words can come from anywhere; friends, family, your preacher/pastor/priest, reading your Bible, Bible studies, Christian books, Christian tapes, a billboard, bumper stickers, a stranger on the street, TV, magazines, etc. *Words from the Comforter* can only come from the Comforter, the Holy Spirit. This can come directly from the Comforter through; an audible voice, a thought put in your head, a vision, a dream, scripture revealed, etc. Or the comforter can speak through someone or something like; friends, family, your preacher/pastor/priest, Bible studies, Christian books, Christian tapes, a billboard, bumper stickers, a stranger on the street, or TV, magazines, etc.

The means through which the words are delivered is not what determines if it was *Comforting Words* or *Words from the Comforter*. How a person tells, is by the fruit the words produced in our life. Often a person will not know if it is *Comforting Words*, or *Words from the Comforter*, until the seeds have been given a chance to bear fruit.

How to judge the fruit:

Comforting words have the potential to bring life for a time, but if are not continually spoken will become empty leading to spiritual death.

Words from the comforter always bring life, transforming the recipient into a different state where life is a constant reality and where death can not go.

Words from the comforter, involve a transformation process where we are transformed into something different and do not return to our old state.

Comforting words slightly push us forward out of the state we are in, but must continually be spoken to keep us from sliding backwards.

Warning of Satan's Schemes:

Once a person hears the Words of the Comforter and is transformed into a different state (freedom), Satan does everything in his power to deceive the person into being drawn out of this state of life and liberty and into the state of death and bondage where Comforting Words must be spoken daily to keep the person alive.

What are you being fed? Are you living on *Comforting Words* that are going into your head and keeping you alive? Or are you living on *Words from the Comforter* that are going into your heart and transforming you into a different image, the image of Jesus Christ? Do you act more like Christ today than yesterday? This week from last week? This year from previous years?

Words from the Comforter involve transformation into continual peace and liberty. *Comforting Words* involve a process from; motivation, to depletion, depression, rededication, and back to life motivated by comforting words that will run dry again repeating the process. *Comforting Words* are like taking an Advil when a headache comes on. *Words from the Comforter* are like realizing the reason you have a headache is because it's 5:00 p.m. and you haven't eaten since breakfast. *Comforting Words* will treat the symptoms; *Words from the Comforter* find the cure for your life.

Is there anything in your life that keeps coming up keeping you from absolute and total peace? If yes, what thoughts do you put into your head, or other people put into your head, which finally brings you some sense of peace. Do want the cure so that you don't have to keep taking Advil to numb the pain? Would you like to find the cure to your problem and eliminate it once and for all, for good, forever?

I pray that over the next 40 days you will not receive *Comforting Words*, but *Words from the Comforter*. I pray that you would learn to hear the *Words from the Comforter* and be transformed into a different state where you don't have to keep struggling with the same issues over and over.

I can not stress this enough, the next 40 days are not meant so you can learn about God from Wade (*Comforting Words*), but about taking what I have been given to hear from God Himself (*Words from the Comforter*). I have not been sent to teach about God, that is the job of the Holy Spirit (**John 15:26, John 16:13**). I have been sent to teach how to listen to the teacher, to teach how to receive *Words from the Comforter*. To teach people how to come into the fullness of the New Covenant, ***"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people. And they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest"*** (Hebrews 8:10-11).

God has told me if people come to me and they only learn to hear my voice and never learn to hear His voice, then I am failing as a minister of God. I really don't want to fail God, so this is something I take very seriously. He told me I must be like John the Baptist, I must decrease and He must increase (**John 3:30**). He told me when I meet with someone, I must get further from them and He must get closer to them. At first all they will see, hear, and understand is what I am speaking, but with each time I meet with them, they should be seeing, hearing, understanding and experiencing God, more and more. With each visit they should start to experience the power of God in their life and

grow to know Him in deeper and greater ways. Eventually, I will know I am doing my job, when I come to a group of people and they can't wait for me to shut up, so that we can press in together (**John 16:16**) and *they* can hear from God Himself.

I will be doing my job when I am no longer their light source, but have given them a solid scriptural foundation showing them how to go to the true Light Source on their own. I know I am doing my job, when I show up and they go blowing by me and go running into the arms of the Lord. When I come to them and they are feeding me, more than I am feeding them. It is at this point I will no longer be needed, praise God I will no longer be their light source, but they would have found the true Light Source that will never leave them. A Light Source that will be able to answer any and every question they will ever have; morning, noon, and night. They will have truly found a treasure hidden in a field (**Matthew 13:34**). This is what the next 40 days are about.

What a terribly sad day for God's children when the only light source they have comes from man. When the only place they get fed is from the milk of someone else. I hope God's children don't fall into the lie that we *have to* go to church in order to experience God's light. How sad it will be if the day ever comes, when pastors no longer teach how to be taught by the Teacher, but instead stand in the gap becoming the only light source for their congregation.

As I have stressed many times, my job is to get you hearing, seeing, and experiencing God in deeper and greater ways. If at any time throughout this 40 days God begins to speak to you and becomes real to you and you are more excited about hearing from Him than learning from me, PERFECT. That is the goal! Ditch me and go running to Him, let Him teach you. If at any point God begins to draw you away from the book and to your Bible and the Word of God comes alive to you, PERFECT. That is the goal! Just ask the Lord how He wants to feed you, whether from the book, or straight from your Bible. If you don't even feel led to read the book at all and just want to do the 40 days with your Bible that is fine too. "Returning to Eden" is about teaching you how to hear from God and experience Him in your life, using my own experiences and horse parables. Use it only as a tool, a spring board to get into the Holy of Holies, to help you to return to Eden. However once you are there, you sure don't need me. I guarantee you receiving big juicy spiritual steaks from God are much better than drinking someone else's spiritual milk. On the other hand, don't feel bad if you are still in the milk drinking stages and would like a stronger scriptural foundation learning to "Return to Eden." Or if you are interested in how you can build on your horsemanship through discipleship that is the goal of the 40 days, to give you a steady stream of milk and help you graduate on to spiritual maturity.

Whatever you decide to do is fine. As long as you are submitting your driving factors and seeking God daily, I guarantee you are going to grow.

Kinds of Horses

History: Behavior due to past experiences

When training a horse it is nice to know a little bit about the horse; how they are bred and what has been done with them. A lot of behavior problems come from past experiences during training, and a lot of behavior displayed during training makes perfect sense when a person knows how they are bred (personality). Hopefully, the next few pages are able to give you some insight into where you are in your training, how you are bred (personality) and some positive and negative things to look for regarding your personality during training.

History in Training:

This is not a contest, so don't feel bad if you have a weak foundation. Without a doubt some of the toughest horses I have ever worked are the ones that the owners thought had a good foundation. On the other hand, more times than not, the horses that progress the fastest are the ones that have not been worked previously. I can start fresh with these horses and set the foundation for perfection with no resistance. I find the same thing to be true with people and so did Jesus in training His disciples.

1) Never Ridden: Seeds on the Road (Matthew 13:19)

- No foundation – tried to saddle, but resulted in a bad experience
 - Not properly prepared; self-preservation kicked in and threw saddle (Gospel) off.
- Seeds on road; birds came and ate
 - Didn't understand Kingdom, Satan stole words sown in their heart
 - Not properly prepared, “...*no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him*” (John 6:65).

2) Started (Green): Seeds on Rocky Places (Matthew 13:20)

- Very weak foundation
 - Ridden in the round pen (church), foundation falls apart when ridden outside (real world).
- Seeds on the rocky places – no root, grow but then scorched by sun
 - Hears word with joy, “no root within” falls under tribulation (pressure).

3) Green Broke: Seeds in the thorns (Matthew 13:22)

- Foundation with holes
 - Ridden outside; apply foundation in jobs, foundation falls apart under pressure.
- Seeds in thorns – choked out by thorns (worries of world)
 - Hear word, grow in the word, but get sucked into the worldly behavior under pressure.

4) Solid Foundation: Good soil, producing fruit

- Foundation for Perfection
 - Solid foundation, able to do jobs and not lose control.
- Seeds on good ground – brought forth fruit
 - Hear word, understand it and begin producing fruit for the kingdom.

How is your foundation? Is your foundation producing fruit? ***“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing”*** (John 15:1-5).

Apart from Him we can do nothing. We must get out of the way and let Jesus teach us; guide us and live through us. ***“No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thorn bushes, or grapes from briers. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks”*** (Luke 6:43-45).

Our mouth determines where our heart is. Our mouth determines our foundation. ***“We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect (mature) man, able to keep his whole body in check. When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal”*** (James 3:2-3). The next 40 days are about turning to the Master and Trainer to receive a “Foundation for Perfection,” where He can direct and guide us with the slightest cues of His reins (the Holy Scriptures).

Breeds of Horses

(Disposition and Personality)

A) Peppy San Badger

Task oriented, “Get the job done!”

Positive

- 1) Very determined
- 2) Strong willed
- 3) Not sensitive to pressure (persecutions, attacks from Satan)

Negative

- 1) Can be stubborn
- 2) Hard to change once pattern is set, get frustrated when try to change
- 3) Not sensitive to pressure (can be hard for God to get their attention)

Personality from Bible

Paul (**2 Corinthians 12:10, Philippians 3:4-6**)

Peter (**Matthew 14:29, John 21:7, John 18:10**)

God: Four spirits of heaven (**Zech 6:5**)

God breathes one of these personalities into us (**Genesis 2:7, Job 12:10**)

Lion

“.....the face of a lion” (Ezekiel 1:1, 5, 10; Revelation 4:7)

Jesus

“My meat is to do the will of Him who sent me, and to finish His work” (John 4:34).

“I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do” (John 17:4).

Holy Spirit

“But ye shall receive power, after the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all of Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

Satan’s Plan

Satan tries to get “task oriented” people *consumed* with a job/task that does not benefit the Kingdom of God. When they do work for God, he wants to puff up their pride to get them thinking, “I am really accomplishing something for God.” He wants to get them to measure their self worth by what they are “doing” for God. Satan tries to build up task-oriented peoples’ pride.

B) Doc O' Lena

Detail oriented, "Let's get it right (perfect)."

Positive

- 1) Attentive while teaching
- 2) Sensitive to pressure
- 3) Sensitive to detail (seek God for answers)

Negative

- 1) Can be narrow-minded
- 2) Unsure of change
- 3) Sensitive to detail (try to put God in a box)

Personality from Bible

Joshua

"Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful where you go. Do not let this Book of Law depart from you mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful" (Joshua 1:7-8).

God

"..and the third beast had the face of a man..." (Revelation 4:7).
Jesus the "Perfect Man"

Jesus

"...they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions" (Luke 2:46).
"Then went the Pharisees and took council how they might entangle Him in His talk" (Matthew 22:15).

Holy Spirit

"But the comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14:26).
"And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say: For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say" (Luke 12:11-12).

Satan's Scheme

Satan tries to get "detail oriented" people consumed with details not relating to scripture; get them to try to put God in a box; or become judgmental of people that are not doing things "right" in *their* understanding from scripture. Satan tries to keep perfect people insecure.

C) Smart Little Lena

Fun, “Life of the party”

Positive

- 1) High energy
- 2) Playful
- 3) Doesn’t mind attention (stepping out for the Lord)

Negative

- 1) Can be tough to keep attention (short attention span)
- 2) Can take over the show, sacrifice feelings for a laugh
- 3) Can be tough to get something accomplished

Personality from Bible

David, “....and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord” (2 Samuel 6:16).

“One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful and David sent someone to find out about her” (2 Samuel 11:2).

God

“...and the second beast like a calf” (Rev 4:7).

“But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in his wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall” (Malachi 4:2).

Jesus

“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it” (Luke 18:16-17).

“In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes” (Luke 10:21).

Holy Spirit

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance” (Galatians 5:22).

Joy: “chairo” – to be full of cheer, calmly happy or well off: be glad, joyful, rejoice.

Satan’s Schemes

Satan tries to get “fun” people consumed with fun things that don’t pertain to the Kingdom of God. When serving God, he tries to get them more focused on having fun than gaining a deeper knowledge of God. Satan tries to build up fun peoples’ pride.

D) Freckles Playboy

Peace, “Don’t rock the boat”

Positive

- 1) Easy going
- 2) Light hearted, peace makers
- 3) Patient

Negative

- 1) Sometimes tough to get motivated to take action
- 2) Easily persuaded (can be positive or negative)
- 3) When pushed too far, they snap

Personality from Bible

Moses: ***“The next day he went out and saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong, Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?” (Exodus 2:13).*** – Peace maker

Tough to get motivated to take action, insecure (Exodus 4:10-13).

“Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control.... This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: “Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth through the camp from one end to the other, each killing his brother and friend and neighbor” (Exodus 32:25-27).

When pushed too far, they really act.

God

“....and the forth beast was like a flying eagle” (Rev 4:7).
(Job 39:26-29, Jeremiah 49:16, Obadiah 1:3-4, Isaiah 40:31)

Jesus

“These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world” (John 16:33).

“Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself” (John 6:15).

Holy Spirit

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.....” (Galatians 5:22).

Peace- *eirene* comes from *eiro* (to join); *peace*, by implication prosperity: one, peace, quietness, rest, set at one again.

Satan’s Schemes

When “peace” people get scared, hurt, or lose confidence in someone or something, he tries to get them to run to a place to find peace, somewhere besides “in” Christ; comfort food, books, movies. Satan tries to keep peace people insecure.

Personality Type

Which horse/personality type did you most identify with? Well, let me tell you a story to help you determine which personality type you might be. Try to figure out which person you most closely associate with.

Four college rodeo roommates are sitting in a house in Montana watching a 10th round re-run of the NFR. They get a phone call and the task oriented person answers the phone. On the other end is a stock contractor from Oregon telling him there is a \$5,000 added bulls n' broncs rodeo tonight at 7:00 and four people just drew out. He tells them if they think they can make it, the spots are theirs if they want them. He just needs to know within the next 30 minutes, or he will call someone else.

The task oriented person says, "You bet! Enter us up we'll be there!" He slams the phone down and screams to his buddies, "Saddle up boys, we got a rodeo! He runs to his bedroom grabs his saddle, shirt, pants, cowboy hat and runs out the door in his boxers, slippers and t-shirt. He opens the trunk throws his saddle, shirt, pants in and runs back to the house amazed to see everyone sitting there with stupid looks on their faces. The fun person calmly says, "What's the deal psycho?" The task person says, "Rodeo tonight in Baker, big money, good horses, get up, let's go!"

The detail oriented person says, "Wait a minute. How far is it? What time does it start, and whose car are we taking? Mine needs new tires; yours hasn't been serviced in 8,000 miles. Do you know what horses we are getting on? What's the entry fee? How many head do we get?" The task oriented person says, "Don't worry about it, everything's good, no time to talk, let's go!" The detail person throws more questions at him and the task person gets more irritated and they get into a heated discussion. The fun person is having a blast, thinking the whole thing is just hysterical. As the detail person and task person fire back and forth at each other, the fun person is firing in witty comments making fun of the two and the peace person is saying, "Whoa, whoa, whoa, everyone just calm down."

The task person is getting more excited with each minute that is being wasted. The detail person is getting more irritated the longer they go without getting things mapped out with logic and reason. The peace person is trying his best just to get everyone to calm down and quit yelling, and the fun person is finding more things humorous the longer the other three go on and is firing off wise cracks that he thinks are hilarious, even though no one else is laughing. The task person would be at ease if they were on the road accomplishing the task. The detail person would be at ease if all the details were worked out to make sure everything goes smoothly. The peace person would be at ease if everything was peaceful with no one getting their panties in a bunch. And the fun person is having a blast because the turmoil has unleashed his witty playful nature and he is having fun making fun of people.

Which person do you most associate with? If you are having trouble deciding, what gives you energy and what sucks the life out of you? It's not a matter of what you like; I like to have fun, I like it peaceful, and I don't mind working out details. However, it is a task that gives me energy, it is what motivates me and keeps me going when I start to get tired. Late at night, if we are just talking and laughing and it is peaceful and fun I will get tired if there is not a task at hand. Some people receive energy the more fun and excitement there is, while for others fun and excitement drains them. They are energized by peace and quiet.

If it is getting late at night, which one will give you energy to keep you up; a task (a game, shooting pool, horseshoes, some sort of action); details (trying to figure things out, thinking, analyzing); having fun (laughing, joking, light hearted fun and excitement, either with a game or not); or when things are peaceful and quiet (a nice peaceful and quiet conversation about something you enjoy talking about).

Rank them in order from 1 to 4. Which personality do you most associate with? Which gives you the most energy and which will suck the life out of you the fastest if it is standing alone.

Task _____

Detail _____

Fun _____

Peace _____

Just a side note, more than likely you are married to someone that is the exact opposite of you. As Mark Grungor (Laugh your way to a better marriage) says, "That is because together you actually make a good (and normal) person." Just like we need Christ living inside our hearts to complete us, we need our spouse living by our side to complete and balance "Who we are in Christ." More than likely your spouse has the personality traits that you are missing instilled in them by God. This is so together you can both come into perfection (mature, complete) in Christ Jesus (**Colossians 1:28**).

From my study of scripture and the common teaching in psychology, humans basically have one of four primary personality types. I believe that one of these personalities of God are breathed into our soul when we receive life (**Genesis 2:7, Job 12:10**) and we will naturally have this personality for the rest of our life. However, pay attention to what I am about to tell you, this is VERY important. We naturally have a personality that has been breathed into our soul in our natural birth and have natural gifts and talents that we can use to glorify God. However, after we accept Christ into our hearts and are supernaturally born again into the kingdom of heaven (**John 3:3**), through water (spiritual washing and cleansing from sin) and spirit (infilling and empowering for the kingdom of God; **John 3:5**) we are a new creature (**Romans 8:19-21**) in Christ Jesus

(Galatians 6:15) and in this new creation **(2 Corinthians 5:17)** in Christ Jesus we have a whole new set of gifts and talents **(1 Corinthians 12:4-6)** to bring glory to God.

When we get out of the way and quit trying to do things with our natural ability, the Holy Spirit can then breathe life into the new creation living inside us, bringing life to supernatural gifts and talents to bring glory to God **(2 Timothy 1:6)**. This is the difference between a lot of the churches today and the first church that we read about in Acts. In Acts people were not relying on their naturally carnal ability to glorify God but stepped out of the way and the Holy Spirit moved through the new creation that was living inside them. When we make a choice to step out of the way and quit trying to do things in our natural ability, we can then become empowered by the Holy Spirit **(Acts 1:8)**. It is then that we aren't trying to do it ourselves, but allowing God to do it through us.

So to sum it up, although your soul was naturally born with a personality, be careful saying, "Well that's just the way I am, that's the way God made me." Because as you get out of the way God wants to fill us with ALL the personality traits of His son Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. Listen to this next point very carefully and prayerfully take it to your Heavenly Father to reveal it more to you. You will do the most growing in the Lord when you are not trying to rely on your natural personality, but are getting out of the way, out of your comfort zone, and Christ's personality is living through you, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

So if you are a "task" person like Paul, with tons of confidence in getting a job done and chomping at the bit to do something for the Lord, then you are probably going to do a lot of growing in the Lord through that thorn in your flesh (physical, mental, emotional). This will take away the natural drive you have so that the supernatural power of Christ can rest on you **(2 Corinthians 12:7-9)**, and teach you to live in the peace personality that is "in" Christ Jesus and finding the rest in Him, before you move and act.

If you are a "peace" person like Moses and do not want to speak to people and accomplish a large task, you are probably going to do the most growing in the Lord getting out of your comfort zone and letting Christ speak through you **(Exodus 4:10-11)**. If you want to be like Paul and have the power of Christ rest on you as you are serving the Lord, totally step back from your natural abilities and turn yourself over to the movement of the Spirit of God. Turn loose your natural personality you feel so comfortable in and let Christ's personality live through and empower you by the anointing of the Holy Spirit. ***"Not that we are competent (Greek- able, fit) in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves; but our competence comes from God. He has made us competent as ministers (Greek – attendant, serving, teacher or pastor) of a new covenant – not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life"*** **(2 Corinthians 3:5-6)**.

If you are a "detail" person, uptight, constantly studying scripture, listening to sermons and have put God in your neat and tidy little religion box, you are probably going to do a lot of growing learning to have fun in the Lord. Step out from your old

wineskin and let the Lord fill you with some new wine (**Matthew 9:17**). Let the new wine kill off some of those fleshly carnal brain cells that are keeping you judgmental and from growing and maturing. Learn to be moved by the Spirit of God (**John 3:8**), not that perfectly mapped out plan you have formed through your own logic, reason and understanding from scripture.

If you are a “fun” person and you enjoy drinking the new wine, *experiencing* the manifestations of God and being moved by the Spirit in worship, you are probably going to do a lot of growing letting the Holy Spirit open up the word of God teaching you and finding the peace that is “in” Him. Let the Holy Spirit bring you back to the word, back to Jesus and let Him feed you so that you can grow spiritually. We must make sure we keep a “balanced direction to life ratio” and self-preservation does not begin creeping in. Come back to the peace that is “in” Him and love Jesus for who He is and what He did, not only for what you “feel” and “experience” in His presence.

From personal experience without a doubt the most growing I have done in the Lord is when I have let the Holy Spirit lead me. I would rank myself as a 1 on task and 4 on peace, but God continually brings me back to finding the peace “in” Him and doing nothing; that is where I continue to grow. Then it is no longer I who does it, but Christ “in” me. When we are the furthest from our comfort zone that is when the Lord can do the most work through us, this is when our spiritual gifts are the most effective. That is when the scriptures **2 Corinthians 3:5-6** come to life. It is when we are totally insufficient within ourselves that we can learn to find the sufficiency in God.

As a child of God with Jesus living inside us, it is the job of the Spirit to keep us balanced and to manifest all four personalities in our life. When we find ourselves spending a great deal of time in primarily one personality, more than likely we have found ourselves living in our self-preservation and operating in our old fleshly carnal nature, whether we are trying to serve God or not. Over the next 40 days as you begin to follow the “discipleship guide,” totally submit and let the Holy Spirit move you wherever He wants to take you. As the Spirit begins to stir up the “gift of God inside you” make sure that your natural personality does not get in the way. As I said before, usually we do the most growing in the Lord when we step out of our comfort zone, when we step out of our natural “fleshly” personality and let the Holy Spirit manifest Christ’s personality in and through us. Stay grounded in scripture and in love and let the Lord lead you to that pre-ordained line you were predestined to travel on.

40 Days to the Trainer

Foundation for Perfection

-Summary-

How do we build a foundation for perfection?

“I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on a rock. When the flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.”
(Luke 6:47-49)

Jesus said we should build our foundation on a “rock.”
So who or what is the “rock?”

“They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ” **(1 Corinthians 10:3-4)**.

Christ is the “Rock” we are going to build our “foundation” on.
So how do we find the rock?

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter (Greek “petros” – a *piece* of rock), and on this rock (Greek “petra” – *mass* of rock) I will build my church” **(Matthew 16:16-18)**.

The “rock” must be “revealed” by God in heaven.

Peter received “a piece of” the “mass of Rock” Christ was going to build His church on. Jesus said He would build the Church on receiving revelation from God in heaven of who Christ was and is.

This is what the next 40 days are about. This is the “Foundation for Perfection.”

Building a foundation on Christ; digging down deep to set a foundation on the “Rock,” where we have the “keys to the Kingdom of Heaven” and a foundation where the “gates of Hades can never overcome it.” **(Matthew 16:19)**.

A pray that God would open up the heavens and truly transform you life.

God Bless

Day 1

Which driving factor did your energy (motivation and determination) primarily fuel today? Where did you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone/something else, or God?

- 1) Self-Preservation – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with myself, or something that involved me.
- 2) Companionship – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with someone or something else; employer, co-workers, friends, spouse, kids, parents, etc. or worldly; TV, computer, magazine, radio, etc.
- 3) God – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with God.

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Were you able to find a post to “double your mind” when it got to running off in self-preservation, or seeking comfort and companionship away from God?

Yes

No

If yes, what post(s) did the Lord give you?

If no, don’t feel bad. Just pray in advance for tomorrow that God would give you a good solid post to keep your mind from running off.

Quiz 1

Life _____, L:D _____, SF of M Mental _____, SF of M Mech. _____

Talk-

more space on back

Share-

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Day 2

Which driving factor did your energy (motivation and determination) primarily fuel today? Where did you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone/something else, or God?

- 1) Self-Preservation – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with myself, or something that involved me.
- 2) Companionship – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with someone or something else; Employer, co-workers, friends, spouse, kids, parents, etc. Or worldly; TV, computer, magazine, radio, etc.
- 3) God – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with God.

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Were you able to find a post to “double your mind” when it got to running off in self-preservation, or seeking comfort and companionship away from God?

Yes

No

If yes, what post/posts did the Lord give you?

If no, don't feel bad. Just pray in advance for tomorrow that God would give you a good solid post to keep your mind from running off.

Day 2 – *“Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not”* (Proverbs 8:33).

I talked to my accountability partner today (try for 2 to 3 times a week).

Check box when completed. _____

Talk-

Listen – *“I am the bread of life, he who comes to me shall never hunger and he that believeth on me shall never thirst”* (John 6:35).

Share-

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Day 3

Which driving factor did your energy (motivation and determination) primarily fuel today? Where did you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone/something else, or God?

- 1) Self-Preservation – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with myself, or something that involved me.
- 2) Companionship – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with someone or something else; Employer, co-workers, friends, spouse, kids, parents, etc. Or worldly TV, computer, magazine, radio, etc.
- 3) God – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with God.

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Were you able to find a post to “double your mind” when it got to running off in self-preservation, or seeking comfort and companionship away from God?

Yes

No

If yes, what post/posts did the Lord give you?

If no, don’t feel bad. Just pray in advance for tomorrow that God would give you a good solid post to keep your mind from running off.

Day 3 – *“Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors” (Proverbs 8:34).*

I talked to my accountability partner today (try for at least 3 times a week).

Check box when completed. _____

Talk-

Listen – *“Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:” (Matthew 7:24).*

Share-

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Day 4

Which driving factor did your energy (motivation and determination) primarily fuel today? Where did you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone/something else, or God?

- 1) Self-Preservation – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with myself, or something that involved me.
- 2) Companionship – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with someone or something else; Employer, co-workers, friends, spouse, kids, parents, etc. Or worldly TV, computer, magazine, radio, etc.
- 3) God – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with God.

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Were you able to find a post to “double your mind” when it got to running off in self-preservation, or seeking comfort and companionship away from God?

Yes

No

If yes, what post/posts did the Lord give you?

If no, don’t feel bad. Just pray in advance for tomorrow that God would give you a good solid post to keep your mind from running off.

Day 4 – *“He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding”* (Proverbs 15:32).

I talked to my accountability partner today (try for at least 3 times a week).

Check box when completed. _____

Talk-

Listen – *“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life”* (John 5:24).

Share-

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Day 5

Which driving factor did your energy (motivation and determination) primarily fuel today? Where did you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone/something else, or God?

- 1) Self-Preservation – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with myself, or something that involved me.
- 2) Companionship – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with someone or something else; Employer, co-workers, friends, spouse, kids, parents, etc. Or worldly TV, computer, magazine, radio, etc.
- 3) God – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with God.

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Were you able to find a post to “double your mind” when it got to running off in self-preservation, or seeking comfort and companionship away from God?

Yes

No

If yes, what post/posts did the Lord give you?

If no, don't feel bad. Just pray in advance for tomorrow that God would give you a good solid post to keep your mind from running off.

Day 5 – *“And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do”* (Exodus 18:20).

I talked to my accountability partner today (try for at least 3 times a week).

Check box when completed. _____

Talk-

Listen – *“And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it”* (Luke 8:21).

Share-

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Day 6

Which driving factor did your energy (motivation and determination) primarily fuel today? Where did you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone/something else, or God?

- 1) Self-Preservation – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with myself, or something that involved me.
- 2) Companionship – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with someone or something else; Employer, co-workers, friends, spouse, kids, parents, etc. Or worldly TV, computer, magazine, radio, etc.
- 3) God – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with God.

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Were you able to find a post to “double your mind” when it got to running off in self-preservation, or seeking comfort and companionship away from God?

Yes

No

If yes, what post/posts did the Lord give you?

If no, don't feel bad. Just pray in advance for tomorrow that God would give you a good solid post to keep your mind from running off.

Day 6 – *“Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst” (Nehemiah 9:20).*

I talked to my accountability partner today (try for at least 3 times a week).

Check box when completed. _____

Talk-

Listen – *“But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it” (Luke 11:28).*

Share-

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Day 7

Which driving factor did your energy (motivation and determination) primarily fuel today? Where did you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone/something else, or God?

- 1) Self-Preservation – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with myself, or something that involved me.
- 2) Companionship – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with someone or something else; Employer, co-workers, friends, spouse, kids, parents, etc. Or worldly TV, computer, magazine, radio, etc.
- 3) God – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with God.

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Were you able to find a post to “double your mind” when it got to running off in self-preservation, or seeking comfort and companionship away from God?

Yes

No

If yes, what post/posts did the Lord give you?

If no, don’t feel bad. Just pray in advance for tomorrow that God would give you a good solid post to keep your mind from running off.

Day 7 – *“They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them” (Isaiah 49:10).*

I talked to my accountability partner today (try for at least 3 times a week).

Check box when completed. _____

Talk-

Listen – *“He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God” (John 8:47).*

Share-

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Day 8 – “Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD” (Amos 8:11).

Quiz 2-

Willing Submission _____, Good Communication _____, Direction _____,

Life _____, L:D _____, SF of M Mental _____, SF of M Mech. _____

Talk-

Listen – “Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled” (Matthew 5:6).

Share-

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Day 9

Which driving factor did your energy (motivation and determination) primarily fuel today? Where did you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone/something else, or God?

- 1) Self-Preservation – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with myself, or something that involved me.
- 2) Companionship – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with someone or something else; Employer, co-workers, friends, spouse, kids, parents, etc. Or worldly TV, computer, magazine, radio, etc.
- 3) God – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with God.

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Were you able to find a post to “double your mind” when it got to running off in self-preservation, or seeking comfort and companionship away from God?

Yes

No

If yes, what post/posts did the Lord give you?

If no, don’t feel bad. Just pray in advance for tomorrow that God would give you a good solid post to keep your mind from running off.

Day 9 – *“And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live” (Deuteronomy 8:3).*

I talked to my accountability partner today (try for at least 3 times a week).

Check box when completed. _____

Talk-

Listen – *“Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God” (Acts 10:33).*

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Day 10

Which driving factor did your energy (motivation and determination) primarily fuel today? Where did you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone/something else, or God?

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- 3) God – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with God.

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Yes

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If yes, what post/posts did the Lord give you?

If no, don't feel bad. Just pray in advance for tomorrow that God would give you a good solid post to keep your mind from running off.

Day 10 – *“The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing”* (Psalms 34:10).

I talked to my accountability partner today (try for at least 3 times a week).

Check box when completed. _____

Talk-

Listen – *“And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God”* (Acts 13:44).

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Day 11

Which driving factor did your energy (motivation and determination) primarily fuel today? Where did you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone/something else, or God?

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- 3) God – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with God.

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Yes

No

If yes, what post/posts did the Lord give you?

If no, don't feel bad. Just pray in advance for tomorrow that God would give you a good solid post to keep your mind from running off.

Day 11 – *“For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness” (Psalms 107:9).*

I talked to my accountability partner today (try for at least 3 times a week).

Check box when completed. _____

Talk-

Listen – *“And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth” (Acts 22:14).*

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Day 12

Which driving factor did your energy (motivation and determination) primarily fuel today? Where did you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone/something else, or God?

- 1) Self-Preservation – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with myself, or something that involved me.
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- 3) God – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with God.

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Yes

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If yes, what post/posts did the Lord give you?

If no, don’t feel bad. Just pray in advance for tomorrow that God would give you a good solid post to keep your mind from running off.

Day 12 – “*Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved*” (Psalms 55:22).

I talked to my accountability partner today (try for at least 3 times a week).

Check box when completed. _____

Talk-

Listen – “*Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh*” (Luke 6:21).

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Day 13

Which driving factor did your energy (motivation and determination) primarily fuel today? Where did you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone/something else, or God?

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- 3) God – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with God.

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If yes, what post/posts did the Lord give you?

If no, don’t feel bad. Just pray in advance for tomorrow that God would give you a good solid post to keep your mind from running off.

Day 13 – *“But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul” (Deuteronomy 4:29).*

I talked to my accountability partner today (try for at least 3 times a week).

Check box when completed. _____

Talk-

Listen – *“For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes” (Revelation 7:17).*

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Day 14

Which driving factor did your energy (motivation and determination) primarily fuel today? Where did you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone/something else, or God?

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- 3) God – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with God.

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Yes

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If yes, what post/posts did the Lord give you?

If no, don't feel bad. Just pray in advance for tomorrow that God would give you a good solid post to keep your mind from running off.

Day 14 – *“Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God; arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the LORD God” (1 Chronicles 22:19).*

I talked to my accountability partner today (try for at least 3 times a week).

Check box when completed. _____

Talk-

Listen – *“But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life” (John 4:14).*

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Day 15

Which driving factor did your energy (motivation and determination) primarily fuel today? Where did you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone/something else, or God?

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- 3) God – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with God.

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If yes, what post/posts did the Lord give you?

If no, don’t feel bad. Just pray in advance for tomorrow that God would give you a good solid post to keep your mind from running off.

Day 15 – “...*know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever*” (1 Chronicles 28:9).

I talked to my accountability partner today (try for at least 3 times a week).

Check box when completed. _____

Talk-

Listen – “*In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink*” (John 7:37).

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Day 16 – “*And they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul*” (2 Chronicles 15:12).

Quiz 3-

Willing Submission _____, Good Communication _____, Direction _____,

Life _____, L:D _____, SF of M Mental _____, SF of M Mech. _____

Talk-

Listen – “*To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out*” (John 10:3).

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Day 17

Which driving factor did your energy (motivation and determination) primarily fuel today? Where did you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone/something else, or God?

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- 3) God – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with God.

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If yes, what post/posts did the Lord give you?

If no, don’t feel bad. Just pray in advance for tomorrow that God would give you a good solid post to keep your mind from running off.

Day 17 – *“O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is” (Psalms 63:1).*

I talked to my accountability partner today (try for at least 3 times a week).

Check box when completed. _____

Talk-

Listen – *“And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice” (John 10:4).*

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Day 18

Which driving factor did your energy (motivation and determination) primarily fuel today? Where did you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone/something else, or God?

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No

If yes, what post/posts did the Lord give you?

If no, don’t feel bad. Just pray in advance for tomorrow that God would give you a good solid post to keep your mind from running off.

Day 18 – *“The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God”*
(Psalms 104:21).

I talked to my accountability partner today (try for at least 3 times a week).

Check box when completed. _____

Talk-

Listen – *“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you”* (Matthew 6:33).

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Day 19

Which driving factor did your energy (motivation and determination) primarily fuel today? Where did you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone/something else, or God?

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If no, don't feel bad. Just pray in advance for tomorrow that God would give you a good solid post to keep your mind from running off.

Day 19 – *“Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God”* (Isaiah 58:2).

I talked to my accountability partner today (try for at least 3 times a week).

Check box when completed. _____

Talk-

Listen – *“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you”* (Matthew 7:7).

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Day 20

Which driving factor did your energy (motivation and determination) primarily fuel today? Where did you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone/something else, or God?

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If yes, what post/posts did the Lord give you?

If no, don’t feel bad. Just pray in advance for tomorrow that God would give you a good solid post to keep your mind from running off.

Day 20 – *“Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk...”* (Isaiah 28:9).

I talked to my accountability partner today (try for at least 3 times a week).

Check box when completed. _____

Talk-

Listen – *“How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?”* (John 5:44).

Share-

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Day 21

Which driving factor did your energy (motivation and determination) primarily fuel today? Where did you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone/something else, or God?

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- 2) Companionship – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with someone or something else; Employer, co-workers, friends, spouse, kids, parents, etc. Or worldly TV, computer, magazine, radio, etc.
- 3) God – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with God.

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Yes

No

If yes, what post/posts did the Lord give you?

If no, don't feel bad. Just pray in advance for tomorrow that God would give you a good solid post to keep your mind from running off.

Day 21 – *“He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant”* (Psalms 111:5).

I talked to my accountability partner today (try for at least 3 times a week).

Check box when completed. _____

Talk-

Listen – *“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him”* (Hebrews 11:6).

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Day 22

Which driving factor did your energy (motivation and determination) primarily fuel today? Where did you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone/something else, or God?

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Yes

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If yes, what post/posts did the Lord give you?

If no, don’t feel bad. Just pray in advance for tomorrow that God would give you a good solid post to keep your mind from running off.

Day 22 – *“LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear”* (Psalms 10:17).

I talked to my accountability partner today (try for at least 3 times a week).

Check box when completed. _____

Talk-

Listen – *“I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able”* (1 Corinthians 3:2).

Share-

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Day 23

Which driving factor did your energy (motivation and determination) primarily fuel today? Where did you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone/something else, or God?

- 1) Self-Preservation – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with myself, or something that involved me.
- 2) Companionship – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with someone or something else; Employer, co-workers, friends, spouse, kids, parents, etc. Or worldly TV, computer, magazine, radio, etc.
- 3) God – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with God.

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Yes

No

If yes, what post/posts did the Lord give you?

If no, don’t feel bad. Just pray in advance for tomorrow that God would give you a good solid post to keep your mind from running off.

Day 23 – “*The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the LORD hath made even both of them*” (Proverbs 20:12).

I talked to my accountability partner today (try for at least 3 times a week).

Check box when completed. _____

Talk-

Listen – “*For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe*” (Hebrews 5:13).

Share-

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Day 24 – “*Give ye ear, and hear my voice; hearken, and hear my speech*” (Isaiah 28:23).

Quiz 4-

Willing Submission _____, Good Communication _____, Direction _____,

Life _____, L:D _____, SF of M Mental _____, SF of M Mech. _____

Talk-

Listen – “*As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby*” (1 Peter 2:2).

Share-

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Day 25

Which driving factor did your energy (motivation and determination) primarily fuel today? Where did you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone/something else, or God?

- 1) Self-Preservation – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with myself, or something that involved me.
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- 3) God – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with God.

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Yes

No

If yes, what post/posts did the Lord give you?

If no, don’t feel bad. Just pray in advance for tomorrow that God would give you a good solid post to keep your mind from running off.

Day 25 – *“Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you” (Isaiah 55:3).*

I talked to my accountability partner today (try for at least 3 times a week).

Check box when completed. _____

Talk-

Listen – *“Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work” (John 4:34).*

Share-

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Day 26

Which driving factor did your energy (motivation and determination) primarily fuel today? Where did you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone/something else, or God?

- 1) Self-Preservation – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with myself, or something that involved me.
- 2) Companionship – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with someone or something else; Employer, co-workers, friends, spouse, kids, parents, etc. Or worldly TV, computer, magazine, radio, etc.
- 3) God – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with God.

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Yes

No

If yes, what post/posts did the Lord give you?

If no, don't feel bad. Just pray in advance for tomorrow that God would give you a good solid post to keep your mind from running off.

Day 26 – *“Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud: for the LORD hath spoken”* (Jeremiah 13:15).

I talked to my accountability partner today (try for at least 3 times a week).

Check box when completed. _____

Talk-

Listen – *“And did all eat the same spiritual meat”* (1 Corinthians 10:3).

Share-

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Day 27

Which driving factor did your energy (motivation and determination) primarily fuel today? Where did you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone/something else, or God?

- 1) Self-Preservation – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with myself, or something that involved me.
- 2) Companionship – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with someone or something else; Employer, co-workers, friends, spouse, kids, parents, etc. Or worldly TV, computer, magazine, radio, etc.
- 3) God – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with God.

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Yes

No

If yes, what post/posts did the Lord give you?

If no, don’t feel bad. Just pray in advance for tomorrow that God would give you a good solid post to keep your mind from running off.

Day 28 – *“For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today if ye will hear his voice” (Psalms 95:7).*

I talked to my accountability partner today (try for at least 3 times a week).

Check box when completed. _____

Talk-

Listen – *“What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops” (Matthew 10:27).*

Share-

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Day 29

Which driving factor did your energy (motivation and determination) primarily fuel today? Where did you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone/something else, or God?

- 1) Self-Preservation – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with myself, or something that involved me.
- 2) Companionship – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with someone or something else; Employer, co-workers, friends, spouse, kids, parents, etc. Or worldly TV, computer, magazine, radio, etc.
- 3) God – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with God.

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Yes

No

If yes, what post/posts did the Lord give you?

If no, don't feel bad. Just pray in advance for tomorrow that God would give you a good solid post to keep your mind from running off.

Day 29 – *“If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee” (Exodus 15:26).*

I talked to my accountability partner today (try for at least 3 times a week).

Check box when completed. _____

Talk-

Listen – *“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God” (Revelation 2:7).*

Share-

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Day 30

Which driving factor did your energy (motivation and determination) primarily fuel today? Where did you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone/something else, or God?

- 1) Self-Preservation – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with myself, or something that involved me.
- 2) Companionship – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with someone or something else; Employer, co-workers, friends, spouse, kids, parents, etc. Or worldly TV, computer, magazine, radio, etc.
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Yes

No

If yes, what post/posts did the Lord give you?

If no, don’t feel bad. Just pray in advance for tomorrow that God would give you a good solid post to keep your mind from running off.

Day 30 – “*Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, that he might instruct thee: and upon earth he shewed thee his great fire; and thou heardest his words out of the midst of the fire*” (Deuteronomy 4:36).

I talked to my accountability partner today (try for at least 3 times a week).

Check box when completed. _____

Talk-

Listen – “*If any man have an ear, let him hear*” (Revelation 13:9).

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Day 31

Which driving factor did your energy (motivation and determination) primarily fuel today? Where did you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone/something else, or God?

- 1) Self-Preservation – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with myself, or something that involved me.
- 2) Companionship – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with someone or something else; Employer, co-workers, friends, spouse, kids, parents, etc. Or worldly TV, computer, magazine, radio, etc.
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Yes

No

If yes, what post/posts did the Lord give you?

If no, don’t feel bad. Just pray in advance for tomorrow that God would give you a good solid post to keep your mind from running off.

Day 31 – “*And ye said, Behold, the LORD our God hath shewed us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God doth talk with man, and he liveth*” (Deuteronomy 5:24).

I talked to my accountability partner today (try for at least 3 times a week).

Check box when completed. _____

Talk-

Listen – “*Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God*” (Matthew 5:8).

Share-

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Day 32 – “*When thou shalt hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep all his commandments which I command thee this day, to do that which is right in the eyes of the LORD thy God*” (Deuteronomy 13:18).

Quiz 5-

Willing Submission _____, Good Communication _____, Direction _____,

Life _____, L:D _____, SF of M Mental _____, SF of M Mech. _____

Talk-

Listen – “*And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God*” (Revelation 21:3).

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Day 33

Which driving factor did your energy (motivation and determination) primarily fuel today? Where did you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone/something else, or God?

- 1) Self-Preservation – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with myself, or something that involved me.
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- 3) God – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with God.

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If yes, what post/posts did the Lord give you?

If no, don’t feel bad. Just pray in advance for tomorrow that God would give you a good solid post to keep your mind from running off.

Day 33 – *“And they that are far off shall come and build in the temple of the LORD, and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you. And this shall come to pass, if ye will diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God” (Zechariah 6:15).*

I talked to my accountability partner today (try for at least 3 times a week).

Check box when completed. _____

Talk-

Listen – *“Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye doubleminded” (James 4:8).*

Share-

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Day 34

Which driving factor did your energy (motivation and determination) primarily fuel today? Where did you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone/something else, or God?

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- 3) God – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with God.

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Were you able to find a post to “double your mind” when it got to running off in self-preservation, or seeking comfort and companionship away from God?

Yes

No

If yes, what post/posts did the Lord give you?

If no, don’t feel bad. Just pray in advance for tomorrow that God would give you a good solid post to keep your mind from running off.

Day 34 – *“And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God”* (Deuteronomy 28:2).

I talked to my accountability partner today (try for at least 3 times a week).

Check box when completed. _____

Talk-

Listen – *“Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in me”* (John 15:4).

Share-

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Day 35

Which driving factor did your energy (motivation and determination) primarily fuel today? Where did you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone/something else, or God?

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Day 35 – *“For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding”* (Proverbs 2:6).

I talked to my accountability partner today (try for at least 3 times a week).

Check box when completed. _____

Talk-

Listen – *“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time”* (1 Peter 5:6).

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Day 36

Which driving factor did your energy (motivation and determination) primarily fuel today? Where did you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone/something else, or God?

- 1) Self-Preservation – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with myself, or something that involved me.
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If no, don’t feel bad. Just pray in advance for tomorrow that God would give you a good solid post to keep your mind from running off.

Day 36 – *“And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God” (Job 19:26).*

I talked to my accountability partner today (try for at least 3 times a week).

Check box when completed. _____

Talk-

Listen – *“Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are honest, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things” (Philippians 4:8).*

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Day 37

Which driving factor did your energy (motivation and determination) primarily fuel today? Where did you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone/something else, or God?

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If no, don’t feel bad. Just pray in advance for tomorrow that God would give you a good solid post to keep your mind from running off.

Day 37 – *“Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me” (Job 19:27).*

I talked to my accountability partner today (try for at least 3 times a week).

Check box when completed. _____

Talk-

Listen – *“But that on the good ground are they who, in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience” (Luke 8:15).*

Share-

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Day 38

Which driving factor did your energy (motivation and determination) primarily fuel today? Where did you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone/something else, or God?

- 1) Self-Preservation – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with myself, or something that involved me.
- 2) Companionship – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with someone or something else; Employer, co-workers, friends, spouse, kids, parents, etc. Or worldly TV, computer, magazine, radio, etc.
- 3) God – Primary thoughts throughout the day were consumed with God.

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If yes, what post/posts did the Lord give you?

If no, don’t feel bad. Just pray in advance for tomorrow that God would give you a good solid post to keep your mind from running off.

Day 38 – *“And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth”* (Deuteronomy 28:1).

I talked to my accountability partner today (try for at least 3 times a week).

Check box when completed. _____

Talk-

Listen – *“It is written in the prophets, and they shall all be taught of God. Every man, therefore, that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me”* (John 6:45).

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Day 39

Which driving factor did your energy (motivation and determination) primarily fuel today? Where did you find comfort; thinking about yourself, someone/something else, or God?

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If no, don’t feel bad. Just pray in advance for tomorrow that God would give you a good solid post to keep your mind from running off.

Day 39 – *“Thy hands have made me and fashioned me; give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments”* (Psalms 119:73).

I talked to my accountability partner today (try for at least 3 times a week).

Check box when completed. _____

Talk-

Listen – *“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness”* (2 Timothy 3:16).

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Day 40 – “*A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels*” (Proverbs 1:5).

Quiz 6-

Willing Submission _____, Good Communication _____, Direction _____,

Life _____, L:D _____, SF of M Mental _____, SF of M Mech. _____

Talk-

Listen – “*For whatever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we, through patience and comfort of the scriptures, might have hope*” (Romans 15:4).

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Conclusion

I hope that over the last 40 days God was able to absolutely transform your life, by removing the resistance that is keeping you from resting in Christ perfection! If at the end of the formula you have noticed a difference in your life and want to keep going, all you have to do is switch “Returning to Eden” for your Bible, get a journal (if you liked the writing part) and continue meeting with your group.

Try to get new people to test the formula and help them along as they do. The people that have already tested the formula will be able to offer a great deal of prayer and support to the newcomers. Don’t worry about what to say, or who to ask. God will tell you who He wants you to approach and show you how to do it. Remember it is important to decrease self-preservation and increase confidence, before we start trying to offer direction. If the person is not ready to listen and you try to give them direction, the person’s self-preservation will kick in and they will be tougher to get to the next time. If God shows you someone He wants you to talk to about testing the formula; just start praying. Don’t try to just “saddle them up” with the program. Make sure that you do the proper ground work (build confidence) and that they are at a place in their life where they are ready to try something different.

I pray that with every rotation of newcomers testing the formula, God is able to move mightier and mightier among you. Make sure that your entire group continues to follow the group meeting guidelines, so that you are able to continue to operate in “true unity.” If you are currently attending a church, I am not trying to pull you away from your church. I am only giving to you, what has been giving to me, to help God move among you in mighty ways and serve as an outreach program to the cowboys and horse people in your community. We are all called to do something for the Lord. There are 7.1 million people in the horse industry in the U.S., the Lord showed me to just start there. If you wish to share in this ministry, to bring revival to the 7.1 million people in the horse industry, please take what I have been given and run with it.

I pray that Godly men and women will take what God has given me and continue to spread it to those hard-headed cowboys and cowgirls out there. Please take it and use it. God has given it to me, to give to the horse industry and I do not seek anything from it. Jesus was the greatest teacher and sold none of His teachings, Elijah was the greatest prophet and sold none of his prophecies, David was the greatest psalmist and sold none of his songs. Yet God took care of them. Use the disciple formula to help you in your life and use the horse formula to help you with your horse. Take the horse formula and teach it to those around you. If they are able to see results in their horse, perhaps it will serve as window to get them to test the formula in their life. This is not mine, it is God’s; take it!

Smith Wigglesworth prophesied in the late 1800’s:

“In The Last Days The Gospel Will Be Spread By the Cowboy...”

God Bless,
Wade Black